



25 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that the end of September is already here. Usually, we would be looking forward to our Open Evening and our first Parent/Carers' evenings but unfortunately these events must adapt to the current situation and I write with information about these events as well as other important information:

### **Year 7 Settling in Evening (planned for 15 October)**

In place of our face-to-face Settling in Evening, Form Tutors will telephone every Year 7 family to discuss your child's first few weeks at Trentham Academy. These calls will take place between Monday, 28 September and Friday, 23 October. Please don't worry if you miss a call from us, we will call back until we have spoken to you.

### **Year 10 and Year 11 Exam Success Evening (planned for 15 October)**

Unfortunately, this evening is postponed. We have not planned to provide a virtual replacement yet as the final arrangements for the summer examinations are not yet known. As soon as we have further details of this I will write to you again.

### **Open Event**

We are unable to hold an open evening this year in the usual way and have replaced this with a Virtual Open Event. This will be available from Monday, 5 October on our website. We are also offering bookable tours for prospective Year 6 parents on Saturday, 3 October. These can be booked by calling 01782 883200. We have a new prospectus and would like to share these with the local communities. If you have a place of work or other location where these could be placed, please contact the office to arrange delivery.

### **Breaktime**

From Monday, 5 October, we will be offering some snacks, toast, drinks, fruit, sandwiches and cake at break time again in response to student demand. We cannot cater safely for all year groups every day so have established the following rota:

- Year 7: Monday – Friday in their Zone
- Year 8: Tuesday and Thursday in the Canteen
- Year 9: Monday and Wednesday in the Canteen
- Year 10: Tuesday and Thursday in the Canteen
- Year 11: Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Canteen

We will review this offer carefully and will amend it if guidance changes. Can we request again that you top up your child's account using the gateway portal on line.



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## Bus services

Some students are reporting issues with public transport capacity on journeys to and from the Academy. If you have experienced problems with PMT could we please ask you to report these to the bus company using this online form:

<https://www.pmtonline.co.uk/contact/>

## NHS app

The NHS app is now available. If your child has installed this on their phone it is vital they let us know if they are traced as a contact via the app. Please read through the letter sent by the NHS regarding Covid symptoms.

## Period 6 for Year 11

This will commence from Monday, following the timetable issued yesterday. Form Tutors will ensure your child knows which room to go to for this session. Your support with this is crucial to enable us to support your child for their GCSEs.

## GCSE Pod Competition

GCSE pod ran an English summer city competition and Trentham students were the overall winners by a large margin. Miss Jackson, Subject Leader for English, was extremely proud especially as we had the top 3 performing students in the city as well as being overall champions. Well done to everyone who took part. We are Trentham GCSE pod is a great revision tool and well worth ensuring your child uses this over the coming weeks and months <https://www.trenthamacademy.co.uk/staff-student-resources/learning-resources/>

There are a variety of other resources to support revision techniques using this link <https://www.trenthamacademy.co.uk/staff-student-resources/learning-resources/>

Please take time to familiarize yourself with this information to be best placed to support your child over this academic year.

## Finally

I wish you all a lovely weekend and warmest wishes for your continued wellbeing.

Yours sincerely

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