

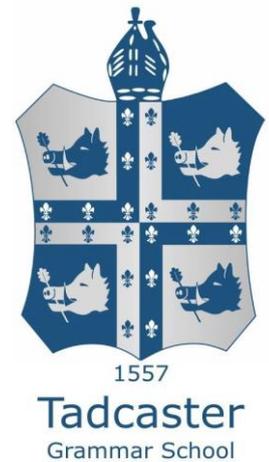
Be Your Best Self

June 2020

Dear Year 6,

I hope you and those around you are well and that you are being helpful at home. I know some of you are back in school at the moment and hope, whether at home or school, you are continuing to work hard.

I wanted to write and update you and your family on how things are progressing with arrangements for your move to Tadcaster Grammar School and some of the practical arrangements that we would normally talk to you and your parents about on the transition evening in July which isn't able to happen this year.



Videos

On your transition days you would have usually been involved in a wide range of activities some of which are designed to help you find your way around our school site. We are already planning to put some of these activities in place for your start in September but thought, in the meantime, some videos might help you get acquainted with the school site and have been busy making these the last few weeks. Go to the special transition website

<https://sites.google.com/tgs.starmat.uk/tgs-year-6-into-7-transition-f/home> to watch the videos and start to find your way around school.

We've also been busy recording more videos of people at school who you might want to hear from - some key staff in school and our Head Students. Please take the time to listen to what they have to tell you.

Classes for Year 7

We have now completed the task of placing you in teaching groups ready for September. We have listened carefully to your requests and the advice from your Year 6 teachers. You will be getting a personal letter in the next week telling you your house, your form and your main teaching group. You will also receive your Tadcaster Grammar School email address which we hope you will be able to use before the end of the school year.

Uniform

Chalk's uniform shop have supplied school uniforms to our families and have supported school with generous donations over many years. They have asked us to share their letter (attached at end of this update) with you about arrangements for purchasing school uniform from them ready for September. When you purchase your school uniform please make sure you know which House you are in as each House has a different tie!

Transport



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Some of you will get buses to school in September and it is important that your parents make arrangements with the appropriate bus company so they know how many students they will need to bring in each day. If you are going to be using a bus to get to school your parents will need to click <https://tgs.starmat.uk/parents/school-transport/> which will take them to a booklet telling them all about school buses, which companies run which routes and how to contact them. Should you have any questions please contact us on schooltransport@tgs.starmat.uk

Chromebooks

We still intend to launch our 'Chromebooks for Learning' scheme in September, and at present we are working with our partner suppliers to finalise pricing and availability. The current Year 7 and Year 8 students have been finding them invaluable whilst they have been out of school, and we hope to have more news shortly. In the meantime if you did not have chance to read Mr Dunphy's letter about our Chromebook launch you can do so <https://tgs.starmat.uk/parents/admission-and-transition/>

Residential

At this time we have made the decision not to pay a reservation deposit for the Year 7 residential as it is non refundable in case of cancellation. We have, however, advised PGL that we wish, subject to regulations in place at the time, to go ahead with our planned Year 7 residential on the set dates and they are going to 'keep them clear' until the situation becomes clearer.

Lockers

The company we use to supply lockers are currently evaluating where best to place lockers in school for September. Obviously this is made more difficult by current restrictions but they advise us that they expect to be able to open their site for reservations in the next week or so.
<https://www.locker.rentals/frontend/schooltermbased>

Information evening

We would usually have hosted all 262 Year 6 students and their families for an information evening on 2nd July. We are putting together a video containing some of the presentations we would have given but if there are any topics you would like us to cover then please send these in an email to s.wren@tgs.starmat.uk

And finally

A reminder that if you have any questions about the school or transition please send them to s.wren@tgs.starmat.uk with "FAQ year 6" in the subject line.

Best wishes
Mr S Wren
Assistant Headteacher

Chalks' School Shop Update

Hello from the Team at Chalks' School Shop,

We just wanted you to know we are still here for all our loyal customers and are working behind the scenes to ensure we have the correct procedures in place for when we can reopen the school shop safely. As we all know we are in uncertain times at the moment, so none of us know quite when that will be and our main priority will be to keep customers and staff safe. With this in mind we will be operating an appointment only system.

We are also looking at using other venues in school or in Tadcaster as temporary shops or pick up points, where a parent and a child can purchase or collect uniform. We would encourage parents to make appointments early; these can be done by contacting us on the numbers below. We know times are difficult for many and we are more than happy to put the uniform aside for you until nearer the time and when students return to school.

I would also like to mention our Uniform Upcycling Scheme that we hope will run from The Barn in Tadcaster. If you are struggling to purchase uniform or you have nearly new or unused uniform items you could donate to the scheme, we would love to hear from you. Any items can be left at the school shop or The Barn, when they reopen. I am sure this scheme will help parents in these difficult times we are experiencing at the moment. More information on this scheme will follow in due course.

Finally if you have any concerns or questions about using the shop please contact us. We will endeavour to work with you and I am sure any issues can be resolved. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

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Kind regards and stay safe,
Pam Chalk