



20 April 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

We have been open throughout the Easter break supporting our key workers in the community and we thank them for their dedication and hard work. I would usually be welcoming our students into the Academy today as we start the summer term. Unfortunately, we cannot do that this year, but our staff continue to provide activities via Firefly to support our students as they continue their studies at home. We have included information below to support you at home and update you on various aspects of Academy work.

Easter Challenge

Students and staff have been involved in a loo roll challenge; Year 10 Pioneer students' video was fantastic, well done! In my diary blog today the staff have done a TikTok challenge for you and there is also a word challenge from me, see the daily briefing on the following link; <https://youtu.be/7A1yfKIRiIs>

Free School Meals

Following the announcement of a National Free School Meal voucher scheme, all known free school meal eligible families should now have received an e-voucher via e-mail (*or post if applicable*), to cover the week beginning 20.04.20. These vouchers will be ongoing and replace the food hampers (*unless you have been advised otherwise or have not provided an email address*), whilst the Academy closure remains in place. If you have not yet received your e-voucher, please contact the Academy on Trentham@trenthamacademy.co.uk

Further Provision of Online Learning

As you will be aware, our home learning resources are provided by our excellent teachers and delivered through our online learning platform, Firefly. We would also like to draw your attention to some other websites that could be useful in supporting your child's education, that have been specifically endorsed by the Government. These resources cover a range of topics and subject specific information. Should you wish to access these resources, please use the Resources link below:

Resources Link

If students are struggling to log onto Firefly or Century Tech and require support or help with passwords, please contact Mr Barlow at WBarlow@trenthamacademy.co.uk.



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Oak National Academy

During the Easter Break, a group of teachers from several different schools have worked to produce a series of lessons to support the ongoing home-learning curriculum. Trentham staff may use these as part of the work they set and you can read the information supplied by Oak National Academy which they have written for parents and students here:

<https://www.thenational.academy/information-for-parents-pupils/>

Launch of BBC Bitesize

The BBC has today launched an education package across TV and online, featuring celebrities and teachers, helping to keep children learning at home and supporting parents.

BBC Bitesize can be accessed here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

2020 Summer Exam Results

The Secretary of State has confirmed that this year's GCSE students will get their results on Thursday 20th August 2020. This date is the original date that GCSEs should have been released and therefore, the information on the Academy website remains the same for the collection of results (*subject to change*). We will create a process for handing out results on this day and relay this information to you next half term depending on how the situation unfolds.

Y11 Hoodies

The payment gateway is open for those Y11 students who still wish to purchase a leavers hoodie; please confirm the size and colour of choice. We will organise their distribution for the autumn term.

Keeping Children Safe

The following link is from Staffordshire Police for advice and support in keeping children safe online. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy at childprotection@trenthamacademy.co.uk

Online Safety Link

Health Visitors and School Nurses are still providing a service should you require any support

Contact Numbers for the Hubs are:

City Health Visiting Service (Age 0-5) **HUB 0300 303 3298**

Our Health 5-19 Service **HUB 0300 124 0362**

The Health Visiting service also operates a text message service for parents to be able to text into for any questions you have. The details for this service are; **Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire parentline text: 07520 615722.**

Contact can also be made via the social media channels on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Facebook: Stoke on Trent Health Visiting Service Our Health 5-19.

Twitter: @OurHealth5to19

Instagram: Ourhealth.5to19

Academy Trips and Visits

Due to the present situation, we will not proceed with any trips and visits for the remainder of the academic year. If you have already paid deposits for trips, you will be contacted directly by the Academy over the next few weeks.

The 2021 ski trip is currently under review and we are aware some families have already paid deposits. The final decision for this trip will be made in September and should we decide the trip should not go ahead, all deposits will be returned.

School Provision

Our key worker provision continues at Trentham Academy and is available to those parents/carers who fall into the categories identified by the Government. We have enjoyed looking after these children before Easter, and during the Easter break, and look forward to doing so during any period of closure that lies ahead.

We are now planning for all students regarding our curriculum and more details will follow when we have more information.

Academy Re-Opening

Following Dominic Raab's announcement that the current 'lockdown' measures must remain in place for at least another three weeks, there has been no confirmation of when schools will reopen. We will continue to keep parents and carers updated as soon as any new information comes to light.

In this unprecedented situation we are often experiencing rapid change to arrangements and we will update all our parents and children as soon as we can when this happens. I hope you and your family are safe and ask you to follow the guidelines and support the NHS by remaining indoors and only travelling for essential purposes. Stay safe and healthy and we will hopefully see you all soon.

Yours sincerely

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