



TRNS NEWSLETTER

Term 6 : July 2024

End of Term Message



It gives me great pleasure to introduce our final summer newsletter of the year. We end on a real high this term with our Community Week that has been a huge success with our students. Having relaunched our values this year we have asked students to demonstrate these and some of their work has been truly remarkable. You are all aware of my 'connectedness' statement – I am proud to say that we have really achieved this! It leaves me to say a very big well done to all our students who have continued with excellent attendance this year and their commitment to learning. I am very proud of you all. Furthermore, I wish to express my gratitude to the staff members that go above and beyond everyday working hard to improve the life chances of our students in the world beyond our doors – our community if truly inspirational. Have a wonderful summer break.

Upcoming Events

Key Dates for Term 1

Monday 2nd September :

Year 12 Registration 2pm

Tuesday 3rd September :

Year 7 & 12 only start school 8:30am

Wednesday 4th September:

All year groups return to school 8:30am



Thursday 19th September :

Year 7 Meet the Tutor 5pm - 7pm

Thursday 26th September :

Open Evening 6pm - 8pm

Monday 30th September:

Performing Arts Showcase 6pm - 7pm

Tuesday 1st October - Thursday 3rd October

Open Morning 9:15am - 10:45am

Tuesday 8th October - Thursday 10th October

Open Morning 9:15am - 10:45am



Contact Us

To speak to a member of the Pastoral Team or the Head of Year please call the school and select option 2 and then select the option as shown below for your child's year group.

Year 7 - 1

Year 8 - 2

Year 9 - 3

Year 10 - 4

Year 11 - 5

Year 12/13 - 6

If you are unable to speak to them, please leave a message or email them and they will get back to you.



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New (Academic) Year, New Values

As a school we have been reflecting on our school values and whether they support our young people to reach their full potential beyond TRNS. Discussions took place with both staff and students, and we have decided that next year the values will be slightly amended. Our new school values that will take affect from September 2024:

Respectful Courageous
Kindness Responsible
Resilient Fairness

Rewards, Rewards, Rewards

This week at TRNS students have received their end of year reward trips based on their attendance and the number of achievement points they have accumulated throughout the year. The rewards were broken down into three tiered prizes:

Tier 1: Friday free lessons where students came off timetable, played games and ate ice cream and sweets

Tier 2: Film of choice with popcorn and drinks

Tier 3: Games lesson where students had the opportunity to play the PS4 and Nintendo switch against their peers.

All students thoroughly enjoyed the events and are looking forward to the new rewards system that is being introduced in the next academic year.



Anti Bullying Student Ambassadors Update

Student Anti Bullying Ambassadors have been working on their action plan for the next academic year. They have decided to focus on connectedness and working with the community by leading on a series of activities through the Autumn Term including:

- Visiting local primary schools to raise awareness about bullying
- Delivering anti bullying talks at parent's evenings and creating a parent's guide for how to spot bullying
- Creating a new anti-bullying area on the school website that will include resources that can be used for both students and parents
- Delivering lunchtime clubs so all students have a safe space to go if they want to speak to someone or get support for bullying in school

One ABA Student Ambassador will also be buddied up with each new year 7 form group, so they all have a go to person to support them with their first few weeks at The Robert Napier School.





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Year 8 GCSE Options

In the last few weeks our year 8 students have taken part in GCSE option taster week where they have been off timetable experiencing what different GCSE options are like, before attending options evening and finally making their choices. We have been very successful in being able to honour 97.3% of first choices, with the other 2.7% coming from students reserve choices, so every student is studying the range of courses they have elected for. We have been incredibly proud of our students through this process as they have shown great maturity both taking part in the taster week and considering their subject choices. A large number of our students have utilised our in-house careers sessions to gain ideas of what they might want to pursue as a career. This has helped our young people make informed choices for their GCSEs, that consider not only their passions and enjoyment, but their longer term future beyond school.

Bedrock

Students from Key Stage 3 have shone brightly as Bedrock Stars as their engagement with the literacy program goes from strength to strength. The students have become increasingly competitive as they tackle the essential grammar and vocabulary tasks with the added bonus of being awarded Bedrock

Perseverance points for our top scorers and those who show progression, as well as the fantastic prizes available through Bedrock itself.

A huge congratulations goes to Darasimi, Tireni and Roshana from Year 7; Leo and Patricia from Year 8; and Thomas from Year 9 for all achieving over 1000 Bedrock points this year! We must highlight one student though who has absolutely raised the bar for Bedrock achievements by earning 5800 points! A massive shoutout goes to Prates in Year 9 who has shown the most tremendous determination in his studies. Well done to you all.

The Bedrock Parents' Information Evening was well attended and provided a wealth of information on ways to support your child with completing the weekly 30 minutes of Bedrock homework. A recording of this event has been shared and a big thank you to all our families that are teaming up with us to get the best results for our students.



Year 7 and 8 – Reading Mentorship

Readers from years 7 and 8 have been attending weekly reading sessions since January, supported by the Junior Leadership Team. The idea of this was to promote reading for pleasure with the Sixth Formers acting as positive role models. The students involved in this programme have given overwhelmingly positive feedback and we look forward to expanding this to further students in the new academic year. We would like to say a huge thank you to the Junior Leadership Team for the amazing support they have given to the younger members of our community this year.



Reading Age Tests

Years 7-10 have been busy taking their end of year reading age tests to measure all of the amazing progress that has been made in their literacy levels this year. In addition to the reading age test, years 7-9 have also been diligently taking Schonell spelling age tests to ensure that staff have as much data as possible to support students in raising standards across the curriculum. Staff in all subject areas will use this data to plan lessons and interventions that are suitable for all students in our school community. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's literacy progress, please contact the year team in the first instance.



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Year 7 Transition

Thursday 4th July saw the annual transition day across Medway, in which our prospective year 6 students joined us for the day. The students were a real credit to themselves and their schools and had a fantastic day. The students met their new form tutors and experienced what life was like at TRNS. A few of the exciting activities that the students experienced were an investigation in to Jack the Ripper in History, identifying acids and alkalis in Science and creating model animals from icing in Design and Technology. At lunch time many of the students were able to experience some of the food on offer in our canteen with Spaghetti Bolognese and Garlic Bread which was a real hit! Finally to end the day all of the forms went head to head in a game of tug of war. This was a lovely way for the students to come together as their forms and work with the new form tutors. We look forward to meeting the new year 7's in September and being with them on their TRNS Journey.



Year 11 Prom

The annual Year 11 Prom was held at Rochester Exchange on Friday 28th June. It was an evening full of glitz and glamour and the perfect opportunity to celebrate the hard work and commitment of our Year 11's throughout their exams. We look forward to welcoming all of our Year 11's back into school on August 22nd to receive their results.





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Science Trips

This term Science have been busy taking trips to Port Lympne Wildlife Park where they took part in a 'habitat and adaptations' workshop to support their ecology topics in Biology, the Observatory Science Centre where the students enjoyed an activity park, a light workshop looking at the electromagnetic spectrum, a science show and time playing with the interactive science displays. The students also had a guided tour around two of the telescopes, one of which was used to map and photograph the moon to help NASA work out where to land the Apollo missions. Another telescope on the site discovered the first black hole. Students also attended a STEM taster day at University of Greenwich where they did a mixture of activities such as using the forensics lab to look at how evidence can be used to convict criminals, AI and machine learning, and learned about how buildings are made so that they are safe. All students behaved impeccably and were a real credit to the school and their families.



Congratulations to Year 13

We are thrilled to share a momentous occasion in the lives of our Year 13 students: the completion of their A Levels! This significant milestone marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. We have had 36 students complete year 13 with 14 courses on offer across their time at Sixth Form.

Completing A-Levels is no small feat. It requires an extraordinary amount of effort, time management, and determination. Our students have risen to the challenge with grace and grit. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the high standards they have set for themselves and their peers. As our Year 13 students transition to the next chapter of their lives, whether it be higher education, apprenticeships, or entering the workforce, we are confident they will carry the skills, knowledge, and values they have acquired with them.



A Reminder.....

A Level Results Day - 15th August

GCSE Results Day - 22nd August

New year 12 enrolment - 2nd September - from 2pm

New year 12 return to school- 3rd September -
8:30am

New year 13 return to school- 4th September -
8:30am



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Think Forward : DHL Business Mentoring



Our Year 10 Cohort concluded their Business Mentoring sessions with DHL this term with an amazing celebration session comprised of the young people and the volunteers from the business presenting to the group their experience and how they feel it has benefitted them.

While it is always inspiring hearing how the young people have progressed – it was particularly special to hear how the students helped the volunteers shift their opinions of young people, especially as this was also the feedback from the residents at the retirement village we went to back in December. Amazing work TRNS and ThinkForward students!

Citizenship School of the Year

The Citizenship department won an acclaimed award this term. We were awarded the OCR GCSE Citizenship School of the Year by the Association for Citizenship Teaching (ACT). This celebrates 15 years of specialist citizenship teaching. We are proud of all the students past and present as well as the teachers of Citizenship who made this possible.



Community School of the Year - Kent

We are delighted to announce that The Robert Napier School has been awarded in Corporate Vision's Education and Training Awards 2024 - winning 'Community School of the Year 2024 - Kent'.

We are on a long journey towards becoming the Community School of Choice and improving our community relations but are really proud of the steps we have made over the last academic year!

Well done to everyone involved at TRNS, staff, students, parents, governors!





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The last week of term has been Community Week. On the first day students were off timetable enjoying a range of community based activities including a school talent show, wellbeing activities, creating murals to celebrate our school values and students taking pride in our school environment. On the second day of community activities it was special to see the students smiling and having so much fun on the field at the tug of war, with the Royal Engineers and the Police. Thursday was Cultural Day and students enjoyed celebrating all things Afro-Caribbean. They attended lessons focusing on the theme of this area of the world, enjoyed delicious food at lunchtime and were spoilt with a fantastic performance of Afro-Caribbean dancing by some of our students. We hope to celebrate a range of cultures that our students are from over the course of the next year.



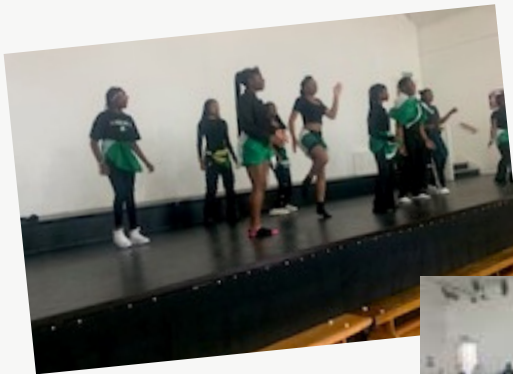
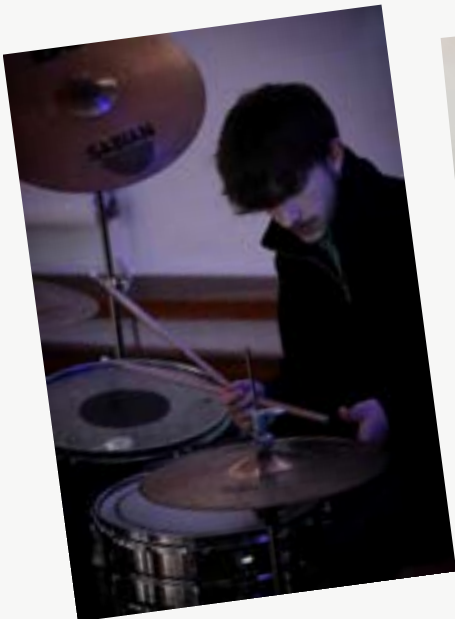
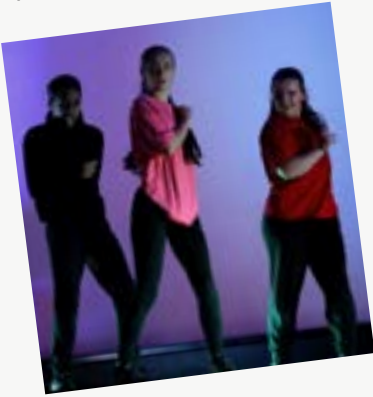


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Our Performing Arts Showcase was exceptional and we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a performance for families and friends - look out for more information in September.





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Our last day of Community Week saw all students on the field creating a TRNS logo. Look out for more pictures of this next term!



Have a wonderful Summer break!