



TRENT COLLEGE  
AND  
THE ELMS



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**Welcome**



# Format for this evening

- Reminder of steps to date
- Next steps
- Scholarships in detail
- Q&A





## The Structure

Your Child's Journey  
through Trent: Three Tiers

The Sixth Form Y12 & Y13

Main School Y9, Y10 & Y11

Lower School Y7 & Y8

In Year 7 Pupils are split into five Tutor Groups, aligned to the five Houses. Tutor Rooms are located in the Lower School base, in the Swallow Building





# The Year 7 Team, September 2024

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## Journey from Year 6 to Year 7

- 95% of pupils transition from Year 6 to Year 7
- Carefully managed transition with detailed handover
- Lots of familiarity with the school campus
- Consistency in shape of the school day & term dates

### Already complete:

- ✓ Information Event on 22 February
- ✓ Assessments on 20 March
- ✓ 'Place reserved' letters 29 April
- ✓ Information Event on 18 Sep

### Next steps:

- Formal offer letters w/c 02 October
- Place acceptance deadline Wed 29 Nov
- Scholarship application deadline Wed 29 Nov
- Scholarship assessments in January
- Scholarship decisions confirmed on 31 Jan
- Language selection for Year 7 in May
- Handbook and start of school paperwork in June



# Elms to Trent Transition Activities 2023-24

**A variety of class visits will be arranged during Year 6.**

- Subject lessons at Trent
- Trent staff visits to The Elms
- Hot chocolate and chat with Year 7 pupils
- Year 6 to 7 postcards and letters
- Detailed staff handover meetings
- Transition Day (28 June 2024)
- Induction Day (September 2024)



## Scholarships

Scholars maintain an excellent performance in their field and in their studies, leading by example in order to inspire and motivate others.

Assessments take place in January 2024, with advance support provided by staff at The Elms



# Academic Scholarship

## Assessment

Interviews & Entrance Exams dates are TBC – will be within the school day.

## Preparation

Watch Newsround or read The Week – there will an interview question on a current topic.

Practise doing pieces of writing under timed conditions.

## Criteria

Excellent marks in the entrance exam demonstrate learning potential.

Want pupils to be aware of the habits of a good learner, and show how they put these into practice.

Look for students who are keen to extend and deepen their knowledge.





## Drama @RepDrama

**Director of Drama: Donnaleigh Ward**  
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Our mission is to make Drama accessible to all students.

We aim to deliver a broad range of productions that promotes creativity, experimentation, diversity and excellence.



- 3 shows per year: a main school show, a lower school show and a scholars' production.
- Regular trips to the theatre
- Workshops and masterclasses with industry professionals
- Tech Team
- LAMDA and Arts Award



# Drama Scholarship

## Assessment

2:15pm on Thursday 18  
January

Prepare a monologue in  
advance

one and a half hour  
group workshop

## Preparation

Prepare a monologue  
lasting no more than 2  
minutes. This will be  
delivered at the  
workshop.

Short questionnaire,  
outlining performance  
background, drama-  
related ambitions and  
experience.

## Criteria

Want pupils to  
demonstrate their ability  
to work in a group  
context.

Performance confidence  
and naturalistic style is  
important.

Look for their ability to  
develop an idea.



# Art

**Head of Art: Kate O'Hare**  
kate.ohare@trentcollege.net

All pupils will have Art lessons in Year 7 and Year 8.

It is accessible for all, and everyone can enjoy the wide range of topics.



Our best artists have the ability to depict accurate shapes and to shade, showing light and dark



# Art Scholarship

## Assessment

4:15pm on Thursday 25  
January

Submit a portfolio in  
advance

45 minute drawing test

## Preparation

Collate a portfolio that  
includes examples  
showing their own work

Must include series of  
five observational  
drawings the following:

- an apple
- a group of mushrooms
- an insect
- a knotted piece of plain fabric  
(a close up section)
- a group of sweets

## Criteria

Want pupils to  
demonstrate their  
enthusiasm for Art -  
examples of work done  
outside of school are  
highly encouraged.

We look carefully at the  
level of their drawing  
skill and their ability to  
depict accurate shapes  
and their ability to  
shade, showing light and  
dark.



# Sports @TrentSport

**Director of Sport: Richard Mahony**  
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## Our Vision

To have a relentless focus on the pursuit of excellence, absolute commitment to increasing participation and pushing Trent College to the forefront of regional and national competition.



**Participation**

**Progression**

**Performance**

“Hard work beats talent, if talent doesn’t work hard!”



# Sports Scholarship

## Assessment

9:00am to 12:00pm on  
Friday 12 January

Fitness test and  
participation in game  
activities in all  
performance sports

Boys: Rugby, Hockey,  
Cricket and Tennis

Girls: Hockey, Netball,  
Cricket and Tennis

## Preparation

Arrive prepared to listen  
carefully, try your best,  
play as part of a team  
and apply any coaching  
direction you are given.

Short questionnaire,  
outlining sporting  
background, ambitions  
and experience.

## Criteria

Children must excel in at  
least two of our  
performance sports, and  
be a competent  
performer in a third.

Exhibit the  
characteristics of our  
departmental values:  
Leadership, Honesty,  
Effort, Humility, Pride  
and Team Work.



## Music @Trent\_Music

**Director of Music: Nick Parrans-Smith**  
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Individual 1:1 lessons are complemented by a large and diverse range of ensembles. Performance opportunities vary in style and size, and are open to all.



Lessons are 30 minutes long, taught by specialist visiting music teachers, and timetabled on rotation throughout the school day.

Please also let us know if you're taking lessons outside of school – you can still join in with school performances.



# Music Scholarship

## Assessment

Individual audition times  
between 10:00am and  
4:00pm on Tuesday 23  
January

Play or sing two  
contrasting pieces of at  
least of Grade 4  
standard on the main  
instrument or voice

Sight-reading and aural  
tests

## Preparation

Practice playing or  
singing two contrasting  
pieces. Choose pieces  
you enjoy, and be  
prepared to explain why  
you like them.

Short questionnaire,  
outlining musical  
background, ambitions  
and experience.

**Note:** children do not need to have  
passed a Grade 4 exam, but must  
play a Grade 4 piece of music.

## Criteria

Want pupils to  
demonstrate their  
genuine passion for  
music.

Performance confidence  
is important.

Look for their potential  
to take a lead role in the  
department.





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personal  
organisation

lessons

## Q&A

Making  
friends

exams

navigating  
the campus

trips  
abroad