



August 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians,

### **Start of Term at Trent College - Year 7**

I hope you are safe and well during these unusual times, and have been enjoying the summer holidays. As we look forward to the start of term at Trent College, I would like to take this opportunity to give you of some key information about our new pupils' first days.

#### **Plan for School Re-opening**

Please can I draw your attention to the email communication from the Head (sent on 18 August), giving you detailed whole school guidance for the re-opening of Trent College. Whilst we know this is not the start to secondary school that any of our pupils anticipated, the Year 7 team will be working hard to ensure a smooth and productive arrival for everyone, whilst remaining safe and meeting the expectations of Government guidelines. More specific information will also follow from our Directors of Sport, Drama and Music.

#### **Year 7 Pupils' Induction Day: Wednesday 02 September, Obolensky, 0830 - 1600**

Our planned Induction Day will proceed as scheduled. All Year 7 pupils will be required in School, wearing their Trent school uniform, for a special day before our older pupils return. Please note that our school buses will not operate on this day.

Pupils should be dropped off on the terrace and come into the Obolensky by 0830. Parents won't be able to come inside the Obolensky – if you walk your son or daughter from the car, you will need to wear a face covering (pupils are not required to wear face coverings). Pupils will be met by Lower School staff, who will take them over to the Swallow Building, which Year 7 will use as the base for their year group 'bubble'. Pupils will need to bring their school bag (containing pencil case and water bottle) and their sports bag (containing PE kit<sup>1</sup>). No sports *equipment* is required.

During the day, pupils will meet new friends, meet their tutors, find their way around the campus and be given their personal timetable and their Lower School Diary. At the end of the day, pupils will return to the Obolensky. We will ask them to look out for your car, and come out to meet you on the terrace, so that you do not need to come inside.

#### **First Day of Term: Thursday 03 September, Swallow Building, 0830 - 1600**

All pupils should arrive for the first day of term wearing school uniform and bringing their packed school bag. On arrival, they should go directly to the Swallow Building for registration at 0830.

The Trent campus will be very busy on the first day of term. If traveling by car, please drop your child off on Derby Road or on the terrace. Whilst the current guidelines are in place, we encourage you to remain in your car at pick up and drop off. If you need to leave your car, you will need to wear a face covering.

The school day will end at 1600, at which time pupils can be collected from the terrace or May Hall (after school activities will not run during the first week). Alternatively, supervision will be available until 1740 for any pupil who needs it (no advance booking needed).

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<sup>1</sup> **Boys:** Navy Polo Top, Shorts, ankle socks, trainers, PE Fleece or Tracksuit Top, Tracksuit Trousers / **Girls:** Red Polo Top, Skort, ankle socks, trainers, PE Fleece or Tracksuit Top, Tracksuit Trousers

The school buses will of course be running from this date (the service must be booked in advance via [www.trentcollege.vectare.co.uk](http://www.trentcollege.vectare.co.uk)). Pupils using the bus will be dropped off and picked up on the terrace and will need to wear a face covering whilst travelling.

Pupils will be see from their timetable which days they need their PE kit and Games kit. Girls will play hockey during Games lessons; boys will play a mixture of cricket and adapted rugby but cricket whites are not required at this time.

### **Year 7 Pupils' Outdoor Education Day**

Whilst guidelines allow for off site visits, Beaumanor Hall unfortunately remains closed. As such, we are postponing the planned Outdoor Education Day, and the subsequent family BBQ. Friday 11 September will be a normal school day, helping pupils to get used to a normal routine.

### **Year 7 Tutor Consultation Evening**

In late September, we will hold our first Parent-Tutor consultation evening. The date will be confirmed once we have returned to school. You will be able to book a timeslot with your child's Tutor, and discuss how they have settled into the first few weeks of life at Trent. Pupils are expected to attend this event with you.

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I hope you have had time to thoroughly review the Lower School Handbook. This is a useful point of reference for you. In particular, please note the sections about uniform and the required equipment, including the specified calculator.

Just prior to the start of term, if you are new to the Trent community, you will receive a personalised logon to the Parent Portal. Academic School Reports are published to the Portal, the whole School Calendar is available to view, and any Parentmail letters for each school year are uploaded on a Friday of each week. Timetables and Teaching Groups will also be available for our pupils in Trent College.

Should you have any questions or concerns over the coming months, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Tutor in the first instance. I look forward to seeing you very soon.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Guy Hope**  
**Head of Lower School**

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