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Parents' Transition Information Evening

Year 7 Entry September 2026





Tonight's presentation

Introduction

Shape of the day, Academic Provision, Saturdays

LAMDA

The team around your child

Transition and start of term

Lower School Handbook

Trent Parents Association

Parent Communication

Co-curricular activities

Drama, Music and Sport

Top Transition Tips and Q&A





Introductions

Head	Mr Bill Penty (Dr Leo Dudin)
Deputy Head Academic	Mr Darren Brumby
Deputy Head Pastoral	Mr Jeremy Hallows
Head of Lower School	Mr Stephen Wood
Head of Year 7	Mrs Rachael Dwight
Assistant Head of Year 7	Mr Chris Stanley
Director of Drama	Mrs Donnaleigh Ward
Director of Music	Mr Nick Parrans-Smith
Director of Sport	Mr Mark Powell
LAMDA Coordinator	Mrs Emily Berryman
MIS Administrator	Mrs Phaedra Stentiford



Shape of the Day



7:45

Boarders' Breakfast



8:00

Day pupils arrive



8:30

Registration with Tutors



16:05

End of the School Day



16:15

Activities and supervised prep



17:40

Buses depart / Boarders' tea



18:30

Boarders' prep



Evening

Boarders' activities

Time	Activity
08:30 – 09:15	Period 1
09:20 – 10:20	Period 2
10:20 – 10:45	<i>Break</i>
10:45 – 11:45	Period 3
11:50 – 12:50	Period 4
12:50 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Period 5
15:05 – 16:05	Period 6

Period 1 for Year 7

Monday – Tutor Time and Assembly

Tuesday – Tutor Time and Chapel

Wednesday – PSHE

Thursday – Tutor Time

Friday – Academic Lesson



Broad Academic Curriculum

Core subjects remain compulsory through to the end of the GCSE years:



English



Maths



Biology



Chemistry



Physics

Creative and humanities subjects are initially compulsory, but become optional as pupils progress through school:

- Art
- Business Studies **
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- Food & Nutrition
- Geography
- History
- Modern Languages ***
- Music
- PE **
- Psychology
- Religious Studies

** Available from Year 10

*** French or Spanish



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.)



Comprehensive Pupil Support

Multiple Locations across the campus



- ✓ Learning Support
 - ✓ Located in the Teaching Annex
 - ✓ Restructured dedicated support space
- ✓ Tier Group Hubs
 - ✓ Year 7 in the Swallow Building
- ✓ Pastoral Support Hub / Wellbeing Centre
 - ✓ Located in the Heart of the school
 - ✓ Pastoral support team base
- ✓ Pupil Services Reception
 - ✓ Located on the Main School Corridor
 - ✓ Pupils to sign in or out of school and for general pupil queries (contacting home during the day). Parents continue to use the main Reception as normal



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The Year 7 Team, September 2026

The team around your child...



Mr Stephen Wood
Head of Lower School



Mrs Rachel Dwight
Head of Year 7



Mr Chris Stanley
Assistant Head of Year 7



The Swallow Building
Lower School Base and Tutors



Wider School Team

Five Houses

Cavendish



Hanbury



Kemp



Owen



Wright



Three Tiers

Lower School Y7 & Y8

Main School Y9, Y10 & Y11

The Sixth Form Y12 & Y13

Support through every stage

Tutor
Head of Year
Assistant Head of Year
Head of Tier
Deputy Heads
Head

Academic
SEND
Welfare



House Tutor Groups & Teaching Groups

Five Houses

Earn merits
House Activities
Participate in competitions
Sports Day

Four Tutor Groups

Meet first thing Mon-Thu
Pastoral & academic care
Assembly / Chapel
PSHE

Four Teaching Groups

Follow timetabled lessons
Pupils will be streamed in Maths part way
through the first term
PE lessons are taken in female/male groups



Transition Day – Friday 26th June

A fun day of meeting new friends and getting orientated.
Introduction to Year 7 staff and some teachers.



Arrival 8:30am in the Obolensky



Casual clothes suitable for warm weather and trainers – Labelled Hats



Please apply suncream before arriving



Bring a small bag with water bottle



Lunch – Children with allergies head to the “Allergy Counter”



Summer reading mission from Mrs Scothern



3:00pm Collection from Obolensky

The Elms children in breakfast care will be collected from The Elms

The Elms children can be collected from the Obolensky up to **3:40pm** or we will take them to The Elms at **3:45pm**.



Induction Day – Wednesday 2nd September



Arrival **8:30am** in the Obolensky (no bus service)



School Uniform



Water bottle



Well stocked pencil case



PE Kit and trainers in sports bag with combination padlock



Lunch – Children with allergies head to the “Allergy Counter”



4:00pm Collection from Obolensky

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.

PE Kit

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



Further dates for the diary

- **Thursday 3rd September**
 - First Day of Term
 - School Buses will be running must be pre-booked on-line
<http://smc.skills.co.uk> Further information will be sent in August once the portal for the next academic year is ready
- **Friday 18th September**
 - Pupil team building activity day
 - Heads BBQ
- **Later in September**
 - Parent Academic Workshop
 - Parent Tutor Consultation Meetings



Lower School Handbook – a few points of note

Pupil absence due to illness

- Should be reported by 08:45 either by telephone 0115 849 4949 or email absence@trentcollege.net.

Fixtures

- 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.

Prep

- 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.

Uniform

- We expect our pupils to wear their **uniform** smartly both at school and on any visit away from school. In the interests of presenting a smart school image, community cohesion and consistency, pupils not meeting uniform standards may be sent home to resolve the issue.

Mobile phones

- Must be handed in at the start of the school day.



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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

Making a difference for the benefit of our children

'As New' shop
Supporting school charities
& expedition fund-raising
Special recognition awards
& 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 relatively new committee having formed 18 months ago and we need help! (Particularly in the areas of finance, marketing and design)
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!
28th May 2027



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



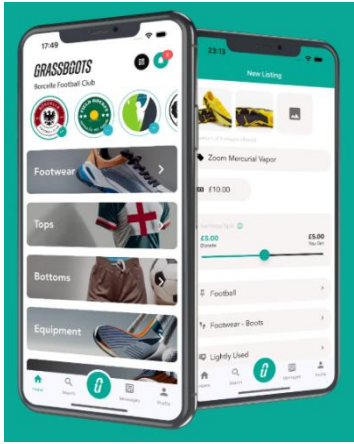
Opening hours:
Tuesdays 4pm-5pm
Saturdays 8am-9am

*During term time,
excluding exeat weekends*

Extra summer opening from: 9.00-12.00
On: Saturday 25th July, 22nd 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?



**Please
join
us!**



Notice Board in the
Obolensky



Newsletters on iSAMs



Get in touch with us:
trentparents@gmail.com



Follow us on X:
[@TrentParentsTPA](https://twitter.com/TrentParentsTPA)



Parent Communication

Form Tutor is your first port of call

- **Weekly Parentmail**
 - Weekly update on school activities
 - Letters to whole school or whole year groups
- **Emails**
 - Letters to smaller groups eg form tutors or fixture selection
- **Texts**
 - More immediate announcements or reminders
- **Social Media**
 - Instagram, Facebook and X 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/>

School Connect

- 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

Contact Details: Phaedra.Stentiford@trentcollege.net



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School Connect Parent Website

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[?](#) [Globe](#) [Settings](#) [TPA](#) Welcome, Trent Portal Admin



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WisePay

- Account Login for new parents issued just before the start of term
- Ability to link siblings to view under one account
- Pupil's fingerprint used to access funds
- Used to pay for the Tuck Shop and Lunches
- Flexible lunch choices – packed lunches or lunch provided by School
- Easy to monitor
- Also used for Trip payments, and coming soon - Seat and Event bookings for School events

[My Merged Accounts](#) [My Wise Account](#) [My Contact Information](#) [Change Password](#) [Log Out](#) [Help](#)

Meal Balance : 24th JUN 2026 10:30:14 **£ 44.10** [Top Up](#)

This is the latest balance provided to WisePay by the POS tills and does not include top-ups made after the time displayed above.



Download The New WisePay App

[View organisation code here](#)



Trip and Visit Payments



Food and Drink Payments



Music Payments



Seat and Event Bookings



Medical Centre

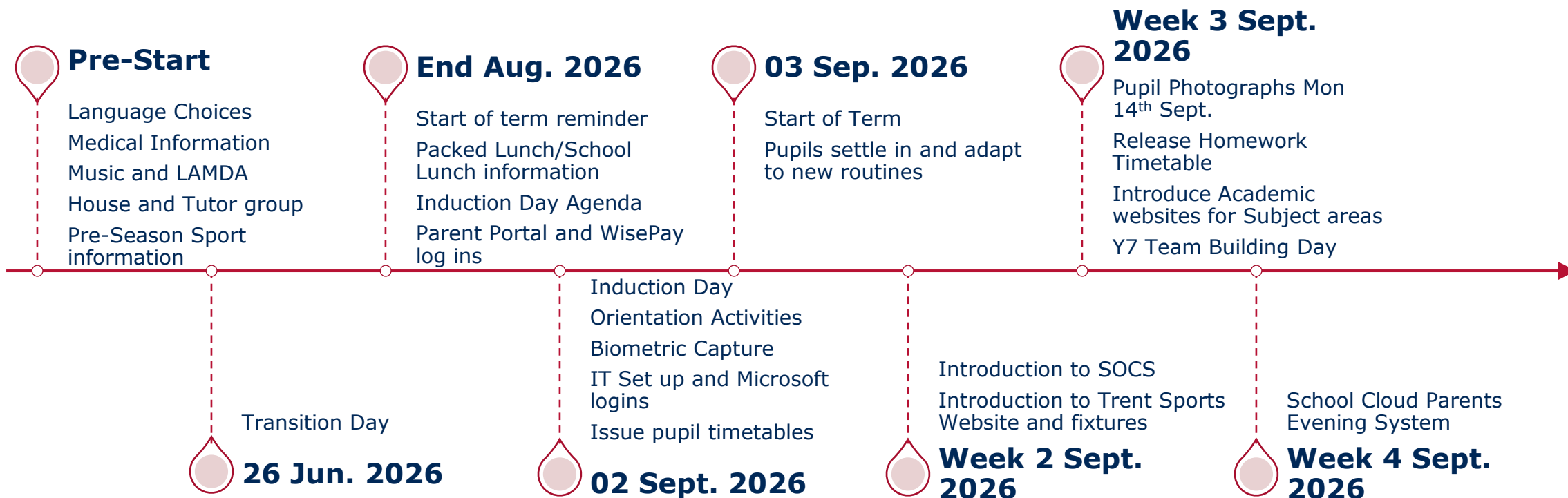
Lesley Curran the school nurse made the following requests:-

- ✓ Can all medical forms be completed ASAP, thanking those that have already done so.
- ✓ We only need the medical diet form completed and sent back if your child **HAS** a dietary need.
- ✓ Can an UpToDate allergy action plan be sent in for all children with AAIs by 1st sept.
- ✓ Can an Asthma Action Plan please be sent in for any child listed with asthma by 1st Sept.
- ✓ From Sept children with AAI will be required to carry 2 pens with them at all times, can parents please ensure that they have them with them before they leave for school and that they are in date.

Contact Details for any queries :- Medical.Centre@trentcollege.net



New Starter Communications





Co-Curricular Choices - Clubs

Building Confidence, Courage, Self Esteem and Leadership

Academic Support

- GCSE / A Level Support Clinics
- Junior Maths Support
- Biology CREST Award
- Prep by Year group
- Art Prep
- D&T Support Clinic

Enrichment

- Tycoon in Schools
- Junior Politics
- Science WOW
- History Movie Club
- MFL Film Club
- Cookery Club
- Military History Club
- Pride Youth Network
- Italian Club
- Cyber Challenge
- Trent Traders
- Coding Club
- Personal Finance
- Community Service
- Chess Club
- Board Games
- CCF

Music/Drama

- Ensembles
- Concert Orchestra
- Choir
- Hurricane Wind Band
- Flutez
- Jazz Band
- Rock & Pop
- Tech Team

Sport

- Rugby
- Netball
- Hockey
- Cricket
- Gym
- Weights
- Tennis
- Badminton

- Around 130 clubs, activities and prep sessions take place every week
- Details available on SOCS at the start of each term
- Pupils encouraged to make their own choices
- Tutors will help to manage commitments



Co-Curricular Choices - Trips



Independence



Self-Management



Social Development



Cultural and Personal Growth



Teamwork & Collaboration



Problem Solving



Resilience



Leadership

Some *examples* of our trips...

Junior Ski Trip – Years 5 to 10

Harry Potter Studios – Year 7

Barcelona Music Tour – Open to all musicians

Battlefields Trip to France – Years 7&8

Residential Edale Trip – Year 8

Tennis Tour to Portugal – Years 9&10

Religious Studies Trip to Amsterdam – Years 10 to 13

Geography Trip to Iceland – Years 12&13

Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions – Years 10 to 13

CCF Field Days – Year 10 to 13

Director of Drama: Donnaleigh Ward
donnaleigh.ward@trentcollege.net



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TRENT REPERTORY COMPANY





Drama

Our Vision

- 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.

The Opportunities

- 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 Lessons



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

Our Vision

- We aim to nurture a love of music in each pupil. Music can lead to new friends, offer a valued outlet for stress and provide a life-long hobby. As musical talent develops, pupils also refine transferable skills, such as concentration, perseverance and hard work, that can enhance performance in school and beyond.





Music

Lessons

- Individual 1:1 Lessons are 30 minutes long, taught by specialist visiting music teachers, and timetabled on rotation throughout the school day.

Ensembles

- The 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.

Outside of School

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





Sport

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.

Our Philosophy

Participation Progression Performance



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



Sport

Boys' Rugby (Games)

- gum shield, rugby boots, games kit

Girls' Hockey (Games):

- gum shield, hockey stick, games kit

Physical Education

- 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

Encourage them to look at the things they can get involved in



TALK ABOUT IT

Discuss the exciting new opportunities, talk through any reservations



HELP THEM GET INVOLVED

Encourage your child to join clubs and activities so they meet people and try new things



SUPPORT INDEPENDENCE

Help them practice packing their own bag the night before



SPACE TO WORK

Create a dedicated workspace at home so they can do their homework and organised themselves



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://www.trentschools.net/thriving-in-year-7>



HELP THEM TO BE POSITIVE

Talk about how they can make a good first impression



BE PROACTIVE

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



ASK FOR HELP

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



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



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Q&A