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Dear Parent/Carer

I am very proud to share with you an article in The Sentinel regarding Trentham Academy <https://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/stoke-on-trent-news/stoke-trent-schools-score-major-3819130>

The article states that the Academy is one of the region's most improved schools where the proportion of students getting grade 5 or above in maths and English has leapt by 19 percent in a year. We are absolutely delighted with this significant achievement which is a result of the continued hard work and dedication of a professional body of staff here. Recognition also goes to the students whose commitment and hard work yielded excellent results.

We continue to drive up and maintain high standards at the Academy and this also includes school uniform. However, to do so requires your support. Could I respectfully remind you that our uniform policy has not changed:

- Shoes must be plain black leather, formal dress style with a raised heel. They should be able to be polished and have no visible logos. The heels and the shoe design must conform to basic health and safety requirements for a school setting. Trainer style shoes, regardless of retailer description, and canvas or fabric shoes are not allowed.
- Trentham Academy official trousers must be worn by students. These trousers are available from the local school uniform shops.
- **No** extreme hairstyles or colours are permitted. Hairstyles must be plain and practical for school. No extremes of fashion are permitted including:
 - steps
 - lines
 - shaved styles
 - elaborate braiding
 - non-natural hair colouring or streaking
- Discreet make-up may be worn, but students will be asked to remove it if it is deemed excessive. Make-up should remain **natural** in tone and look.
- Only small, stud earrings are acceptable.

On all issues relating to school uniform, the Governors expect me to be the arbiter of what constitutes as acceptable. For clarity you will find attached to this letter a uniform guidance sheet. If you are in any doubt please contact the Academy for clarification.

Could I please ask for your support to eliminate a hazardous situation outside the school gates at the beginning and the end of the school day due to parking.





Please use The Man in Space pub carpark as a drop off/collection point for your child now that this has reopened. This will reduce the congestion outside the Academy on Allerton Road. Over the last few weeks traffic wardens have been patrolling and several parents have been issued with penalty charge notices. Please be aware that it is an offence to park on yellow zig zag lines and perpetrators will be issued with an instant fine from the council. In addition motorists parking on a single yellow line could also receive a fine. Both offences make it very dangerous for students crossing the road. Please also show consideration to residents by refraining from blocking their driveways and parking on the grass verges outside of their homes.

Please see below several of our recent successes that we are proud to celebrate in school:

- The Academy has received NCS (*National Citizen Service*) School Champion Status for its commitment to the programme that our students were involved with during the summer.
- We have been victorious over all other competing schools in the area in winning the Science Olympics at Stoke Sixth Form College. This was a fabulous achievement - well done to all students who took part.
- I am delighted that we are the first school in the city to be awarded the Quality in Careers Standards Mark. This supports the wider life of the Academy for students and shows a commitment to fulfil the Gatsby Benchmarks.
- Our Robotics Club competed at RAF Cosford this month and are now through to the grand finals in London. This is a fabulous achievement for both the students and staff that took part.

Finally, a polite reminder that you notify the school office as soon as possible of any changes to your contact details (*name, telephone numbers, email address, address*) to ensure that we always have your most up to date contact information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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