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Dear Parents and Guardians

### **A warm welcome to your Trent Parents Association**

As new parents to the Trent College community we are delighted to extend a very warm welcome to you from all involved in the Trent Parents Association (TPA).

The main ambition of our TPA is to encourage good relations and friendships among current parents, staff and students at Trent College and to work together in the best interests of our children. We host social events for parents at the school, work towards improving the experience and opportunities for the students and contribute to local charities. The TPA is run by a committee who are all parent volunteers and Mr Hallows (Deputy Head, Pastoral) who actively contributes, attending each meeting, and being our link into the school. We have a number of parents with children across the school year groups and we are just like you, busy parents of teenagers. Not so long ago, we were new too.

#### **What does the TPA do?**

We make a difference for the benefit of our children, supporting the schools careers programme and widening the network of parents who contribute to the speakers programme. We have special recognition awards for students and competitions and regularly open the 'As New uniform Shop', which raises funds directly used to benefit our children. We support and encourage conversation with school and contribute in a positive manner to Trent's welcoming community.

The TPA also raise funds for charities at our events, recently raising £250 for The Kenya Schools Charity and £1,000 for the Caanan Trust from the ball. The 'As New uniform shop' raises charitable funds which directly benefit the students such as tents for the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and an official flag for the Combined Cadet Force (CCF).

We host many social events for parents - all parents are welcome to attend our events, we take great care to encourage new parents to join in and endeavour to put new parents with a welcoming group of people.

#### **Recent Events:**

- Quiz Night
- Rock on the Terrace
- Parents' Mindfulness Taster Session
- Burns Night

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### **Upcoming Events (dates tbc):**

- Michaelmas term: Quiz night
- Lent Term: Burns Night
- Trinity Term: Rock on the Terrace

Further events will be scheduled through the school year, follow us on Twitter for updates.

### **How can you get involved?**

There are lots of opportunities to get involved, big and small. Here are just a few ideas:

- Attending the TPA meetings
- Helping set up on the day of an event
- Designing a marketing poster for an upcoming social event
- Writing and scheduling tweets for us to inform parents of our activities
- Volunteering your time to speak to the students about your career path / current job
- Lending some time to volunteer in the As New Shop
- Supporting an event with a raffle prize
- Taking on a position on the TPA committee

We value everyone's time and support, and appreciate every parent's contribution.

### **Communication**

We will keep you up to date with our activities via:

- Twitter - @trentparentsTPA
- Parentmail letters from school (on the Parent Portal)
- Notice Board - in Obolensky Dining Hall

We would love to hear from you and are more than happy to be the contact for all new parents wanting information about the TPA and our activities. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or would like to have a chat about ways in which you can get involved in our wonderful school.

Yours sincerely

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