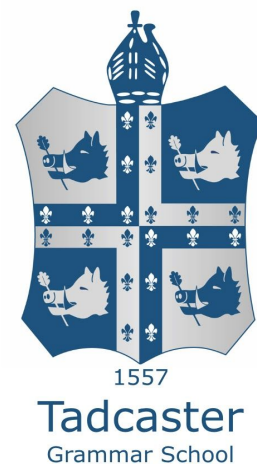


# Be Your Best Self

Ref: RKN/MDA

25 September 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

## Year 12 Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child into the Sixth Form. I am really looking forward to working with you and it is my hope and expectation that we can work together to deliver further success in their future endeavours.

I am sorry that we had to cancel our first Information Evening for parents of Year 12 students due to Covid-19 restrictions. In the meeting, I had hoped to explain how we will be supporting and challenging your child during their time in the Sixth Form so I have attached a Parent and Student guide to answer your queries and tell you of the support we offer.

## Student Progress

A key factor in the success of our students is the way in which staff monitor their progress in terms of assessed work, as well as more general indicators such as attendance, attitude to learning, etc. Clearly it is essential that we recruit parental support as soon as possible if any concerns emerge regarding the progress being made by any young person. With this in mind, Tutors and/or myself will contact you with any concerns to discuss the most positive way forward as soon as possible.

## Study Periods/Homework

Students will have a larger number of study periods than has previously been the case and it is essential that we help them establish well-disciplined behaviours in order that they make the most of their Independent Study time. The most effective A Level students will always find tasks to complete which give more depth to their knowledge and understanding, add detail to coursework or improve their exam technique. Further support of how to structure Independent Study will be available in Tutor time and on our VLE.

## Registration/ID Cards

Students have recently been issued with a lanyard and photo ID card which will allow them entry to all areas of the school through our electronic door system. The wearing of ID cards makes it possible to quickly identify any individuals who should not be on our site and students must, therefore, visibly wear these ID cards **at all times** and your support in this matter is crucial.

## Cars/Mopeds

Students are able to drive to school when they have passed their driving tests and are permitted to park in the designated area of the car park, as long as they have registered their vehicle at the Sixth Form office. As always, we appreciate your support in all areas of the school.



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**Pastoral Support**

Mrs Gadsby is our KS5 Pastoral Officer and is employed to specifically look after our Sixth Form students' needs and is based in the Sixth Form block. Contact details for Mrs Gadsby are as follows: direct telephone number - 01937 837635, school email address - [j.gadsby@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:j.gadsby@tgs.starmat.uk)

**Careers Support**

Mrs Lawson is a full time CEIAG Lead who looks after career provision within the Sixth Form. We also have a part time Independent Careers Advisor who can offer careers interviews. Contact details for Mrs Lawson are as follows: direct telephone number - 01937 837615, school email address - [h.lawson@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:h.lawson@tgs.starmat.uk)

If you would like to discuss any area of Sixth Form provision in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or myself at school to arrange a call back. Contact details are as follows: direct telephone number - 01937 837623, school email address - [r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk)

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Knapton

Assistant Headteacher: Director of Sixth Form

### Year 12 Key Dates 2020/21 Academic Year

Wednesday 7 October	Tadcaster Grammar School Closed for Staff Inset Day
Wednesday 7 October	Law Ambassadors - Virtual Launch Event (6.00pm - 7.30pm) tbc
Friday 23 October	School closes for Half-Term
Monday 2 November	School reopens
w/c Monday 2 November	Internal Assessment Week (in lessons)
Thursday 5 November	Law Ambassadors - Routes into the Profession (2.00pm - 4.00pm) (tbc)
w/e Friday 13 November	Year 12 Attitudinal reports issued
Thursday 19 November	Work Experience Assembly
Friday 27 November	Sherburn High School closed for Staff Inset Day
Tuesday 15 December	Senior Awards Evening (6.30pm – 8.00pm)
Friday 18 December	Sixth Form Closes for Christmas
Monday 4 January 2021	School reopens
Monday 4 January	Sherburn High School closed for Staff Inset Day
Friday 29 January	Deadline for Work Experience Placements
w/e Friday 29 January	Year 12 reports issued
Monday 8 February	Year 12 Parents' Evening at SHS
w/c Monday 8 Feb	Year 12 Mock Examination Week
w/c Monday 8 February	National Apprenticeship week (tbc)
Friday 12 February	TGS & SHS closed for Staff Inset Day School closes for half term
Monday 22 February	School reopens
Tuesday 2 March	Year 12 Parents' Evening at TGS
Tuesday 16 March	Tadcaster Grammar School Closed for Staff Inset Day
Friday 26 March	School closes for Easter
Monday 12 April	School reopens
w/e 23 April	Year 12 Reports Issued
Monday 3 May	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 28 May	School closes for Half Term

Monday 7 June	School reopens
Friday 25 June	Sherburn High School Closed for Staff Inset Day
w/c Monday 28th June	Year 12 Mock Examinations
w/c Monday 5 July	Work Experience Week
w/e Friday 16 July	Year 12 Reports Issued
Friday 23 July	School closes for Summer