

Be Your Best Self

April 2020



Dear Year 6,

I wanted to write to update you and your parents on where we are up to with your transition from primary school to Tadcaster Grammar School in September.

Arranging your classes ready for September

We have been able to speak to most of your current teachers to find out a bit about you as an individual including asking them who they think you would work best with in lessons. We are contacting the last few teachers next week. This year we have 262 students joining us from over 30 different primary schools. That is a lot of conversations for us to have!

We have also had responses from well over 200 of you, either via your 'Passports to TGS' or by using our special online form, about any friends you have joining Tadcaster this year. If you have not yet sent this information to us your parents can do so using the form <https://forms.gle/EJ1MsXhNbChFxYbw5>. To use this information we need it by Friday 8th May please.

We are now beginning the process of taking all this information from you and your teachers to construct the teaching groups for next year. Where possible we will try to put you with some people you already know in the majority of your lessons.

Frequently asked questions

We would normally now be visiting you in your primary schools to talk about transition and answer any questions that you may have about joining Tadcaster. Obviously we can't do that at the moment, but we have filmed a short video answering some of the questions we have been asked frequently over the last few years.

The link to the video is [here](#).

There will probably be questions that you have that we have not answered in the video. Ask your parents to send them to me at s.wren@tgs.starmat.uk with "FAQ year 6" in the title line and I will answer as many as I can in a follow up video.

If your parents have any questions then they can send me them at the same address with "FAQ year 6 parents" in the title line and I will answer them in a separate video or letter for them.

Competition Time!

We thought it might be fun to arrange a competition for Year 6 students to enter. We will pick some winners who will get prizes and House Points for their House when we start Year 7.

We would like you to do a self portrait.

It can be realistic or abstract.

Black and white or brightly coloured.

Drawn, painted, a collage made of scrap paper, constructed out of junk. Whatever!

Be as creative or traditional as you want!

Here are some examples, but please don't be restricted by these. If you have a great idea then go for it! All we ask is that you do not put your name on the front of the self portrait as that might influence the judges!



Once you have completed your self portrait - and before the deadline of 5pm on Friday 8th May - please ask your parents to take a photo of it and upload it to the website

<https://www.nomoremarking.com/cameraUpload/8348552c-9d77-4635-aca2-e999778eba1d>

using YOUR name for the entry.

This will allow Tadcaster Grammar School staff to view your self portraits and judge the winners anonymously. We are really looking forward to seeing your entries and will share details of the winners later in May.

I will write to you again in a few weeks, but in the meantime take care and make sure you are being helpful at home!

Best wishes

Mr S Wren
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