



ACADEMY LIFE

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Principal's Update

Welcome to the March edition of Academy Life. We have had a very full school calendar recently and there are many articles for you to read.

I had hoped to share the Ofsted inspection report with you this month, but unfortunately it has not yet been published so we must wait a little longer!

March started with a fantastic performance by the world-renowned Hallé Orchestra at the Victoria Hall. An extract from their website says.... *'Innovation has been central to the Hallé since its foundation in 1858 by Sir Charles Hallé, a true pioneer. His fundamental belief that music should be for everyone remains central to the orchestra's vision today, yet the Hallé is much more than just a world-leading symphony orchestra. Its collective spirit can be felt in the variety of communities it embraces, the diversity of the ensembles it nurtures and the array of different concerts it offers.'*

Through the Character and Arts Foundation, all of Year 8 were able to experience one of these performances. The Hallé played a medley of music across a wide range of genres and our students thoroughly enjoyed it. The students also embodied our Trentham values with exemplary behaviour throughout the visit.



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During the second week of March, all students experienced our world of work week. The majority of Year 10 secured work experience placements with local businesses and were able to find out what it's like to be in a workplace for a full-time week, rather than at school. We know the students will have gained great insights and we are delighted with the many messages of praise we have had for our students; our students who worked at Ash Green Primary are featured later in the newsletter.

All students have now completed their AU2 data points and reports have been sent home to parents and carers. I reminded Year 11 in assembly yesterday that the Easter break is not a holiday, but a time to focus on their preparation for their final exams. We return after Easter to Art and Photography exams in the first week followed by Language speaking exams in the second week. The final written exam period begins with English Literature on Monday 11th May and continues until contingency day on 24th June.



And now the sun is finally shining and the days are longer – let's hope the sunshine continues into our Easter break. We recently reached the end of Ramadan and our Muslim communities celebrated Eid. We are now approaching Easter, when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Christ. The message of Easter is one of new beginnings and hope which I like to share with students at this point in the year.

In assembly yesterday, I spoke about how this powerful message can motivate us to start afresh, to forgive ourselves and others, and to look forward to the future with renewed optimism. I asked them to reflect on the term and on themselves. I also spoke about Eileen Gu – Olympic Freeskier and Gold medallist - and her positive outlook on life. She is already very successful in many aspects of her life but says she still thinks every day about what she can do to make herself just a little bit better than she was the day before. Her interview is here: [Eileen Gu Interview](#)

And on that note, the Spring term comes to a close. Thank you to both students and staff for their hard work this term. I wish you all a very happy Easter break with family and friends.

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Junior Leadership Team 2026-27

I am delighted to announce our new Junior Leadership Team for 2026-27. The students were outstanding in the application process and they all demonstrate our academy values - Respect, Optimism, Integrity and Responsibility – every day. They will be ambassadors for our students and the wider community, supporting their peers and leading by example.

We have created new teams within the JLT to mirror the structure of the academy's senior leadership team and we look forward to working closely with our junior leaders to shape the student experience at Trentham.

Head Students
Evie & Ruben

Deputy Head Students
Lily & Anurag

Assistant Head Students

Majda - Community support
Artemis - Student motivation & well-being
James - Events organisation
Katie - Teaching and Learning

House Captains

Emily - Apollo
Milly - Pioneer
Iris - Voyager

Deputy House Captains

Luca - Apollo
Harry - Pioneer
Lydia - Voyager

Senior prefects with named responsibilities

Reuben & Elif - Community support
Annabella & Harry - Student motivation & well-being
Rozh & Grace - Events organisation
Phoebe & Megan - Teaching and Learning

Prefects

Lily, Alex, Tom, Addison, Areeb, Aseer, Elise, Ishaan, Olivia, Lily and Rumer



World of Work Week

World of Work 2026 was a hit. It has been lovely to see all years in the academy sharing their aspirations, exploring their options and indulging in what they could be in the future. Inspiration took many forms from careers talks and workshops from the Army, Home Office and National grid, to workshops around employability skills from JET and Port Vale Football club.

Monday and Tuesday opened with an engaging assembly centred around Apprenticeships, with Wednesday's focus being on pathways at Post-16 with our Year 9 students. The week finished in spectacular fashion with our annual Careers Fair with over 25 different stalls hosted by training providers, local colleges and universities and businesses offering apprenticeship routes.



Ash Green Work Experience



We are very grateful to Ash Green for hosting several Trentham Academy students for work experience. Here's what they had to say about them in their newsletter – words that made me so very proud ...

They have been an incredible support to our Teaching & Learning team - showing maturity, professionalism, enthusiasm, and a genuine passion for education. They've been a true credit to themselves and their school, proving to be excellent ambassadors for Trentham Academy.

Watching them step confidently into the classroom has reminded us that we have fantastic future teachers in the making. We are so proud of our ex-pupils and the way they've embraced every challenge with positivity and commitment. Thank you for being brilliant, you've made a real difference this week!



Anyone for Hockey?

North Stafford Hockey Club is delighted to be able to work with Trentham Academy to offer more opportunities for people of all ages in our community to play hockey. As well as having 7 Men's and 3 Women's teams, the club has a thriving junior section with teams from u8s to u18s and over 200 junior members. The club is always welcoming new players to play with sessions based at both Trentham Academy and Newcastle-under-Lyme School. It does not matter if you have never played before, anyone is welcome and we pride ourselves on being an inclusive, family friendly club.



We are particularly proud of our junior section, with the club winning two junior national trophies in the last five years, as well as being runners up last year and semi-finalists on several occasions. This April our Boys u18s will compete in the Tier 1 Plate National Final, whilst both our Boys and Girls u12s will be representing Staffordshire at the Midlands Finals. The club also hosts a Talent Academy, providing further stretch and challenge for some of the strongest players in the area, with one of our Boys u16s being invited for England age group trials earlier this season.



Our aim is to grow and extend the uptake of hockey and we would love you to be a part of this. It has been brilliant to work with some Trentham students this year as they take their first steps into hockey and have played their first school fixtures. Our regular season runs from September to Easter, but we will be running a summer programme including camps during the summer holidays. If you would like to be a part of this and give hockey a go, then please get in touch by emailing northstaffordhcjuniors@gmail.com or follow us on social media.



STEM Olympics

We are incredibly proud of a group of our Year 10 students who recently represented the school at the annual STEM Olympics held at Stoke Sixth Form. Competing against a range of local schools, our students took part in an exciting series of challenges across multiple disciplines, including Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, IT and Geology.

Throughout the day, they demonstrated outstanding teamwork, problem-solving skills and resilience, rising to each challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Their hard work paid off as they achieved an impressive second place overall—narrowly missing out on the top spot.

This is a fantastic achievement, and we commend the students for their dedication and for representing the school so positively. Well done to all involved!



The SEND Community Lounge

Hosted by the Parent Engagement Group in Stoke on Trent

This event brings together parents, carers, and professionals from education, health, social care, and voluntary services to offer advice, support, and connection. Whether you're seeking guidance, want to share your experiences, have a 1-to-1 conversation with professionals or simply enjoy a coffee and chat, the lounge is a safe space to be heard and supported.



Scan the QR Code to Join PEGiS
pegis.stoke@hotmail.com

Wednesday, 1st April 2026

Hazel Trees

Duke Street

Fenton, Stoke on Trent

ST4 3NR

10am - 12pm

Attendance

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

Attendance so far this year:

Year 7 - 96.89%

Year 8 - 95%

Year 9 - 93.4%

Year 10 - 93.7%

Year 11 - 91.8%

Alice in Wonderland

This year's play takes place on Thursday 30th April. Ticket sales will open for performers' families on 15th April and for everyone else on Monday 20th April. We look forward to seeing many of you there.



April, Year 9, writes about

Dance '26 at the Victoria Hall



Dance 2026

Students from Year 9 and Year 10 recently took to the stage at Victoria Hall for an exciting dance show based on the theme "Walking in the Shoes of...". Our group chose the idea "Walking in the Shoes of Time", which meant exploring different decades through music and dance.

The performance lasted around five minutes and included a mix of songs from different eras, such as the 1980s and the 2000s. We used a variety of dance styles like jazz, contemporary, street, and commercial to show how dance has changed over time.

The opening started with the Year 9 GCSE dance class performing an energetic contemporary routine to "Maniac" by Michael Sembello. It was really powerful and grabbed the audience's attention straight away. After that, the year 10 GCSE class took over the stage with a sharp and stylised routine inspired by Michael Jackson, dancing to "Billie Jean".

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The performance continued with three more routines, each showing a different time period. These included “This Is How We Do It” by Montell Jordan and “Toxic” by Britney Spears. Each dance had its own style and energy, which kept the audience interested. The finale was performed to “Where Have You Been” by Rihanna and was full of energy, tricks, and exciting movements. It was a great way to end the performance and got a big reaction from the crowd.

Overall, the dance show was a huge success and showed how music and dance have changed over time. Everyone worked really hard to help choreograph and learn the choreography and it was an amazing experience to perform at Victoria Hall.

Some amazing highlights were the tricks at the end of ‘where have you been’ performed by Seb, Bella and Jayda . All together everyone enjoyed watching other schools’ performances as they interpreted the theme through their dances. The audience enthusiastically clapped along to the performances and cheered for all of the different schools.

Overall I feel that Trentham Academy had an amazing time at The Victoria hall, working extremely hard and experiencing what it was like to perform on such a big stage with so many of their friends, family and the general public watching.



Student Achievements

Evelyn's rowing

Over the past few weeks Evelyn has completed with her team mates at Trentham Boat Club. She competed and won in the WJ15 4+ at Northwich and will represent the North West at the Junior Inter-regional Regatta next month. Evelyn has also been able to compete in races on the Thames in the biggest amateur rowing event in the world! And then just last Sunday, the team had another win in the WJ15 4x at North of England Head before competing in the National Junior Sculling Head at Dorney Lake where they came 5th against 64 boats in their category. Well done Evelyn!



Sporting Highlights

U15 Cricket

Huge congratulations to our Year 9 and 10 boys on being crowned **Under 15 City Indoor Cricket Champions!** An outstanding all-round team performance.



Year 11 Boys Football

The team have progressed to the semi-finals of the Sentinel Cup with a 1-0 win over Blythe Bridge High School.

Badminton

The Badminton team won their most recent fixture vs St. Peters Academy. Fantastic performances from both the boys and girls across all Year groups.



Coming up in April

- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 6 Easter Monday
- 13 Academy Opens
- 21 Trentham Prize for Fiction event
- 23 Presentation Evening 4 - 7 pm
- 30 Aspire 4 Life Day 3
- 30 Alice in Wonderland Production



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.



Student Rewards

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

- Maya and Josh in Year 10
- Gursevak, Tay, Zahra and David in Year 11

Progress Leaders Students of the Spring Term

- Year 7 - Amber
- Year 8 - Jake
- Year 9 - Zak
- Year 10 - Emily
- Year 11 - Zahra

Principal Student of the Spring Term

- Nathan in Year 9

Well done everyone