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Parents' Transition Information Evening

Year 7 Entry September 2025





Tonight's presentation

Aims

- To welcome parents and ensure you are equipped with information relating to start of term arrangements.
- Highlight lines of communication between the parents and the school.
- To provide a greater insight into the opportunities available at Trent.





Tonight's presentation

- Introductions
- Shape of the day
- LAMDA
- The Year 7 team
- Houses, Tutor Groups & Teaching Groups
- Transition and Start of term arrangements
- Dates for the diary
- Lower School Handbook
- Parent Communication
- Trent Parents' Association
- Co-curricular activities
- Drama / Music / Sport at Trent
- Top transition tips
- Q&A





Introductions

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| • Head | Mr Bill Penty |
| • Deputy Head | Mr Darren Brumby |
| • Head of Lower School | Mr Stephen Wood |
| • Joint Head of Year 7 | Mrs Pip Sala-Scott |
| • Joint Head of Year 7 | Miss Alex Lodge |
| • Assistant Head of Year 7 | Mrs Laurian Blackwell |
| • Director of Drama | Mrs Donnaleigh Ward |
| • Director of Music | Mr Nick Parrans-Smith |
| • Director of Sport | Mr Mark Powell |
| • LAMDA Coordinator | Mrs Emily Berryman |
| • School Database Administrator | Mrs Phaedra Stentiford |



SHAPE OF THE DAY

- **0745: Boarders' Breakfast**
- **0830: Day pupils arrive – registration with tutors**
- **1615: Activities and supervised prep**
- **1740: Buses depart / boarders' tea**
- **1830: Boarders' prep**
- **Evening: Boarders' activities**

0830 – 0915	Period 1
0920 – 1020	Period 2
1020 – 1045	Break
1045 – 1145	Period 3
1150 – 1250	Period 4
1250 – 1400	Lunch
1400 – 1500	Period 5
1505 – 1605	Period 6



"Period 1"

	Mon		Tue		Wed	Thu		
	0830 – 0850	0855 - 0915	0830 – 0850	0855 - 0915	0830 – 0915	0830 – 0850	0855 - 0915	
Y7	Tutor	Assembly (Tier or YG)	Tutor	Chapel	PSHE	Tutor		
Y8	Tutor		Tutor		PSHE	Tutor		
Y9	Tutor	Chapel	Tutor	Assembly (Tier or YG)	PSHE	Tutor		
Y10	Tutor		Tutor		PSHE	Tutor		
Y11	Tutor		Tutor		PSHE	Tutor	Chapel	
Y12	Tutor	Assembly (Tier or YG)	Tutor		PSHE	Tutor		
Y13	Tutor		Tutor		PSHE	Tutor		



GAMES

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	Pastoral	Pastoral	PSHE	Pastoral	
2					
3					
4	Y11Games	Y12/13 Games		Y10 Games	
5	Y10 Games	Y9 Games	Y7/8 Games	Y11/12/13 Games	
6					



Saturdays – what will be happening?

- ✓ Sports fixtures (note: pupil selection for sport fixtures will take priority unless negotiated otherwise on a case-by-case basis).
- ✓ Public exam-targeted specific activities (language oral practice; NEA completion; practical coursework completion).
- ✓ Rehearsal time for major music and drama productions.
- ✓ Boarders' activities (either evening or whole day).
- ✓ Weekend adventurous activities (such as DoE expeditions etc.)



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At Trent College



The Year 7 Team



Mr Stephen Wood
Head of Lower School



Mrs Philippa Sala-Scott
Joint Head of Year 7



Miss Alex Lodge
Joint Head of Year 7



Mrs Laurian Blackwell
Asst Head of Year 7



Mrs Sharon Moulds
School Secretary



House Tutor Groups & Teaching Groups



Cavendish



Hanbury



Kemp



Owen



Wright

Tutor & House Groups x 5

- Meet every morning
- Pastoral & academic care
- Earn merits
- Participate in competitions

Teaching Groups x 4

- Follow timetabled lessons in group
- Pupils will be streamed in Maths part way through the first term
- PSHE is done in Tutor Groups
- PE lessons are taken in female/male groups



Transition Day – Friday 27th June

- Arrival at **8:30am** in the Obolensky.
- Casual clothes and trainers. Bring a small bag with water bottle.
- A fun day of meeting new friends and getting orientated.
- Introduction to Year 7 staff and some teachers.
- Lunch in the dining room.
 - Children with allergies / dietary requests should head for the '**Allergy Counter**'
- Receive the 'Summer Reading Mission' from Miss Scothern.
- External children – collected from the Obolensky at **3:00pm**.
- Elms children – collected from the Obolensky at **3:40pm** or escorted to The Elms at **3:45pm**.



Induction Day – Friday 29th August

- Arrival at **8:30am** in the Obolensky (*no school bus service today*)
- Pupils will need to arrive in **school uniform**, bring a well-stocked **pencil case**, and have their **PE kit and trainers** in a sports bag with a combination padlock.
 - **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 or Leggings
- Pupils will take part in a treasure hunt, spend time with their tutors exploring their Pupil Books, get familiar with the bag drop areas and changing facilities, go through their timetable, log onto the schools IT system.
- Pick up **4:00pm** at the Obolensky



Further dates for the diary

- Monday 1st September:
First day of School – School buses will be running. Must be booked online <https://smc.skills.co.uk/>
- Friday 12th September:
Pupil visit to Go Ape followed by Head's BBQ

Later in September:

- Parents' Academic Workshop
- Parent / Tutor Consultation Evening



Reminders over the summer

Key information and links are all available on:

<https://www.trentschools.net/admissions/transition-to-year-7-in-2025>

This page will remain live until September



Lower School Handbook – a few points of note

- There will sometimes be sports fixtures or other commitments for Lower School on **Saturdays**. Please check the school calendar for these dates. If selected for a sports fixture, pupils are expected to attend and to represent the school.
- Any pupil **absence** due to illness should be reported by 08:45 either by telephone 0115 849 4949 or email absence@trentcollege.net.
- In Lower School pupils will be expected to undertake **prep** in out-of-class time from Monday to Friday; it must always be the child's aim to produce high quality work.
- We expect our pupils to wear their **uniform** smartly both at school and on any visit away from school. Appointments for the school shop should be made ASAP.
 - In the interests of presenting a smart school image, community cohesion and consistency, pupils with unacceptable dress, facial hair or hairstyle may be sent home to resolve the issue.
- **Mobile phones** must be handed in at the start of the school day.



Parent Communication

Form Tutor is the first port of call

School Connect Website

- On-line parent resource
- Access school calendar, staff directory, pupil timetables and teaching sets, pupil school reports, all letters home, parent handbooks and copies of school presentations
- Direct links to Sports Fixtures and the Parents' Evening Booking System
- Website will configure to the device you are accessing it on

Channels of Communication

- **Weekly Parentmail** (letters to whole school or whole year groups)
- **Email** (letters to smaller groups e.g. from form tutors)
- **Text** (for more immediate announcements or reminders)
- **Social media** – Twitter & Facebook for daily news about life at the school. We encourage you to follow us.
 - <https://www.facebook.com/TrentCollege>
 - <https://x.com/TrentCollege>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/trentschools/>



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School Connect Parent Website

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Trent College Annual Spring Concert
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Trent Parents' Association



'The Parents Association exists to encourage good relations and friendships amongst current parents, staff and pupils at Trent College and to work together in the best interests of our children'



The TPA: Purpose and activity framework

Social & 'charitable' events calendar

Balls, Quiz's, Gatherings
and Seasonal events
throughout the year

**Rock on the
Terrace**

Making a difference for the benefit of our children

'As New' shop

Shop development

& competitions

Stretching our career
development programme
& widening the network
of parent business & skills
support (including work
experience)

Supporting speaker
programmes

Communication and school 'Brand Ambassadors'

Being a voice for parents on
subjects like school policy
changes

Supporting & encouraging
conversation through the
schools communication
channels

Helping to understand &
tackle broader topics in the
wider community

**BUT...we are a new committee formed in January 2025, we need help!
Our focus has been on two key areas...**



- **Chance for students to perform on stage**
- **A safe environment to enjoy live music**
- **Great social occasion**
- **A charitable fundraiser**



Save the date!
22nd May 2026



The Nearly New Shop



Located just off main
school drive
What3words:
comic.press.cans



You can also email us
[**trentnns@gmail.com**](mailto:trentnns@gmail.com)
Available items left in
drop-box for collection



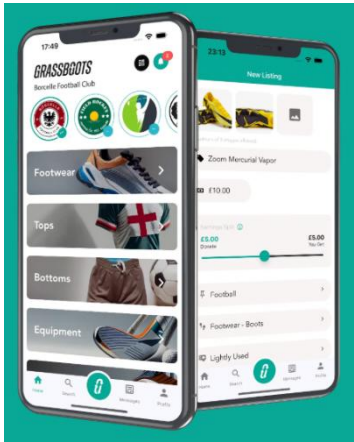
Opening hours:
Tuesdays 4pm-5pm
Saturdays 8am-9am

*During term time,
excluding exeat weekends*

Extra summer opening from: 11.00-12.00
On: Saturday 26th July, 9th August & 30th August



NEW! Online parent marketplace

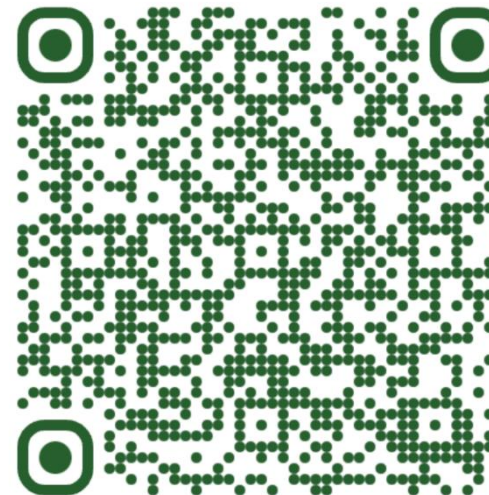


GRASSBOTS

Buy. Donate. Support.



- “A local vinted” – buy/sell directly with other parents (with *option* to donate to TPA!)
- The shop drop-box (and shop) can be used as convenient exchange points
- Download, and be sure to delete the national ‘community’ and add ‘Trent College Parents Association’





Want to know more?



- Look out for our newsletters on isams
- Obolensky noticeboard
- Get in touch with us:
trentparents@gmail.com
- Follow us on X: @TrentParentsTPA

**Please
join
us!**





Co-Curricular Education at Trent

Building Confidence, Courage and Self Esteem

What?

- Drama, Music and Sport
- Clubs and Enrichment
- House activities
- Supporting local, national and international charities
- Trips and Expeditions
- CCF (from Year 9) and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (from Year 10)

How?

- Pupils and parents will find out about the activities and how to sign up (online system called SOCS) in September
- All information will be available at the end of the first week of term
- Pupils will be encouraged to make their own choices
- Tutors will help to manage commitments



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When?

- 1605 Lessons end. Day pupils go home or have a short break. Boarders go to Boarding Houses.
- 1615 Registration for after school activities or supervised prep. All pupils still onsite must be in a supervised activity or in boarding.
- 1615-1725 After school activities or supervised prep.
- 1730 Day pupils are collected / leave campus / catch the bus.
- 1730 Boarders' supper.

Once activity registration has taken place, pupils are expected to stay until 1725.

Pupils in prep are permitted to leave earlier but must sign out with the member of staff on duty.

Director of Drama: Donnaleigh Ward
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TRENT REPERTORY COMPANY





Drama

Our mission is to provide a stimulating, collaborative learning environment for all students. We aim to deliver a broad range of productions that promotes creativity, experimentation, diversity, and excellence which is accessible to all students.

- 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



Social and Emotional Skills

- ✓ Increased confidence
- ✓ Improved communication
- ✓ Improved teamwork
- ✓ Broader emotional literacy – empathy and understanding of other people

Creative Skills

- ✓ Theatre and performance skills
- ✓ Backstage and Technical theatre skills
- ✓ Opportunities to work with theatre professionals
- ✓ Lifelong interest in the arts



Resilience:

- ✓ Improved commitment
- ✓ Pride in achievements
- ✓ New friendships with students in other year groups
- ✓ A sense of belonging

Renewed and Increased Ambition

- ✓ Increased understanding of professional roles, responsibilities and expectations
- ✓ Improved ability to set and achieve goals

Leadership Skills

- ✓ Confidence to lead others in activities
- ✓ Increased ability to be a positive influence on others



Music

Director of Music: Nick Parrans-Smith
nick.parrans-smith@trentcollege.net

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.



Sport

Director of Sport: Mark Powell

Mark.Powell@trentcollege.net

Our Vision

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



"Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better."

Participation

Progression

Performance

Our Philosophy



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Get Ready

Boys' Rugby
(Games): gum
shield, rugby boots,
games kit

Girls' Hockey
(Games): gum
shield, hockey
stick, games kit

Physical Education
– white socks,
trainers, PE kit



Keep up to Date

Website calendar
iSAMS Parent Portal
Text Messages
Noticeboards



Top Transition Tips



EXPLORE THE WEBSITE

Look at the past academic results, school life opportunities - art, music, sport and drama, GCSE curriculum options, pastoral care and calendar information to see what is going on.



TALK ABOUT IT

Actively discuss the exciting new opportunities the school will offer and talk through any issues or reservations your child may have.



HELP THEM GET INVOLVED

Encourage your child to join as many different groups/activities as they can and be open to try new things.



SUPPORT INDEPENDENCE

Practice with your child packing their own bag the night before and getting themselves up in time.



ASK FOR HELP

Email your child's tutor or Head of Year 7 at any time to ask advice, seek knowledge or get reassurance.



SPACE TO WORK

Create a dedicated work space at home where your child can do their homework in quiet conditions.



HELP THEM MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Talk about friends that your child has made and facilitate out of school contact if possible.



GO ONLINE

Watch our transition video to see what current Year 7 pupils think:
<https://youtu.be/VGv1de7J-CU>



HELP THEM TO BE POSITIVE

Talk about how they can make a good first impression as they last a long time.



BE PROACTIVE

Attend all information and parent consultation evenings to stay fully informed and feel part of your child's transition.

