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ACADEMY LIFE

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Endeavour
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Principal's Update

It has been fantastic to welcome new and returning students into the academy this September. I spoke to all the students during year group assemblies on their first day back and it was a pleasure to see their enthusiasm for the year ahead.

I talked about our motto and values, reminding students why we ask everyone to dream big, work hard and persevere. We do it so everyone is prepared for lifelong success. I gave them examples to explain why our values of respect, integrity, optimism and responsibility are so important in life and reflected on the success of the England Women's football team in defending their European Championship title; the players demonstrated our motto and values in their determination to succeed.

I am both proud and excited to become the Principal of Trentham Academy and I look forward, every day, to seeing your children learn and grow, through the rich experiences we offer to them. In these newsletters I hope to share those experiences with you and let you know about events and activities in the coming weeks.



2025 Results

Our 2025 leavers achieved a fantastic set of results again across a broad range of subjects. 72% achieved a grade 4 or above in both Maths and English, with 68% achieving a grade 5 in English and 54% a grade 5 in Maths. Our results in PE, History, Health & Social Care and Science are expected to remain in the top 20% of schools nationally, as they were in 2024. We are so proud of their achievements and enjoyed celebrating with them in August.

We wish them every success in their futures.



Prefects

Esme and Stan lead our students as Head Girl and Head Boy this year. They are joined by our strong group of prefects who will lead the houses and the house council system and listen to the feedback from all students. Esme and Stan spoke at Open Evening, and I would like to acknowledge their contribution to the evening with their well-prepared and beautifully presented speeches to prospective parents and carers – thank you both so much.



And to all our prefects – your support with the day-to-day academy operation and evening events is very much appreciated by the Trentham Community.



Class of 2030

Mr Tidy and all the team have been delighted to welcome Year 7 to the academy. They have spent their first few weeks finding their way around, meeting new teachers and making new friends. They have enjoyed their first digital literacy sessions with Mr Jones, and it has made me very happy to see them all become part of the Trentham community.





Try something different

Give it a go!



Sporting Highlights

We've had a great start to the year with sport in many fields but in this newsletter edition, I'll highlight the girls' cross-country. Well done to our Girls Cross Country teams who represented the Academy brilliantly in the first Cross Country fixture of the year. Our stand out performers were the Year 8&9 team who finished runners up out of 10 schools competing. Great effort girls!

The extra-curricular programme for sport is wide and varied. Have a look at what's available on this [link](#)

**secondary school
APPLICATION
DEADLINE:
31 Oct 2025**

Open Evening

We welcomed over 500 visitors to our open evening on 11th September. I always love open evening; it's an absolute pleasure to see our students in every department talking enthusiastically about the subjects and about their experiences at Trentham Academy. I have already mentioned our Head Students, but Eloise in Year 8 also spoke to parents/carers brilliantly and our choir performed too. Our visitors spoke very highly of the staff and students they met, and it was another day for me to be so very proud of Trentham Academy.

*If you (or anyone you know) are applying for a place in Year 7 next year, please remember to apply by **31 October 2025**. Everyone must fill in an application, even if there is a sibling here already, or you attend a feeder primary school.*

Stoke LA: [Use this link if you live in Stoke-on-Trent](#)

Staffordshire LA: [Use this link if you live outside Stoke-on-Trent, or in the part of Trentham within the Staffordshire Electoral area](#)

[Open Events – more dates available. Click for more info](#)





Sparkling a Love of Reading

We are always looking for ways to enhance students' learning experiences, and we are thrilled to introduce **Sparx Reader** as part of our Key Stage 3 English curriculum.

This innovative reading platform has already made a significant impact, helping students develop essential reading habits while keeping them motivated and engaged.

Sparx Reader is an online reading platform designed to encourage careful, focused reading. Students select books suited to their reading level and answer questions as they progress, ensuring comprehension and concentration.

The program rewards consistent effort by allowing students to earn points and climb the leaderboard, making reading both fun and competitive.



The response from students and staff has been overwhelmingly positive. Many students have demonstrated dedication and focus in their reading, earning points and progressing through the ranks. Those who show consistent effort can unlock the prestigious Gold Reader status, which allows them to read physical books from the library or home by scanning their barcodes into the system.

The introduction of Sparx Reader marks an exciting new chapter for Trentham Academy, helping students develop a lifelong love for reading. We encourage parents to get involved by discussing books with their children, asking about their reading experiences, and celebrating their progress.

Let's continue working together to foster a love for reading at Trentham Academy!

Trentham Academy Garden



We are still keen to establish a community garden in the grounds of the academy. We have two areas; one to develop as a produce area, and one to develop as a beautiful welcome to the academy.

We are hoping to engage the help of adults from the Trentham community. If this is something you would like to be a part of, or know someone who would, please contact the academy to find out more.



Coming up in October

- 2 Open morning 9.30 - 11 [Book Here](#)
- 3 Open morning 9.30 - 11 [Book Here](#)
- 4 Open morning 9-12 [Book Here](#)
- 10 Hello Yellow Charity Day – wear an item of yellow with your uniform
- 16 Aspire 4 Life Drop Down Day
- 17 Show Racism the Red Card Charity Day – wear an item of red with your uniform
- 24 Academy closes for half term and reopens on Monday 3 November

Student Celebrations

Here are some of the students' achievements from recent weeks, both at the academy and at home:

- Our first group of Sparx readers awards have been presented to students. Well done to our top 20 points scorers: Milly, Yousef, Violet, Esmae, Jenul, Muhammad, Alfie, Milana, Bailey, Liam, Isabella, Nyla, Iona, Hollie, Owen, Liana, Lillie, Bella and Charlie.
- 18 students have received positive calls or letters home from the Principal in September. Congratulations to Stan, Esme, Sam, Trin, Izzy & Fearne in Year 11; Katie and Jahmal in Year 10; Jenul, Eddy, Jayden, David, Heba and Bea in Year 9 and Eloise, Ryan, Sophie and Jackson in Year 8. There will be calls to Year 7 this Friday.
- Congratulations to Jahmal for presenting to the Children's Guardians and receiving huge praise from the group.
- We received several messages by email from visitors commending students they met at Open Evening

Please let us know of any achievements you'd like to share in the newsletter by sending them to trentham@clt.trentham.coop, with 'Newsletter' in the subject line.