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Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcome the students back to the academy today and look forward to another successful half term in the academy.

2022 Performance Measures

National Secondary Performance measures were published last week and the links to these are now available on our website here [Achievement data - Trentham Academy](#). Trentham Academy has, once again, performed very well in the headline measures but also across a broad range of academic and vocational subjects which again secures Trentham Academy as one of the highest performing schools in the City. Our Progress 8 data remains positive and significantly above the City average of -0.29 , despite the challenges faced by the Covid pandemic, we can see our motto - Aspire, Endeavour, Achieve - reflected in the hard work of the 2022 leavers and in their outcomes.

Secondary School of Year – further nomination

We received notification just before the break that the academy has once again been recognised as a highly successful school. Trentham Academy has been shortlisted as a finalist in 'The Education Today Awards'. The final takes place on Thursday, 1st December.

Year 11

Year 11 start their written mock examinations tomorrow, having completed Art and Photography before the break. Please support them to prepare well for these exams. Staff will analyse their exam performance at question level so they can clearly target intervention and ongoing teaching. Their results and expected Year 11 outcomes will be shared with you in December as follows:

Mock Exam Results to students: Tuesday, 6th December

Reports to Parents: Tuesday, 6th December

Year 11 Subject Parents' Evening: Thursday, 8th December

Standards

We pride ourselves in the very high standards we set at Trentham Academy in everything we do. Students are expected to display our values of Respect, Integrity, Optimism and Responsibility at all times.

This year, we added 5 minutes to the start of the day to support students in being prepared for learning. I am grateful for your support so that the vast majority of students now have all the correct equipment every day. This means less time is lost when equipment is missing or iPads are not charged so learning is not disrupted for other students. Please support your child to be responsible for having all the correct equipment every day at school. Most items are available from the main office for a small cost.



The uniform standards have also continued to remain excellent and in choosing Trentham Academy, we know you have chosen a school which takes great pride in the uniform our students wear. You can read further information on our website here [Uniform & Stationery - Trentham Academy](#) which explains further why we have a uniform. We would like to remind you of some of the expectations as some students are unclear on the requirements and we need your support to ensure all students meet the uniform standards:

- As the weather becomes colder, students may wear a plain black jumper under their blazer and/or a coat over their blazer. Hoodies/casual zip-through jackets are not suitable and cannot be worn over or under a blazer at any time. It is important they have a warm coat, as students use outdoor spaces at all break and lunchtimes
- Jewellery is restricted to one single plain stud in the lower ear lobe. No other piercings are allowed and students will be asked to remove them. Please support the academy by not taking your child for piercings that are not allowed in the academy
- Footwear must be black, polishable shoes. No trainers or trainer-style shoes are allowed
- Trousers must be academy trousers. If you struggle to find some to fit, please contact the academy for further advice.

Student Progress

This half term, you will receive a progress report for your child. Years 7 and 8 will be issued on 21 November, Year 9 on 28 November, Year 10 on 5 December and Year 11 on 6 December. All reports will be accompanied by an explanation of the data, but in general, teachers will use the outcomes from AU1 assessments (taken this term) combined with student performance in lesson and in their homework, to indicate a current teacher assessment. For students now studying exam subjects in Years 9,10 and 11, there will also be a prediction of what your child might expect to achieve at the end of the course if they continue with the same effort and attitude to learning. Please refer to Mrs Wagg's curriculum letter sent last half term which explains the topics each year group are studying this term. It also has links to a variety of resources that can be used to support your child at home. All subjects have a wealth of information on Firefly and you are also able to see all the work set for your child on this platform. If you are unable to access Firefly, please contact the main office using trentham@clt.trentham.coop

Student ID Cards

Students have been issued with ID cards today on a black lanyard. This item becomes part of our uniform and should be worn every day. The ID card carries the student's QR code for the purchasing system in the academy and their photograph.

Inset Days

We are closed for In Service Training Days on 24 and 25 November. To ensure students are still able to learn as part of this time, students will receive online resources for Aspire 4 Life day on 25 November covering some aspects of the personal, social, health and economics curriculum. We have chosen topics that are suitable for this method of delivery. The activities will be released to students, via Firefly, on Monday, 21 November and must be completed and submitted by 3.10pm on Friday, 25 November. Further details will follow in a letter to parents next week.

Snow Days

We would like to reassure you that in the unlikely event that the academy needs to close during the winter months due to inclement weather, students will still be provided with online learning via Firefly and Microsoft Teams and/or Zoom to ensure curriculum time is not lost.



Staffing changes

Mr Dooley our DT technician has moved on to a new role out of education and Miss Brereton, one of our Learning Support team, has decided not to return after her maternity leave. I am pleased to inform you that we have Miss Stanford starting as a DT/ Science Technician, Miss Clipson is joining our Office Team, Miss Burton is joining our Learning Support Team and Mr Edwards is joining our Site Team.

PTA- TALENT

Our Parent Teacher Association, called TALENT, ran an Autumn Spectacular Event for Year 7 just before half term. It was fantastic and the students joining them for the event had a great time. If any parent would like to join the PTA please drop Mrs Johnson (Barlow) an email KBarlow@ct.Trentham.coop.

Charity

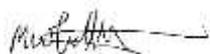
The academy supported two charities last half term, Hello Yellow for Young Minds and Show Racism the Red Card, raising over £700. This half term we will be supporting Save the Children Charity in December.

Finally

Please be aware of roadworks on Trentham Road when planning your journey to the academy to ensure your child/ren arrive at the academy for the start of the day.

Once again thank you for your continued support for the academy and we look forward to another successful half term in our run up to the Christmas Holidays.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Whittingham
Headteacher

