



Virtual Open Evening FAQ

Our live open evening is not only an opportunity to meet students and staff and to look round our buildings and beautiful site, it is a chance to ask all those important questions you might have about Tadcaster Grammar School.

This page will signpost you to the answers to our most frequently asked questions at open evening or to a member of staff you could contact for more information.

“What provision do you make to ensure a smooth transition from primary school to TGS?”

<https://tgs.starmat.uk/prospectus/settling-in-at-school/>

“How do we apply for a place at TGS”

<https://tgs.starmat.uk/parents/admission-and-transition/>

“How do we organise bus transport to TGS?”

<https://tgs.starmat.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Home-to-School-TransportNOV2019.pdf>

“Could you explain the difference between your tutor group and house systems?”

Students are placed in tutor groups with students from the same year group. In each year there are two tutor groups for each house. So for example 7C1 and 7C2 are the two Calcaria tutor groups in year 7. Each house has a House Champion, a member of staff responsible for engendering a team spirit across all the year groups within the house through competitions and fun activities.

“Where does my child go for additional support and guidance?”

Your child’s tutor would be the first port of call for students who have worries or require some additional support. Each year group is also supported by their own Pastoral Leader who is a member of non-teaching staff dedicated to supporting the wellbeing of our students.

“My child has additional needs. Who should I contact to discuss this?”

Please contact Mrs Banner from the Learning Support Team who would be very happy to answer any queries d.banner@tgs.starmat.uk

“What is your curriculum offer at KS3, GCSE and A level?”

<https://tgs.starmat.uk/curriculum-overview/>
<https://tgs.starmat.uk/curriculum-overview/key-stage-4-information/>

“What opportunities do you provide for students to learn beyond the classroom (extra-curricular activities)?”

<https://tgs.starmat.uk/prospectus/learning-beyond-the-classroom/>
<https://tgs.starmat.uk/parents/school-visits/>

“Which subjects do you set (stream) in in Year 7?”

Apart from Mathematics, where broad setting takes place and PE where some students are grouped based upon their ability within specific disciplines, all other subjects are taught in mixed ability teaching groups in Year 7. We believe that this structure eases the transition from Key Stage 2 and reflects our ethos and values.

Please follow this link to our curriculum overview pages for details of other year groups

<https://tgs.starmat.uk/curriculum-overview/>

“Where can I find information about progress and school results?”

<https://tgs.starmat.uk/school-information/examination-results/>

“Could you tell me about the chrome book for learning scheme?”

<https://tgs.starmat.uk/parents/chromebooks-for-learning-scheme/>

“I’ve heard that students use their fingerprint to pay for lunch. Is this safe and how do we top up their account?”

<https://tgs.starmat.uk/parents/consent-and-application-forms/>

“What are the usual progression routes when students leave TGS?”

Over 90% of our students go on to University or Higher Education. Almost 53% of students from Tadcaster Grammar School move on to attend Russell Group Universities; well above the national average (15%). An increasing number are successful in gaining apprenticeships in Finance, Accountancy and Retail

Please see our Sixth Form prospectus for further details

<https://tgs.starmat.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Sixth-Form-Prospectus-2020-2022.pdf>

“Can we arrange to visit or have a tour of the school?”

Unfortunately due to the current guidelines for schools we are not accepting visitors on site. We very much hope to be able to welcome prospective students and parents as soon as possible.