



TRENTHAM TALKS



NEWSLETTER

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TALENT (PTA)



Our new Parent teacher group TALENT will be running a competition for students to design their new LOGO...
 The aim of the group is to raise funds and support the school to improve the facilities/impressions of the school. The deadline for entries would need to be prior to 8th March as there will be a meeting on that day to judge and choose the logo.



Please submit your designs with your name to Miss Morrey in the art room by Friday 23rd Feb

Maths Challenge 1st Feb

The UKMT Individual Maths Challenges are lively, intriguing multiple choice question papers, which are designed to stimulate interest in Maths in large numbers of pupils. The three levels cover the secondary school range 11-18 and together they attract over 600,000 entries from over 4,000 schools and colleges.

The intermediate paper was taken by **10x1** and **9x1** Maths groups on 1st February. They papers contain 25 multiple choice questions. Of these, the first 15 are more accessible whilst the final 10 will provide more food for thought. Gold, silver and bronze certificates are awarded to 40% of participants nationally in the Junior and Intermediate Challenges. The most successful participants at each level are invited to enter follow-on rounds; Kangaroos (multiple choice questions) or Olympiads requiring full written answers.

Why don't you have a go below?

Each of the diagrams below shows a circle and four small squares. In each case, the centre of the circle is the point where all four squares meet.

In one of the diagrams, exactly one third of the circle is shaded. Which one?



House Reading Challenge

Huge congratulations to our newest millionaires: Sophie Lees, Iwan Harvey and Jude Fraser, joining Michael Ludford, Emily Guest, Adam Williams, Hannah Pirie and Ajay Bansal.

House Competition - Words read this term with total for the year in brackets

Mrs Cooper's Centaurs have reclaimed the lead, but Griffin and Phoenix are very close behind.

Centaur 3,194,313 (15,646,744)
Dragon 2,219,774 (6,027,090)
Griffin 2,959,893 (11,587,474)
Phoenix 2,704,975 (7,186,321)
Salamander 1,712,735 (9,070,379)

House leaders for word count this term:

Centaur Charlotte Davies
Dragon Lucas Pancheri
Griffin Gabriela Tunstall
Phoenix Jude Fraser
Salamander Anise McCausland

County Cross Country Championships

On Saturday 3rd February, the County Cross Country Championships were held at Rodbaston College. Trentham Academy had a total of 12 athletes competing at the event which was a fantastic achievement! Conditions at Rodbaston College were very wet and heavy for the runners with patches of ice covering the course. All the athletes did exceptionally well on the day and can be proud of their achievements. Highlights of the day consisted of Olivia Ball – Year 9 – coming 8th and Harrison Lee – Year 11 – who came 7th. These two athletes have now been selected to run at the English Schools' Championships which is being held in Leeds on Saturday 17th March. We wish them every success.



Olivia Ball – year 9 – and Harrison Lee – year 11 – who have both qualified for the English Schools Cross Country Championships.

The athletes who competed on the day were:



Year 7 – Isaac Galloway, Matthew Skelton, Tom Bryan, Hayden Cordall, Samson Shute and Harry Clewlow.

Year 9 – Corey Churchill – Apologies, no picture taken.

Year 10 – Tom Robinson, Callum Lowe and Cameron Turner – pictured





Year 7 Netball Finalists

On Thursday 8th February the year 7 girls' netball team played at the City Competition which was held at Fenton Manor Sports Complex.

With 13 schools in attendance, a tough evening of fixtures lay ahead of the young team. A good set of results meant that Trentham reached the semi-final stage and a game against Blythe Bridge High School. In a keenly contested game Trentham Academy won by 1 – 0. The final against St. Joseph's College was another close affair with Trentham being pipped by 3 – 0. Once again Mrs Shaw was very pleased and impressed with the attitude and efforts of the team. Well done girls!

County Rugby Honours



Congratulations to Caleb Galloway who has been selected for the Under 15's County Rugby Squad. We wish him every success with the future training sessions and games he will be playing. Well done Caleb.

Unified Football



As a reward for their endeavours with the Unified Football programme, several of our Trentham Academy students were guests of honour at the recent Stoke v Huddersfield Premier League game. Mrs Lightfoot – School Games Organiser and Miss Jackson – Trentham Academy Head of Physical Education, accompanied the students on the day. The students (pictured below) who attended were Curtis Aldridge, Jodie James, Alfie Smith, Josh Mood and Nathan Rushton. All the students had fun and enjoyed the 2-0 win. Many thanks to Mrs Lightfoot for the information and organising the day.



Stars of the week

Centaur (Collaboration) Caitlin Tudor for giving her form an interesting fact every day and making a form poster for rewards and rules.

Dragon (Optimism) Davina Botham for achieving consistently high A2L.

Griffin (Optimism) Gabriela Tunstall for the number of books read on accelerated reader.

Phoenix (Optimism) Antenhe Ayele has achieved a Grade 8 in Mathematics, this is a fantastic achievement showing his hard work and positive Attitude to learning has had a big impact on his progress! He has been putting significant time into his studies outside of lessons and is determined to achieve highly in his GCSE results.

Salamander (Collaboration) Ava Griffiths for her help & support in form.

Good Eggs

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised by their teachers as being especially helpful in class.

Lucy	Dennis	Salamander	2
James	Bates	Salamander	1
Gabriella	Chapple	Salamander	1
Alex	Chatfield	Dragon	1
Corey	Churchill	Centaur	1
Charley	Greenhaf	Salamander	1
Ellie	Greenhaf	Salamander	1
Saul	Greensmith	Salamander	1
Haydn	Gwilliam	Salamander	1
Connie	Halket	Griffin	1
Hannah	Harvey	Phoenix	1
Marcus	Jennings	Centaur	1
Ella	Keen	Salamander	1
Samuel	Latham	Dragon	1
William	Riley	Dragon	1
Georgia	Wright	Salamander	1

Merits

Congratulations to Jake for being the top performer for Merits this week with 8 achieved. All students with 4 or more are listed below:

Jake	Wright	Centaur	8
Rosie	Gibbs	Phoenix	6
Ellie	Greenhaf	Salamander	6
Hannah	Harvey	Phoenix	6
Samuel	Hawkes	Griffin	6
Jaide	Lewis	Dragon	6

Summer	Palmer	Phoenix	6
Isabelle	Wood	Centaur	6
Chloe	Armstrong Simcock	Phoenix	5
Freya	Astbury	Griffin	5
William	Cooper	Griffin	5
Phoebe	Dawson	Phoenix	5
Tia	Firkins	Phoenix	5
Ellie	Freakley	Dragon	5
Charley	Greenhaf	Salamander	5
Melissa	Heath	Griffin	5
Alfie	Hopley	Salamander	5
Ellie	James	Centaur	5
Alexxia	Penk	Griffin	5
Danyal	Shah	Salamander	5
Gabriela	Tunstall	Griffin	5
Niamh	Washington	Phoenix	5
Adam	Williams	Griffin	5
Israr	Ahmed	Phoenix	4
Benjamin	Almond	Dragon	4
James	Bates	Salamander	4
Damien	Cotton	Phoenix	4
Charanjiv	Devgon	Dragon	4
Samuel	Finney	Dragon	4
Ethan	Firkins	Dragon	4
Jude	Fraser	Phoenix	4
Michael	Grindey	Centaur	4
Alfie	Grinnall	Phoenix	4
Connie	Halket	Griffin	4
Kitty	Halket	Griffin	4

Poppy	Harding	Centaur	4
Georgia	Harrison	Dragon	4
Ben	Hingley	Phoenix	4
Ella	Keen	Salamander	4
Samuel	Latham	Dragon	4
Cassie	Lawrence	Centaur	4
Jake	Lovatt	Phoenix	4
Bradley	Mahon	Phoenix	4
Harry	Martin	Griffin	4
Declan	Matthews	Dragon	4
Anise	McCausland	Salamander	4
Harry	Montague	Griffin	4
Fatima	Nadir	Griffin	4
Harry	Oliver-Elson	Centaur	4
Caitlin	Redfern	Phoenix	4
Ruby	Riley	Salamander	4
William	Robinson	Salamander	4
Karamdeep	Sohal	Phoenix	4
Lucas	Staton	Centaur	4
Adele Marie	Stewart	Phoenix	4
Ashleigh	Vanderpuye	Dragon	4
Harry	Welsh	Centaur	4
Cara	Wilshaw	Griffin	4
Georgia	Wright	Salamander	4
Zain	Zahoor	Griffin	4

Theatre Trip Year 10



The Year 10 Performing Arts group were privileged enough to have an exhilarating behind the scenes tour of 'Jersey Boys' on Thursday 8th February at the Regent Theatre. The students thoroughly enjoyed meeting the production and technical team and gained a greater understanding of how musical productions are put together. They met costume designers, stage directors, actors, sound engineers and marketing managers before having the opportunity to watch the show live. Starting in New Jersey in the early sixties, 'Jersey Boys' tells the story of four ordinary boys who became a highly successful pop band and over the years had such hits like 'Big Girls Don't Cry' and 'Bye Bye Baby' as well as 'Sherry' and 'Can't take My Eyes off You'.

Mr Hall's Revision/ Learning tips

In the last newsletter, we discussed the first of six research based key principles for effective learning in school and at home. This first idea was 'Spaced Practice' where students need to revisit material at increasingly large intervals. This upturns the idea that revision is a condensed activity done once or twice before an assessment but instead should be done continuously throughout the school year, in short manageable chunks.

Proven to work revision tip 2: Retrieval Practice

A common misconception students have, is that to form stronger memories of content that they have covered, they need to just re-read notes or revision guides. This often can be interpreted as re-writing notes, highlighting pages (often until there is more highlighting than anything else!). In fact, to form strong memories we need to consider retrieving the memory as much as we consider covering content again. If you think of your long-term memory as an enormous library, it clearly isn't enough to just keep putting books away, you need to revisit them to know where they are.



Students:

- Try and recreate work covered in lesson from memory by noting down short key ideas with your book closed and then checking them for accuracy (mindmaps, notes, revision cards).
- Use flash cards, where you can turn them over and try and recall what is on the card, there are great iPad apps that do this for you.
- Use your iPad to find online quizzes that will test your recall.



Teachers:

- Teachers use recall questions in lesson and try and test key knowledge as well as more complex ideas. Topics and skills are often revisited and tested to link spaced practice with memory retrieval.
- Past papers and links to questions and mark schemes are placed on Firefly.

Parents:

- Challenge your child to revise more actively especially if you see them just revisiting material, writing notes and reading.
- Keep reassuring your child that it works because, naturally, you don't see success at first, it comes later after making mistakes – a growth mindset needs to be cultivated, where mistakes are seen as positive steps to success.
- Sit down with your child and help them work through past papers or simply quiz them every so often on topics you know they are looking over.



Headteacher's Notices

Polite request: If you are picking your child up from Trentham Academy after the school day, can you be mindful of residents and ensure you do not double park. We have had a number of complaints regarding this and are asking you to park where other cars can clear get by. Your support with this is very much appreciated.

We would like to raise funds for Trentham Academy, and have attached the link to our 'Goraise' page: <https://www.goraise.co.uk/talent/>. We would like you to register on this and when you do your online shopping, do it through this page. This will create income for the Academy, very much in the way that store loyalty cards work. It costs shoppers no extra, but will be extremely valuable for the Academy. Please also share with friends and relatives. You can also access this from the Academy website. Your support and encouragement with this is warmly welcomed.

Date for your diary: 27th April, Coffee Afternoon for parents to drop in and have a chat at 2pm. Please contact reception if you would like to book a place.

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We break up on Friday 16th Feb and Academy will reopen to students in Year 11 only on the 26th Feb for 9-12.30 (Academy INSET day) where Stoke Sixth Form College are coming in to deliver sessions in English, Maths and Science. The Academy will open to all students on Tuesday 27th Feb.

Best wishes

Mike Whittingham

Headteacher