



14 July 2020

Dear Year 11 Students

This was not the end of term anyone wanted or expected. After many years in education I can only imagine how disappointing it has been to miss the final few months of school and all the events associated with it. You've created many memories with your friends over the years at Trentham and left lasting memories with the staff here in the Academy. Your opportunity to anticipate the end of the school year, those last lessons, the signing of shirts, the end of exams – and of course the prom, has been taken from you.

However, the Trentham Academy Community will not forget what you have achieved. Your sporting and academic achievements, your fund raising, the amazing team of prefects, the peer support you showed – especially in those final few days – and we cannot end without a celebratory event in the future.

Our hastily arranged afternoon in the hall in March helped to say goodbye, but it in no way replaced your Leavers' Assembly and whilst the dancing was outstanding – it was not a prom! The imminent closure of the Academy was a huge shock and this was felt amongst us all. I have outlined below our current arrangements for results day, but I think it is also important to look ahead to the next school year. When it is safe, we will arrange an occasion where you, our 2020 leavers, can celebrate your achievements and mark the end of your Trentham journey properly.

At this time, I turn to a great author, JJR Tolkien:

*"The Road goes ever on and on
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with weary feet,
Until it joins some larger way,
Where many paths and errands meet.
And whither then? I cannot say.*

*The Road goes ever on and on
Out from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone.
Let others follow, if they can!
Let them a journey new begin.
But I at last with weary feet
Will turn towards the lighted inn,
My evening-rest and sleep to meet."*



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Results Day 2020


We currently envisage results day to be very similar to usual with some additional hygiene measures in place and staggered collection times. We will ask you to attend the Academy on Thursday, 20 August at a specific time. On arrival, we will ask you to use a QR code to locate an online form where you can enter your college or alternative destination information; please bring your phone or iPad so this is possible. You will then collect your results from your Form Tutor in Central Square (Times Square) and there will be several staff and careers advisors available to answer any questions you may have. Our current plans may need to change in line with Government guidance updates, so we will contact you on Monday, 17 August with your specific collection time and final arrangements.

If you are unable to attend results day, please send an email to: Joanne Shaw, Headteacher's PA: jshaw@trenthamacademy.co.uk clearly stating:

- A current address to post your results on to you;
- The name of the person who you have nominated to collect your results on your behalf.

So, as this school year ends please know that we share your disappointment at the way it was cut short. You all deserve a final farewell and the opportunity to come together and mark the end of your school years. We very much look forward to seeing you all in August, but remember, this will not be the end of your Trentham journey. We will ensure you celebrate together when circumstances allow.

With very best wishes



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