



# ACADEMY LIFE

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## Principal's Update

February was short – but certainly eventful! Our routine visit from Ofsted allowed us to celebrate all the great things our academy does, and I am very much looking forward to sharing the full report with you as soon as it is available. We will have to be patient though, as this could take a little while longer, but I hope to receive the final copy before the Easter break.

I spoke to all students in years 7-10 on Monday in a Teams assembly and asked them to reflect on the goals they set for themselves in January. I talked about Lindsey Vonn again, explaining how her goals had had to change following her accident, but that she still had the same drive and determination. I also reminded everyone of our uniform standards and academy expectations, and I appreciate your support with maintaining these. I will share a similar message with Year 11 after their mock exams.

On the Friday before the break, our half term finished with an exciting Ryder Cup style table tennis tournament between staff and students at lunchtime! This was thoroughly enjoyed by participants and spectators alike. We played the students winners from the house competition for their year group.



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I celebrated every point I won against Freddie in Year 7 in dramatic style (since there weren't very many!) and many of my colleagues found their matches equally challenging! It took Mr Ablewhite and Mr Whittingham to finally clinch a couple of wins for the staff, but Trentham Academy students won the Ryder Cup by some margin.

During half term, Ramadan, the month of fasting observed by many Muslims around the world, began. Some of our students and staff choose to fast from dawn until sunset and/or adjust aspects of their daily routine as part of their spiritual practice. Ramadan is essentially a month-long exercise in intentional living. Even without fasting, the mindset of Ramadan teaches how to delay gratification, how to break habits that don't serve you, how to build habits that do and how to stay committed to a goal even when motivation dips. As a school community, let's come together to recognise and support the values of Ramadan – reflection, kindness, and respect for one another.

Our Year 11 students are currently completing their final set of mock examinations, and we look forward to seeing parents and carers on Thursday 26 March for their child's final secondary school parents' evening – how quickly has time flown? There are now only 7 school weeks until the final written exams begin – with Art, Photography and language speaking exams taking place before that. Students all have clear information about what to revise; if you need any help supporting your child, please contact their form tutor. Students, Parents and carers will receive information and timetables for the final exams following the mock exam period.

We now look forward to lighter nights, spring bulbs and perhaps an end to the rain!

Best wishes



## Tie Amnesty

Do you have any Trentham Academy ties at home that your child may have borrowed in the past? Please could you return these to the academy as our box of spare ties is very much depleted!



## Ski Trip

Our 2026 ski trip leaves in 4 weeks and students are very excited! With a bumper year of snow, they are sure to have a fantastic time with their friends. If you haven't already provided your child's passport, please send this in as soon as possible.

We still have **4 places available on the 2027** trip which takes place in February half term next year. The group will stay in Niederrasen, Antholz in South Tyrol, Italy in a traditional hotel called Friedemann. The ski area is Kronplatz - Dolomiti. The ski trip costs £1523 and a deposit of £100 would be required as soon as possible. Please complete this [form](#) to reserve a space or contact the academy for full details.



# Interhouse Competitions

## What's upcoming for this half term:

### Badminton

W/C 16<sup>th</sup> March



### Design an Atom

Years 7 & 8 - hand designs to your science teacher



### Debating competition

W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
Years 7 - 9



### World Book Day

5<sup>th</sup> March - house points for all book character outfits (Y7 & 8) and extra points for the best in each tutor group



## February Interhouse Results

### Table Tennis - Winners and runners-up:

- Benji B.
- Oliver L.
- Fin B.
- Will P.
- Gethin D.
- Kai W.
- George E.
- Josh S.
- Jude L.
- Jacob A.

### Chess Tournament

Year 7 & 8

Runner-up - Matei  
Champ - Nathaniel

Year 9, 10 and 11

Runner up - Lyam  
Champ - Jenul



### Trentham Language Valentine's Day Competition HALL OF FAME

Year 7 - Ben, Matei and Ava  
Year 8 - Aibhlinn



# Sporting Highlights

## Y11 Boys Football

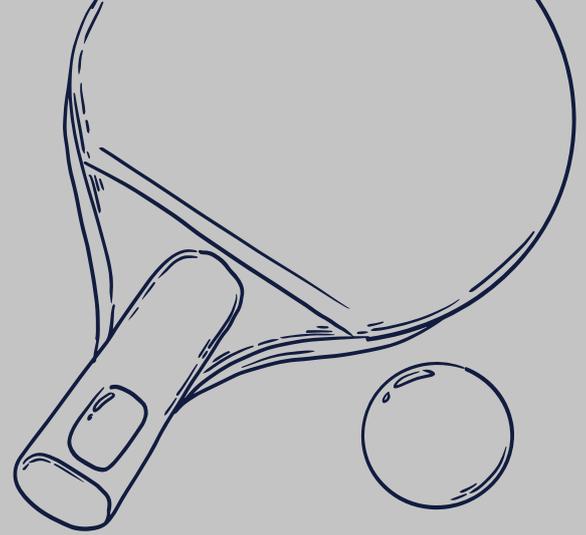
Beat Blythe Bridge 1-0 to advance to the semi-finals of the Sentinel Cup.

## Y7 Girls Netball

Won the City Netball Competition.

## Y10 Boys Basketball

Beat St.Thomas More 38-35.



## Table Tennis

**U16 County Individual Championships:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Kai W.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Oscar S.

**U13 County Individual Championships:**

Winner - Joshua S.

3<sup>rd</sup> place- Harvey Q.

# Student Achievements

Congratulations to Iris, Year 10 on her recent swimming success! Over two weekends Iris qualified for the Staffordshire swimming championships where she achieved the following:

County championships 2026

- 2 400IM
- 2 200m breaststroke
- 2 1500m freestyle
- 3 200m fly
- 3 100 breaststroke

She will now go on to compete at the West Midlands championships in May. Good luck, Iris!



# Attendance

Congratulations to Year 7 who continue to lead the attendance tables! It is so important to be at school and Year 7 are leading the way!

Attendance so far this year.

- Year 7 - 96.9%
- Year 8 - 95%
- Year 9 - 93.2%
- Year 10 - 93.6%
- Year 11 - 92.1%

- How many students will be participating in the rewards events just before the Easter break?
- Attendance contributes to the House Points, so which house will lift the cup at the end of term in the whole school assembly?
- Check your child's attendance on ClassCharts – we're always aiming for 95% and above

# Y9 Forensics Day

Year 9 scientists recently enjoyed an exciting and immersive Forensics Day at Stoke-on-Trent 6th Form College, where they stepped into the role of real forensic investigators.

Throughout the day, students developed their practical science skills by testing blood samples, analysing fingerprints, sampling unknown substances, and using chromatography and soil analysis to gather evidence.

By carefully comparing results and interpreting data, they worked collaboratively to identify their “criminal,” applying scientific thinking and problem-solving at every stage. The experience gave students a valuable insight into how science is used in real-world careers and was both challenging and highly engaging for all involved.



## Coming up in March

- 2 Year 8 visit to watch the world-renowned Halle Orchestra
- 5 World Book Day
- 9 World of Work week including Year 10 work experience week
- 12 Preference evening (Year 8 Parents, Carers and students)
- 16 Years 9 and 10 reports
- 20 Preference choice deadline (Year 8)
- 23 Year 11 Mock results and final reports home
- 26 Final Year 11 parents' evening



## Student Rewards

Congratulations to the following students who received phone calls home from Mrs Wagg in February:

- Nyla and Fletcher in Year 7
- Daisy and Ashalina in Year 8
- Majda, Ruben and Artemis in Year 10
- Sofia, Maddy and Jack in Year 11

Well done everyone 😊

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