Trinity Academy Grammar
Term 1 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers,

We have made a great start back to life at TAG this term! I am really impressed by how well our new Y7 students have settled and they tell me frequently how much they are enjoying it.

Alongside this newsletter, you will also be receiving an update letter from Vice Principal, Mr Coulson ,about our pastoral care here at TAG, with some useful contact information and news. Below you will find some important messages around attendance, safeguarding and uniform, as well as the usual reminders of upcoming events.

Y11 students will begin their trial exams on their return, so all parents/carers of Y11, please encourage them to strike a good balance between revision and relaxation. It's important that they are as well prepared as they can be, both mentally and physically.

I would like to draw your attention to the next Principal's drop in on 10th November. More details around the theme of this and times, will come out closer to the time, but all are welcome.

Thank you as always for your continued support and commitment to your child's education.

I wish you and all students a well deserved rest!

Liz Fairhurst
Principal

Personal Development

This term has been an exciting one for Personal Development at Trinity Academy Grammar! Our KS4 Careers Fair gave students an opportunity to explore a range of future pathways, meet employers, colleges, universities and training providers to help them make informed decisions about their next steps.

We've also seen an incredible response to Student Leadership applications with a record number of students putting themselves forward to make a difference at TAG. Both KS3 and KS4 Student principals have been shortlisted and their pledges have been filmed ready for the whole school vote on Friday.

Year 9 have completed their first YOU Challenge which involved them delivering an assembly to another form showcasing confidence, teamwork and resilience!

We're also thrilled that a brand new cycle of Involve has started giving students the chance to explore new interests and develop new skills beyond the classroom. A fantastic start to the year and we are really looking forward to what Term 2 brings!

November Return Dates

Monday 3rd November - All students return

Friday 28th November - Academy Closed to Students

Friday 19th December - End of Term 2

Uniform

Our Uniform Store is available to support students with forgotten uniform items. These items must be returned at the end of the day. If you require any information around loaning items, please contact your child's Year Team. Whilst we do not sanction students for forgetting or losing items, sanctions are issued for non-returns or students who avoid loaning items upon arrival to the academy.

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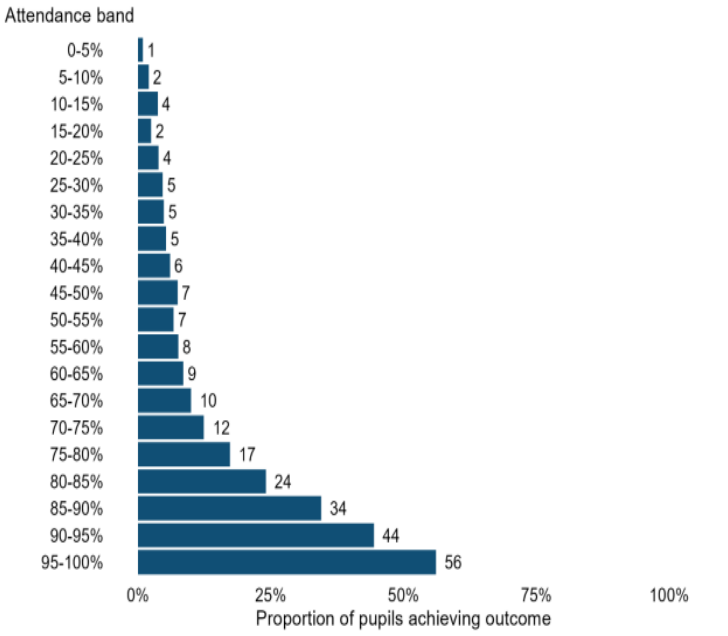
Figure 6 Proportion of pupils in each 5% attendance band for Year 11 achieving Grade 5 or above in English and Maths GCSE at the end of KS4



Attendance

The image to the left shows the impact of poor attendance on achievements. It is clear that the better a child's attendance to school, the better their academic success will be!

Reminders, Trips and Upcoming Events

Monday 3 November - All students return

3 - 21 November - Year 10 and 11 Trial Exams

Wednesday 5 November - KS4 Information Evening

Monday 10 November - Principal's Drop In

Wednesday 12 November - Year 7 Matilda Trip

Thursday 13 November - Y7 Settling In Evening

17 - 20 November - Y10 Battlefields Trip

Tuesday 25 November - Y7 Road Safety Assembly

Friday 18 November - INSET Day (closed to students)

Wednesday 3 December - C+K Careers Coffee Morning

Friday 12 December - Involve Cycle 1 Ends

15 - 16 December - Y11 Hospitality and Catering Practical

Friday 19 December - Y11 Curry Reward

Friday 19 December - Cultures Day

Friday 19 December - End of Term

Safeguarding Update

We occasionally see students arriving to school with energy drinks. It is important that parents are aware of the risks, and make sure their children know too, as they do present a concern.

High intake is linked to poor physical and mental health, including anxiety, depression, sleep problems, and heart issues, with some research suggesting links to increased self-harm and even suicide.

Health experts are clear that children do not need stimulants from energy drinks, although adults are often regular, habitual 'users'.

Associated Health Risks:

Mental Health: Energy drink consumption is linked to anxiety, depression, irritability, aggression and hyperactivity.

Physical Health: Risks include sleep disturbances, headaches, stomach aches, and increased heart rate and blood pressure. Regular use can also interfere with calcium absorption, potentially impacting bone development.

Behavioural Issues: Studies show a correlation between frequent energy drink use and increased risk of disruptive, dangerous and illegal behaviour.

Academic Performance: Research indicates a link between high energy drink consumption and poorer academic outcomes.

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