



ACADEMY LIFE

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Principal's Update

It's been another exciting month at Trentham Academy! It was a real privilege for me to show many prospective families around during late September and early October. They were able to see what I see every day: hard-working, kind and friendly students. On our Saturday open morning, many Transition leaders and Prefects gave tours of the academy and they did such a brilliant job that very few visitors were left with any unanswered questions by the time they completed their tours. A huge thank you and well done to all those students who came to school on a Saturday to support with the event.

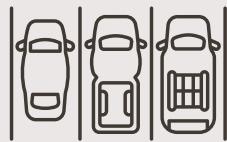
Year 11 are attending their extra sessions at lunchtime and after school, and I have seen such enthusiasm in lessons recently, including a heartfelt and enlightening debate about character intentions in English Literature. Mock exams began for them this week and will continue for the 2 weeks after half term. Students will need to balance revision with their free time over the half term break.

Artemis spoke at Youth Council, and our Prefects prepared and delivered their assembly on mental health ahead of 'Hello Yellow' charity day in support of Young Minds. Our second charity day, last week, supported anti-racism and everyone was invited to wear an item of red to 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

Parking

Please remember to park and drive in a way which considers our neighbours and the safety of our students.

There should be no cars parked on yellow lines or across driveways, and no cars on the academy site without a prior agreement. When driving on site, please observe the 5mph speed limit.



Water Bottles

Don't forget to bring a water bottle to school every day. These are part of our 'essential equipment' from 3 November 2025.



Attendance

You will have received a letter from Mrs Hadgett reminding everyone of the importance of attending school regularly. If you missed it, you can read it [here](#). We know sometimes, children are too unwell to attend school, but please let us know if we can support you to improve your child's attendance.

Congratulations to Year 7, who currently have the best attendance of all year groups!

Healthy Eating

We have made some changes to the lunch menus and breaktime offer after half term. Our new lunch menus can be seen on the website [here](#).

There will be a reduction in 'sweet treats' available at break time, but they will still be available to purchase at lunchtime.



Colder Weather

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure students have a suitable, warm coat. They may also wear a plain black jumper under their blazer but no hoodies are allowed. Students cannot wear jumpers without a blazer. Thank you for your support in ensuring our uniform standards remain high.





Sporting Highlights

This month, a focus on our football teams. It's been a busy few weeks for the Titans, with some fantastic results:

Year 11:

Won 3-2 v OSSMA (Hope 2, Staton 1)

Won 10-0 v Thistley

Year 10:

Won 2-0 v. Stafford Grammar in the County Cup (Williams and Owen)

Drew 3-3 v. Thistley (Hawkes, Moore & Owen)

Drew 3-3 v. OSSMA (Cordall, Hawkes, Owen)



Interhouse Competitions

We have completed the boys interhouse football and the games have been a brilliant standard. There has been fierce competition between the houses. Mr Ablewhite was over the moon with the sports leaders who refereed the games - brilliant authority throughout the games and the players have been very respectful. A huge thank you to everyone involved.



Interhouse football Winners:

Year 7 - ARBO

Year 10 - VJKS

Year 8 - AÇAI

Year 11 - Voyager

Year 9 - PWGA



Year 9:

Won 4-2 v. Sir Graham Balfour (Wilby, Marshallsay, Wright, Lloyd)

Won 4-0 v. Thistley Hough (Wilby 2, Marshallsay 2)

Won 4-0 v. St Thomas More (Wilby, Mackey-Smith, Hawkins, Price)

Year 8:

Won 3-2 v. Walton Priory AET (Walker 2, Marriott 1)

Won 8-2 v. Thistley Hough

Year 7:

Lost 3-2 to OSSMA (Coke, Bolton)

Lost 4-1 to Painsley (Coke)

Girls Year 9/10:

Won 9-1 v. St Thomas More 9-1

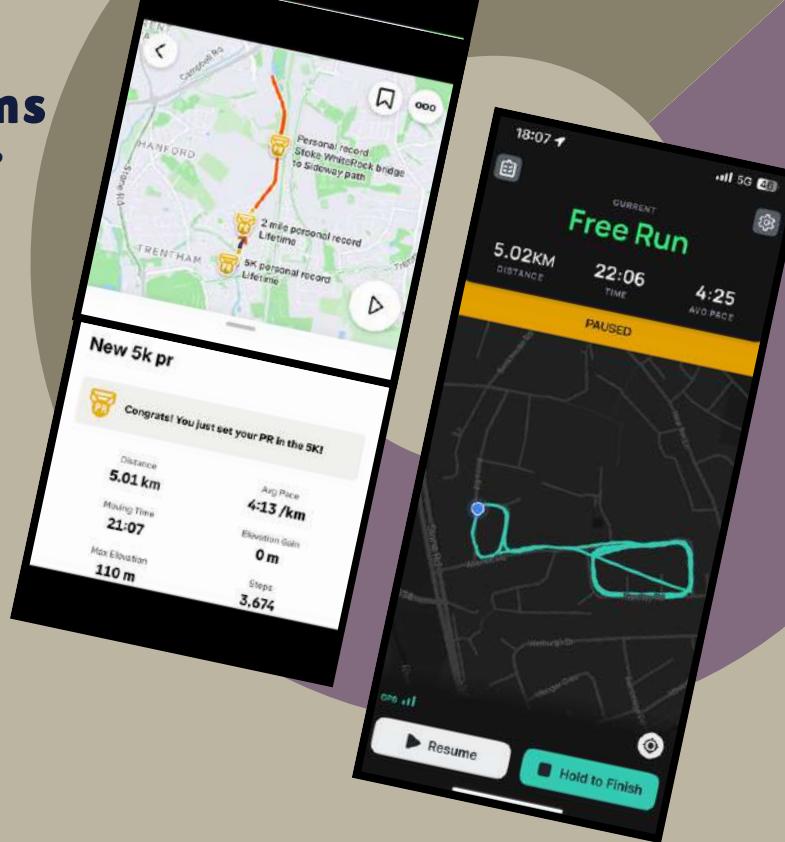
Drew 3-3 v. Thistley (Bullock 2 & Clarke)



Other Interhouse Competitions

Has your child done a run on Strava or Komoot? Who is the champ in their form? Could they compete in any of the following categories? All year groups are welcome to submit their app scores/records.

- Fastest 5k Time - Run
- Longest bike ride
- Longest Run
- Most regular



THE PUMPKIN CARVING GEOMETRY CHALLENGE!



- Open to Year 7
- Use a real pumpkin OR a drawing/picture
- Show your maths skills with symmetry, angles, ratios or patterns
- Be creative with your design!

Hand in to Mrs Walker in MA1

House Points available!
Friday 7th November

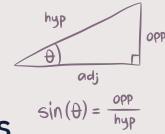


Interhouse is not just about sport.

There are many ways to get involved and earn points for the houses. Encourage your child to take part in our current competition: Year 7 Pumpkin Carving - full details on their Firefly task.

Sparx Maths

Sparx Maths is an innovative online learning platform that gives students a personalised learning experience.



Students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 are set weekly homework on Sparx Maths which personalises the homework to the student.

- Students are set homework every Tuesday, which is due the following Tuesday
- Students need to get 100% completion on the “compulsory” task



In w/c 6th October, 100% of Year 7 students completed their Sparx Maths Homework! Well done Year 7. Other year groups were all over 90% but can they match Year 7?

103,947

questions answered correctly in Sparx Maths so far this year

Students in your school have completed

1,550 hours

of personalised learning on Sparx Maths this year!

Student Rewards

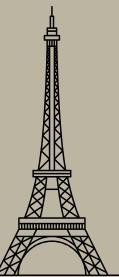
Reading Mentors 25/26

Congratulations to these students who are our new Reading Mentors: Evie-Rose, Reuben, Zach, Charlie, Natalia, Alfie, Isla, Dihain, Lillie, Tedd, Nathania, Daisy, Hemmy, Scarlett and James.



Coming up in November

- 3 Back to school
- 3 Mock Exams for Year 11
- 4 Paris trip meeting 5:30 pm
- 6 Flu vaccinations
- 11 Remembrance Assembly
- 14 Mock exams end
- 17 Year 7 Reports
- 18 Year 8 Reports
- 20 Apprenticeship Evening
- 24 Year 9 Reports
- 27 Year 9 Parents' Evening
- 28 Paris trip leaves
- 28 INSET – closed to students (also on 1 Dec)



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.

European Day of Languages

Congratulations to the winners of the interhouse European Day of Languages Poster competition:

- 1st place Kingsley (Voyager Y7)
- 2nd place Lillie (Voyager Y9)
- 3rd place Nirmal (Apollo Y11)
- 4th place Jess (Pioneer Y7)

Character & Arts

Congratulations to those students who were part of the Character and Arts Impact Award last year and were presented with their badges this week:

- 8 students in Year 8
- 13 students in Year 9
- 13 students in Year 10
- 6 students in Year 11



I have had the pleasure of making 23 positive phone calls home to Taylor, Lauren, Aston, Shaun and Tom in Year 11, Evie and Iris in Year 10, Amelia and Ruby in Year 9, Zach, Matthew and Joel in Year 8 and Max, Heidi, Hugo, Bradley, Lola, Bella, Elsa, Sarah, Alina and Oscar in Year 7. Well done 😊 This is my favourite part of the week, and I am looking forward to my final calls of the half term this afternoon!