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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another challenging, but highly rewarding, half term I wanted to inform you of some more academy successes and future events.

Successes

One of our Year 11 students has signed for Notts County which is extremely exciting - well done Joe. On another football note, Trentham Titans won their community competition with one of our Year 11s being awarded 'Manager of the Tournament'. Well done, Kai. Our Year 9/10 rugby team have now progressed to the semi-finals of the County Cup after a superb 49-6 victory and our other teams continue to play competitive fixtures regularly.

World Book Day 3 March 2022

We will celebrate World Book Day in the Academy with a range of literary activities. Staff will be dressed as book characters and we are requesting that our Year 7 and 8 students do the same. Students in Years 7 and 8 should choose a recognisable book character to join in this celebration of reading. Ideally, they should also have a copy of the book featuring their character. Students in Years 7 and 8 do not have to take part and should attend in their school uniform if they prefer this. Students in Years 9 -11 should attend in school uniform.

Trentham Prize for Fiction

The 'Trentham Prize for Fiction' event will take place in the afternoon of World Book Day. Some of our students have written stories which have been published in a book. They are fabulous and I am so proud of the hard work and quality of them. We are looking forward to celebrating the talents of our shortlisted writers with their parents and friends. Our CEO, Mr Ward, will also be there to celebrate with our students in the afternoon during the prize giving event for the finalists.



Zine

Our students have published the latest copy of the Trentham Academy 'Zine'. Please click this link to read it [Zine](#)

Year 11 Photograph

Our whole Year 11 photograph will be taking place on the 4 March. Should you wish to purchase a copy of the mounted photograph, you will be able to do so at a cost of £19.00. Tempest Photography offer a streamlined service by providing a proof to students, together with instructions on how to order and pay directly to Tempest. In addition, on the same day, we will provide an opportunity for friendship group photographs to be taken. Students who wish to be photographed with friends will need to make a payment on the day (**there is no option to order and pay online**). The cost is £7.00 for each person on the photograph. Envelopes have been distributed so that the correct money (*cash or cheque - made payable to Tempest Photography*) can be enclosed and passed directly to the photographer. Please note that only students who have paid on the day will be allowed to be part of a friendship photograph

Social Media

Can I request parents and carers check their children's use of social media on a regular basis; this will allow any issues to be picked up quickly and resolved. There have been several incidents where students have taken photos via mobile phones and iPads, without consent, and then used these on social media. I ask for parent/carer support in stopping this. Please take the opportunity over half term to discuss with your child the use of social media and the taking of photos within the Academy. The staff will continue to teach and discuss the issues around this topic with all children so we can continue to ensure our students build high quality relationships in our community.

Medication

If your child needs to bring any medication into the Academy, including painkillers, it is important it is signed into the main office so it can be given when required by your child. This applies to all medication except emergency medicine such as an epi pen or asthma inhaler.

September 2022

Our Academy continues to grow from strength to strength and we now have 37 students on the waiting list for next year's Year 7. The numbers mean that when Year 7 arrive in September, our academy community will grow again and we will have around 770 students. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication our staff have put into the education and support of our Trentham students - something I am immensely proud of.

Mock Examinations

After February half term our second set of Mocks continue and we know this is a challenging time for our Year 11s. We fully expect the summer examinations to go ahead, however, if there is any disruption, the contingency arrangements mean the results from mock examinations will be used to generate grades. For this reason, it is important students take these exams seriously. Students will need to continue to work hard in readiness for the main examinations in May and June. Mrs Wagg wrote to you with a link to the Advance information and I have added the link again here: [Advance information on Firefly](#).



I wish our Year 11s a lovely holiday and ask them to balance their rest with work for their studies so they can be as successful as possible.

Finally

Although this term has been challenging, it has been very rewarding too. I wish your families a restful and enjoyable half term and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, 28 February, 2022.

Your sincerely



Mike Whittingham
Headteacher

