



ACADEMY LIFE

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Principal's Update

Firstly, thank you for your understanding over our early closure on Thursday last week. Closing the academy is always a very difficult decision and one I do not take lightly. Students coped well last week in their PE kits, with adjusted lessons and break time arrangements and with extra time and reminders to keep their water bottles filled. However, temperatures in the classrooms increased every afternoon and it was clear that Thursday afternoon would be extremely unpleasant and risk the health and well-being of both students and staff. This week, temperatures return to those more normal for this time of year and we look forward to gentle sunshine and a return to normal academy routines.

Back at the beginning of June, we returned after the late May heatwave to the final weeks of GCSE exams. Year 11 have shown a great attitude and resilience throughout the long exam period and now look forward to their results on 20th August, before starting new adventures in September. Last week, we marked the end of their 5 years at Trentham Academy with their Leavers' assembly.



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It was emotional to speak to them as a year group for the last time! We ended the assembly with a final performance from the Year 11 band – a fitting celebration. Year 11 left the academy to the applause of all the other students and continued their celebrations at Prom in the evening. As I said in the assembly – thank you for the memories and I wish you every success in the future.

We have had a very exciting month of football, with the Year 9 boys football winning the City Cup; the same team won in Year 8 too. The Year 10 Girls' football team won the City Cup for the first time, and the Year 11 boys won the City Cup too, meaning they'd lifted both the Sentinel Schools' Shield and the City Cup this year. The City Cup finals were all played on the same evening at City of Stoke. What a fantastic evening we had!



I was also lucky to spend the later part of that evening with our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students and camp overnight with them as part of their practice expedition. I was there to see the new Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students arrive the next morning too. Many thanks to Miss Barr for her excellent organisation of this and the final expedition in the Peak district 2 weeks later and to Mrs Shaw, Mrs Emanuelli, Miss Burton and Mr Moss for the time they also spent with the students over the 2 weekends. Sign up is now open for next year's cohort so if your child is in Year 8, encourage them to take up the Duke of Edinburgh challenge.

Year 7 are now approaching the end of their first year at Trentham and it was great to see so many parents/carers of Year 7 students at Parents' evening. Your children were an absolute credit to you and the academy when they visited the Victoria Hall recently to watch the world-renowned Halle orchestra. This is funded by the Character and Arts Foundation which exists to enrich the lives of young people in Stoke-on-Trent.



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Last week, Year 5 students visited the academy from Ash Green Primary Academy and Priory CE Academy. They experienced a variety of lessons and had a great time. We have also visited many other primary schools and invited classes of different year groups to experience our academy. Thank you to Mrs Boyles and Mrs Shaw for all their work organising these days.

This week, we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students during our induction days and, with their parents/carers, to Induction evening on Thursday.

Applications for Trentham Academy for September 2027 will open in September and we hope you will encourage any friends and family with Year 6 children to visit our Open Evening on Thursday 10th September.

The final 3 weeks of term are very busy with a wide range of enrichment activities. I look forward to telling you all about them in the July edition of Academy Life.

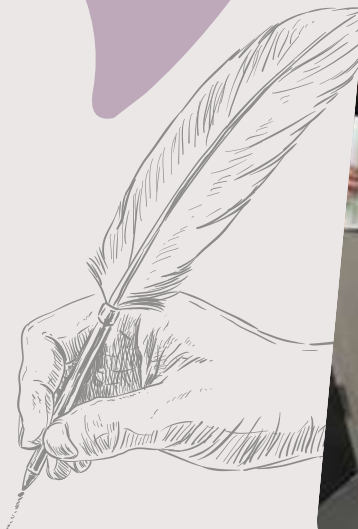
Best Wishes,



Emma Wagg
Principal

Poetry Competition

Y7 and 8 were entered into a poetry competition and we are delighted that 12 entries have been selected to be published! The book titled 'I Have a Dream 2026 - Kaleidoscope of Thoughts' will be published at the end of July and we can't wait to receive our copy! Well done to Felicia, Lola, Dexter, Savannah, Lydia, Bethanie, Esme, Iona, Louie and Hazel in Year 7 and Gethin and Charlotte in Year 8.





Sporting Highlights

TITANS ARE BACK TO BACK CITY CHAMPS

As holders of the City Cup trophy, the Titans came into the game vs. Biddulph at Whisper Lane confident. On a huge pitch the Titans enjoyed the space and got the ball down well in a bright start. Wright, Price and Wilby were finding pockets and linking the play nicely.

Marshallsay then settled everyone with a trademark Kane-esque finish from just outside the box, shoulders over the ball, the Biddulph keeper could only watch.

But Biddulph hit back instantly! After taking the lead in a final - let's play in their half and manage the next 5 minutes? A mix up at the back from the Titans and a penalty coolly converted for them. 1-1.

Wright continued to torment Biddulph and got himself a penalty - he took it to put us back ahead with a decisive side netting finish. Johnson, Allport and Lloyd marshalled the defence fantastically well - talking, organising and leading the back 4 - doing the basics!



On to the second half and a host of changes were made. Marriott got himself a brace of back post headers; he knows how to time a run into the box and stay cool when the chance comes - he has scored lots of important goals this year!

A brilliant win 4-1 from a very competitive squad that has had contributions from everyone and performed well throughout the year. These Titans are a credit to the academy - well done gents! Up the Titans!



GIRLS CITY CUP CHAMPIONS

What a performance from the girls against a strong Ormiston meridian side who previously have knocked us out of the city cup ! A fantastic 3-1 victory showing heart, determination, and teamwork from the first whistle to the last.

Goals, grit, and a trophy to take home - we couldn't be prouder of this team.

A special mention to the girls for the way they conducted themselves throughout the game. They represented the academy with respect, sportsmanship, and class - a credit to themselves and the academy.

Y9 & 10 CITY ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

1st place and proud! There was an incredible effort from every athlete, showing determination, resilience, and teamwork from start to finish. The hard work continues to pay off, and the results speak for themselves.

The Titans are officially on a winning streak. From the track track to the field, this academy keeps raising the bar and proving what can be achieved when everyone works together.

A huge congratulations to all our athletes for not only competing brilliantly but also represent in the academy with outstanding sportsmanship and respect throughout the day. You are a credit to yourselves and the Titans !



Student Achievements



Carter's swimming and athletics

Carter achieved Gold in his 50m Freestyle race at the West Midlands Regional Championships Gala and silver in the 100m freestyle race. Carter is also City champion in the 800m track race for his year group! Congratulations Carter!



Esme's Rowing

Huge congratulations to Esme on her promotion to Div 1 in her K1! To make it even better, she secured a promotion with a WIN - an incredible achievement and a fantastic performance on the water! All the hard work and determination have truly paid off!





Issy's swimming – Year 11 Leaver

Issy has been swimming competitively for COSACSS since the age of 8. Throughout her high school years, she has been training in excess of 15 hours a week with some sessions starting at 5.15 in the morning and before school. Issy's hard work, dedication and commitment have rewarded her in multiple county champion and regional champion titles in her age group and overall. She has been selected to represent her county and talented spotted for a regional development programme.



Since Year 10, Issy has qualified to compete at both short course and long course National championships held in Sheffield. Last summer at the British Nationals, Issy made the final and placed 9th in Great Britain in 50m Backstroke. She also qualified to compete at the European Trials last year and the Commonwealth games trials this year, both held at the Olympic pool in London. This year, Issy will swim in the English Nationals in July and is on course to final and even possibly medal.

Congratulations Issy and good luck for your upcoming races and for the future.



Freddie's Football

Freddie took part in the Roermond cup 2026 in Holland and competed against other international teams including Belgium and the Netherlands. The boys did incredibly well and became the Champions of Europe in the U13 group, remaining undefeated in all games played!



Sophie's Football

Sophie played in midfield, for a representative team at Stoke City, in a recent cup match. They played at Man Utd against clubs from all over the country. Her team won! They weren't expecting to at all because they knew the clubs they were up against would be tough competition! Congratulations Sophie!



Coming up in July & August

July

- 2 Induction Evening
- 5 Year 10 Reports
- 7 Sports Day
- 8 Activities Day
- 9 Year 10 Parents' Evening 4-7 pm
- 13 Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- 14 Summer Show at 6:30 pm
- 15 Young Driver Experience
- 16 Colour Run
- 17 Academy closes at 12:45 pm

August

2 Save Trentham Greenbelt Group meeting at 7pm in the Trentham Community Learning Centre. Contact savetrenthamgreenbelt@gmail.com for further information

20 Year 11 Results day 9am

Eliza, Year 8: FIRST DAN WORLD TAEKWONDO BLACK BELT

Master Cawley, 6th Dan World Taekwondo, wrote to us to tell us about Eliza!

'Eliza has been training at the club for over four years and has been a regular and conscientious student over that time and has recently successfully passed her 1st Dan black belt. Eliza is the one of the youngest persons to achieve this feat since the club was established in 1990, as I'm sure you can understand this is an immense achievement for someone so young.'

Congratulations Eliza; we look forward to further success for you in the sport and martial art of Taekwondo.

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.