

TRENTHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The new school year is now in full swing and the students have returned very focussed on being the best that they can be. Thank you for your support in ensuring that they look smart and are adhering to uniform guidelines. We would like to draw your attention to the following:

Progress 8

The Department for Education have produced a useful film clip to explain the new Progress 8 measure. It's a very clear explanation, which many parents and carers might find useful. It can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IAEgFMSGDY>

Lockdown

The school has produced a lockdown procedure, to be followed in the event of a serious incident. We know that such incidents are very rare, but unfortunately they still happen. For example, in the last academic year, a school in the city had to go into lockdown when there was an armed siege in a nearby road.

We will be explaining the procedure to students over the coming week and will then carry out a drill. Once this is completed, the procedure will be refined and key points shared with parents/carers.

Please reassure your child that there is nothing to be worried about; it's all just part of our wider work to safeguard students and staff.





Communication with School Staff

Staff at Trentham High School are committed to supporting the academic progress and social and personal wellbeing of all of our students. Wherever possible, we make ourselves available to listen to concerns and to provide help and support. However, it needs to be recognised that there must be boundaries to when and how communication takes place, especially outside normal school hours.

- Staff will only communicate electronically with students and parents using the school email system and Firefly. Occasionally social media groups will be set up for specific projects. These groups will always be regulated and approved by the school.
- Emails sent to staff outside school hours may not be read or responded to until the next school day. This is especially the case at weekends and during school holidays. If students need support/advice outside school hours, it may be more effective to speak to parents and/or the agencies listed in the 'Who Can Help Me?' page on Firefly.
- Staff are advised to keep their use of social media private. On occasion, students find out the details of staff social media accounts and attempt to make contact. Even if this is done for innocent reasons, it is not acceptable; staff have the right to a private life and students who are felt to be harassing staff in this way will receive appropriate sanctions in school.

School staff continue to work long after the school day ends, including throughout weekends and holidays; they may respond to messages during these times. This policy is in place to remind students and parents that school staff have a right to a private life and will make professional judgements about when and how to communicate.

Keele University Survey - Win £200!

Researchers at Keele University are conducting some research to find out what parents who have sons aged 11-18 years old know about HPV, how they feel about the HPV vaccination and whether they would want their son to have it if it was available to boys. We want to use this information to help inform future healthcare decisions and health literacy materials.



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If you are the parent of a son aged 11-18 years we would be grateful if you would complete this online survey: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NSKA6/>

To say thank you for your time, you will have the opportunity to be entered into a £200 prize draw. If you have any questions about this survey please email Dr Sue Sherman (s.m.sherman@keele.ac.uk).

If you would like to discuss any of this further, please contact me at school.

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