

# TRENTHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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Summer Newsletter 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

## End of term - summer 2016

The summer term will finish for students at 1pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. On this day students can wear their own clothes, preferably in house colours. They will be participating in a range of challenges which will contribute to the final house trophy for the year. Some of these challenges are physical so shoes need to be flat, ideally trainers, no crop tops and short skirts or shorts.

## Student emails

During the summer holidays we will be changing the students email addresses from "studentsusername"@[sgfl.org.uk](mailto:studentsusername@sgfl.org.uk) to "studentsusername"@[trenthamacademy.co.uk](mailto:studentsusername@trenthamacademy.co.uk). With this change, students will need to save any data from their emails that they will need for the next year from their current email addresses. The change will be made on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August and from that point on students will no longer be able to access the sgfl email address.

## School website

From September 5<sup>th</sup> the school will be [www.trenthamacademy.co.uk](http://www.trenthamacademy.co.uk)

## School Gateway

I'm pleased to advise that we've introduced another new service to the 'School Gateway'. We have now launched the Dinner Money option which means that you will also be able to view school meal balances and top them up with a weekly fixed amount to cover the week's meals. What you need to do now is download the app: If you have a smartphone, please download the School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS you can send app messages to the school for FREE - this will also save the school money when we send text messages. More information to follow with instructions of how to top up your child's account and view their purchases.



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Students in years 7-9 will also be studying a new course on Food and Nutrition. To make this more cost effective and convenient for both parents and the school we are asking for a £10.00 annual contribution towards ingredients. This can also be paid via the School Gateway (payment window will open Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September). This will cover between 7-8 practical's and students will be able to either 'eat' or take home their individual portion. Any financial concerns please contact the main office.

You can now also give your consent for trips online, saving you the need to fill out permission slips and write notes into school about trips. When a trip is due you will be sent a text or an email to let you know that you need to log in to the school gateway and give your consent, it's as easy as that.

## Times of the School Day - Wednesdays

From September the school day, for students, on a **Wednesday** will finish at 2.30pm. This is to allow time for staff to participate in training. Any students who wish to remain in school until 3pm will be able to do so by attending the Homework club, which runs from Monday to Thursday after school. On a Wednesday period 1 will start at 8.40am.

## School Uniform

All details of the school uniform are on the website. No nail varnish, make-up or extremes of hair colour or style are permitted. Trousers should not be too tight or too short. Please check the website or contact the school directly if you are unsure of any details. We pride ourselves that students attending the school always look smart and we would ask for your continued support with this.

Can we also remind parents to label all of their child's uniform, p.e kit and coats due to the amount of lost property that we receive in the office.

## Students on the school site

For safety reasons we request that students do not arrive on the school site before 8am and that they leave by 5pm, unless special permission has been requested and agreed.

We wish you all a peaceful summer. All students return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.



Sadly, there are many children who are living in homes where there is too much going on for a young child to understand – depression, poverty, post-natal illness, bereavement, loneliness etc.

We need volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to help us meet the increasing demand for our service across Stoke-on-Trent. The only requirement is that you have parenting experience, are non-judgemental and a few hours per week to spare. Full training, expenses and support is given.

**Our next volunteer training course starts on 20 September, 9:30am-12:30pm  
at The Dudson Centre in Hanley.**

**If you think you may be interested, please contact us on:  
01782 683810 or [info@cafstaffordshire.org.uk](mailto:info@cafstaffordshire.org.uk)**

