



3rd July 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

Over the last few weeks, it has been lovely to see our year 10 students return to the Academy for their one-to-one tutor sessions with their new Form Tutor and to commence their English, Maths and Science lessons. The opportunity to see the students, discuss their successes and alleviate concerns is pivotal in preparing for returning to the Academy in September.

Reintegration Day for Years 7, 8 and 9

In further supporting this transition period, we would now like to invite our Year 7, 8 and 9 students to attend the Academy for a reintegration day before we break up for the summer holidays. For Year 9 this will be either 7th or 8th July, for Year 8, 9th or 10th July and for Year 7, 13th or 14th July. Students will participate in House and wellbeing activities, discuss the Academy values and have the opportunity to see their peers and teachers; we hope this will reduce any anxiety they may be feeling and build their confidence for the return in September.

To facilitate this, your child will be allocated to a group and will attend the Academy on a specific day. This group will remain in place throughout the day to ensure we are minimising the contact between staff and students.

In line with Government guidance, students will need to adhere to the following:

- Social distancing should be followed when travelling to and from the Academy.
- Masks should be worn on public transport if students travel to the Academy by bus but the guidance still states that this is not recommended and students should try to find other ways of travelling to the Academy.
- Social distancing and hygiene protocols are fully adhered to. This includes temperature checks on arrival, thorough hand washing, regular use of anti-bacterial gel and following the two metre markers on site. Students will be asked to do this on entering and leaving the Academy.
- A specific arrival and dismissal time will be allocated. It is important that this is strictly followed to ensure we can maintain the safe arrival and departure of all students.
- Students must come fully equipped for these sessions. We will not be able to give out/share equipment/resources to reduce cross-contamination. Students must bring their iPad fully charged, pencil case and a note book.
- Students will need to bring non-fizzy drinks and snacks for break-time and a packed lunch.
- Each student will be allocated a desk that they will use for the day. The teaching staff are going to rotate to minimise movement in the Academy.
- Uniform rules continue to be relaxed so students can attend in their own clothes. This is to aid the ease of washing. We request that the students wear clothing suitable for physical activity (i.e. trainers, jogging bottoms/shorts).

This is such an important time in our preparations for our full return in September and I hope that you will support us in our endeavour to engage children in this reintegration day. In case of any emergencies we



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must be able to contact you so please ensure any changes to your contact details are passed to the office.

To facilitate the teaching staff meeting with the students, there will be no Zoom sessions during this time. Online learning tasks will still continue via Firefly but not on the days when the respective year groups are on site. It is imperative that students continue to complete all their assigned tasks at home.

As parents, your support in ensuring your child attends their transition day is crucial in facilitating a smooth return in September and to dispel any fears they have before the end of the term. Can I thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming our students in from 7th July. We will email Parents/Carers of Year 7,8 and 9 with the specific details relating to the dates and times your child will be expected into the Academy.

Return in September 2020

We are currently in the process of planning our full return in September and will update you on our plans in due course in line with the government guidance issued yesterday.

In September, we will return to **full** school uniform and our uniform suppliers have made a variety of arrangements to support the purchase of uniform. The details of this can be found on their websites:

Smart Uniform: <https://www.smartacademyuniform.co.uk>

Clive Mark: <https://www.clivemark.co.uk>

School's In: <https://www.schoolsinuniform.co.uk/product-category/trentham-academy/>

They are operating under reduced hours and a combination of appointment and online sales, therefore I would recommend an early visit to purchase all uniform ready for September.

iPads

There is another opportunity for our current Year 9 to sign up for a replacement iPad following on from the last year's successful iPad event. Any parent interested in this, please contact Mr Barlow on wbarlow@trenthamacademy.co.uk. He will be able to assist with details of an online portal where you can sign up.

Yours sincerely



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