

January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Students in classroom mentoring programme in conjunction with Nottingham Trent University**

As part of our work to ensure that all students make the best progress possible during their time at Heanor Gate Science College, we have teamed up with Nottingham Trent University to offer a mentoring programme for selected students in year 8 who we feel would benefit from some additional support and encouragement to help raise their aspirations and motivation to succeed. This programme is run and designed by Nottingham Trent University and involves students at the university coming into school to work with individual students. The mentors work on encouraging students to help themselves, equipping them with skills and boosting confidence to help them continue to develop once the scheme is over. They provide practical support, helping with revision techniques and exam skills, but also help to develop students' personal skills such as goal and target setting, boosting self-esteem and improving communication and coping strategies as they go through these crucial years. In addition to the face to face sessions students will have access to an e-mentoring programme which allows them to ask questions and access continuous support, as well as regular encouragement to students to achieve any weekly targets that have been agreed.

The programme runs from January to May during which time each mentor works with students on a one to one basis for one hour per week. The first session is an 'ice breaker' where students will meet with their mentor and start the programme. All mentors are fully trained and DBS checked by the university to enable them to work individually with students in school. There is no cost associated with this opportunity and is done during the normal school day.

Your child is someone we feel would really benefit from this opportunity and we would like them to participate in this programme. If you and your child would like to accept this placement, please complete, sign and return the slip below, along with the attached consent form, to Student Reception by **Thursday 12 January 2017**.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, either by telephone or email at [mtyler@heanorgate.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:mtyler@heanorgate.derbyshire.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely



**Matt Tyler**  
**Achievement Leader for Year 8**

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**Please return to Student Reception by Thursday 12 January 2017 – Nottingham Trent University Mentoring Programme**

Name of student ..... RG .....

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the above programme from January 2017 – May 2017 during the normal school day.

Signed ..... Date .....

(Parent/Carer)