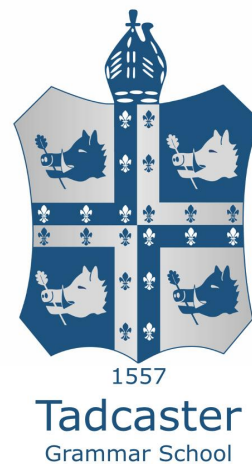


Friday 30th April 2021



Dear parents, carers (and students),

Both the sun and the cherry blossom are out in school as I write today. We are now also *sounding* like a school again now since returning after lockdown, which seems an age ago. With my office window open, I can hear tennis being played on the courts, students' laughter, some form of music recital and a drama lesson in full swing. Brilliant. Thank you again for your support in ensuring we are able to remain fully open and operate in a safe and supportive manner. Your ongoing attention to regular Coronavirus lateral flow testing is of paramount importance. Please can I also signpost you to Ms Mulhern's article later in this update concerning this matter.

Next week sees Year 11 and 13 start their assessment weeks, the results from which will contribute to centre based assessments for this summer. We have been so impressed with how these year groups have approached their studies since coming back from lockdown. I do hope all students (and families) have felt supported in the lead-up to these assessments. 100% school attendance is critical. We will also publish our Centre Based Assessment Policy soon for your reference - this is a requirement from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). We submitted our policy for approval to JCQ for approval today. (Please also see Mr Sykes' article below).

After a very rigorous selection process, I am delighted to make you aware that the Head Students for 2021/22 will be Claudia Dodd and Molly Richardson who are currently in Year 12. Congratulations to them and all who applied for the post, including the other four shortlisted candidates. Claudia and Molly's enthusiasm for the school and its community really shone through.

Finally, please can I ask again for your support in ensuring your children come to school with at least one face covering. Students have generally been superb at taking responsibility for this important aspect of our Covid-19 safe way of working. However, the number of students relying on school to provide face coverings has started to rise slightly.

I hope you have a restful bank holiday weekend. The following is a collection of updates from various staff (and students) which I am pleased to share with you.

Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson
Headteacher



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Term Dates for 2021-22

Autumn Term 2021 Monday 6 September - School re-opens (Training Day) Friday 24th September - Early close/half day Friday 22 October - School closes for half-term Monday 1 November - School re-opens Friday 17 December - School closes for Christmas	Summer Term 2022 Monday 25 April – School re-opens Monday 2 May – May Day Bank Holiday Friday 27 May – School closes for half-term Monday 6 June – School re-opens Friday 22 July – School closes for Summer
Spring Term 2022 Tuesday 4th January - School re-opens Friday 18 February - School closes for half-term (Training Day) Monday 28 February - School re-opens Friday 8 April - School closes for Easter	Training Dates 2021-2022 Monday 6 September 2021 Wednesday 6 October 2021 Friday 18 February 2022 Monday 25 July 2022 Tuesday 26 July 2022

COVID-19 Protocol Reminders

Please can I remind parents of the absolute necessity that the national Track and Trace guidelines especially with regard to self isolation are followed by all families.

If any family member displays symptoms of coronavirus the family should immediately self isolate and seek a PCR test. If this test is negative then the child, if not symptomatic, can return to school. This has to be communicated via our Attendance Officer before any return. If the result is positive the family need to complete their period of isolation as set out by NHS Track and Trace.

Similarly if a family member tests positive with a LFT test the whole family is required to self isolate immediately and the family member with the positive LFT must seek a PCR test; if this is negative and the child is not symptomatic they can return to school. Again this return to school must be confirmed with our Attendance Officer.

Parents must not send their children to school if anyone in the household is symptomatic or has had a positive COVID test result either from a PCR or LFT. This way we limit the opportunities for community transmission and the need for students to self isolate because they are close contacts.

Ms C Mulhern

Deputy Headteacher

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Centre Based Assessment - Year 11 & Year 13

Firstly, I would like to congratulate year 11 and 13 students for the calm, purposeful and mature attitude they have shown since their return in March and in the run up to the May Assessments Weeks. In many ways, it feels like any other year, with staff working hard to provide the best possible preparation materials and students getting their heads into revision mode.

As with any other year, **attendance for the assessment weeks is crucial**. You will be aware that we need to provide an evidence base for awarding grades; the May assessments will form a part of that evidence base for all but a handful of coursework only subjects. Alongside the importance of attending, students need to be organised in terms of knowing where the assessments take place each day (students have individual orange sheets containing this information) and being fully equipped.

We shared the guidance from JCQ for parents and students before, but I attach this again [HERE](#) for reference. If you have any concerns or questions you should get in touch with the school as soon as possible. This is particularly the case if you think that performance in a forthcoming assessment has been affected by illness or personal circumstances, for which you should contact Mrs Knapton (Year 13) or Ms Buckley (Year 11).

Year 11 - Ms S Buckley

Year Leader

s.buckley@tgs.starmat.uk

Year 13 - Ms R Knapton

Assistant Headteacher

r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk

Finally, I would like to wish all the students well as they embark on the final assessments, whilst keeping everything crossed in the hope that we don't need to use our contingency weeks.

Mr A Sykes

Senior Assistant Headteacher

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Year 11 and 13 Stand down

You will have received a letter last week informing you of the arrangements for Year 11 and 13 standing down from Friday 28th May and the provision we are putting in place for both year groups to support them as they prepare for post 16 or post 18 education/training. To view the letter again please click [HERE](#).

Year 11 - Ms S Buckley

Year Leader

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Year 13 - Ms R Knapton

Assistant Headteacher

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Free School Meals

We recognise the enormous impact the pandemic has had and continues to have on so many families, including the financial strain that may have arisen for some households due to perhaps a job loss as well as the ongoing financial worry and pressure. If you are one of the many households where the income is low, your child may well qualify for Free School Meals. Indeed, over the past year, with the devastating impact on some families' livelihoods, we have seen a significant rise in successful applications.

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, you can complete the application form: [Free school meals](#)

In addition to securing free school meals, your child would also become eligible for a uniform grant paid by the Government and for Pupil Premium funding. Pupil Premium funding provides school with money that we utilise to support your child with additional educational opportunities - [Pupil premium - GOV.UK](#).

We work closely with our local food banks, who continue to offer vital support at this very difficult time.

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/>

As a school we strive to offer additional educational opportunities to all students and do not want home financial difficulties to be a barrier. We are here to support. Please feel free to contact our Pupil Premium lead in school, Mrs Hubbard (v.hubbard@tgs.starmat.uk) or your child's Year Leader to discuss these matters further.

Kind regards

Ms M Carroll

Assistant Headteacher

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The Support Zone

Ms Bignell (our fantastic SMSC Coordinator) would like to share details of an in-school student-led support scheme. The following text is from our weekly student bulletin. This peer to peer scheme allows students to approach other trained students about issues that are concerning them.

We just wanted to let you know about our new service, The Support Zone. This is a new service run by students, for students, and we are here to support you in any way that we can.

If you have something, anything, that you don't feel you can talk to an adult about, or would just prefer to open up to someone who may have experienced the same problem, there are two ways you can get in touch with us.

You can send us an email at supportzone@tgs.starmat.uk or get in touch via the Google Form that can be found on your tutor group Google Classrooms and the weekly bulletins.

No problem is too big or small and we're happy to hear about anything. We will give you the support you need to help you through your situation and just really be someone to listen. If your problem requires more specialist or immediate help we will make sure we pass this on to the right adult/s in school so that they can provide long-term support to you.

We're only an email away. The first step is reaching out.

The Support Zone

We're here for you - students for students

Recognition / Class Charts

Setting high standards in school is imperative for academic and personal success. Recognising the students' efforts in meeting these standards is central to our school vision. Since we have returned from the 2nd lockdown we have awarded 24,000 recognition points based on one of our key values - Ambition, Respect, Resilience and Responsibility.

As students reach 70 points for any of the values, they receive a school lapel and a certificate. We also have 'Caught Being Brilliant', which runs during designated weeks for each year group, when staff look for students going beyond our high expectations in their work and behaviour.

As a parent / carer, you can access the information regarding recognition and behaviour through the Class Charts app or login through the webpage. Your access details are unique and confidential. If you have not received your Class Charts login details, please email your child's pastoral leader for more information (see contact details below).

Communicating with school during the school day

We appreciate your support working with the school on communications, but we have had an increase in parents directly contacting their children via mobiles in school time with respect to leaving school for appointments or illness. This disrupts learning and does not include the school in the safeguarding of your children.

Please contact the school directly if there is a need during the day for your child to leave the school. We will collect them and ensure they are signed out. Dental and medical appointments should be arranged outside of school time, where possible.

Students are reminded not to contact parents during school time and their mobiles should be switched off during the school day. Any student is unwell is initially assessed by our School Health Manager or one of our designated teachers who are First Aid trained. We will contact you if we believe your child needs to be picked up from school.

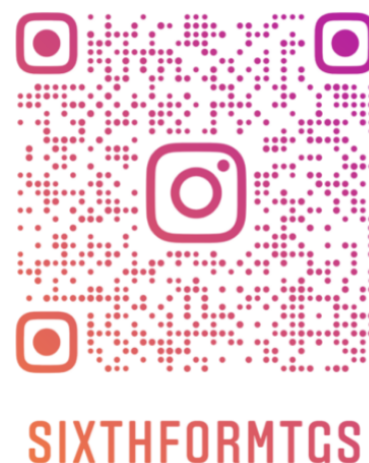
Mr P Betts

Assistant Headteacher

p.betts@tgs.starmat.uk

The TGS Sixth Form now has an Instagram account [@sixthformtgs](https://www.instagram.com/sixthformtgs)

Sixth Form students will have the opportunity to 'host' the Instagram page at various times throughout the school year. We will be posting lots of visuals to show the day to day activities of the Sixth Form, and will include information about further education, apprenticeships, enrichment opportunities and what happens to our students after their Sixth Form experience to create a strong alumni link.



Mrs R Miller-Noble
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Student Leadership - Calcaria House Champion
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KEY CONTACTS IN SCHOOL

Individual subject enquiry	Pastoral enquiry
Order of priority: 1st: Your child's subject teacher 2nd: The Curriculum Team Leader for the subject	Order of priority: 1st: Your child's form tutor 2nd: Your child's Pastoral Leader 3rd: Your child's Year Leader

Subject Enquiries - Curriculum Team Leaders

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English	Ms C Carson	c.carson@tgs.starmat.uk
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Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

YEAR 7

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7D1	Ms T. Askew	t.askew@tgs.starmat.uk
7D2	Mr J. Hoyle	j.hoyle@tgs.starmat.uk
7F1	Ms K. Langstaff	k.langstaff@tgs.starmat.uk
7F2	Ms T. Baker Ms H. Cooney	t.baker@tgs.starmat.uk h.cooney@tgs.starmat.uk
7O1	Ms L. Parker Ms P. Parkin	l.parker@tgs.starmat.uk t.parkin@tgs.starmat.uk
7O2	Ms L. Ireland Ms V. Ward	l.ireland@tgs.starmat.uk v.ward@tgs.starmat.uk
7T1	Ms L. Fullerton	l.fullerton@tgs.starmat.uk
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	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
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Pastoral enquiries

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2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

YEAR 8

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8D1	Ms R. Yellow	r.yellow@tgs.starmat.uk
8D2	Ms M. Butterworth	m.butterworth@tgs.starmat.uk
8F1	Ms C. Furze	c.furze@tgs.starmat.uk
8F2	Ms A. Helliwell	a.helliwell@tgs.starmat.uk
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8O2	Ms J. Pinder Ms G. Elliot	j.pinder@tgs.starmat.uk g.elliott@tgs.starmat.uk
8T1	Mr C. Spence	c.spence@tgs.starmat.uk
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Pastoral enquiries

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3rd Contact - Year Leader

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9D2	Ms E. Hitchon	e.hitchon@tgs.starmat.uk
9F1	Ms H. Hercberg Ms K. Baron	h.hercberg@tgs.starmat.uk k.baron@tgs.starmat.uk
9F2	Mr R. Power	r.power@tgs.starmat.uk
9O1	Ms Z. Bignell	z.bignell@tgs.starmat.uk
9O2	Mr M. McKie Ms D. Parker-Starbuck	m.mckie@tgs.starmat.uk d.parker-starbuck@tgs.starmat.uk
9T1	Ms A. Murrell	a.murrell@tgs.starmat.uk
9T2	Ms E. Stubbs	e.stubbs@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
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Pastoral enquiries

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3rd Contact - Year Leader

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10D2	Ms R. Dickinson	r.dickinson@tgs.starmat.uk
10F1	Ms C. Duckworth	c.duckworth@tgs.starmat.uk
10F2	Ms J. Binks Ms E. Lindsay	j.binks@tgs.starmat.uk e.lindsay@tgs.starmat.uk
10O1	Mr J. Alderman	j.alderman@tgs.starmat.uk
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	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
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Pastoral enquiries

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3rd Contact - Year Leader

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11D1	Mr C. Benoit	c.benoit@tgs.starmat.uk
11D2	Ms S. Buckley	s.buckley@tgs.starmat.uk
11F1	Ms L. Bland	l.bland@tgs.starmat.uk
11F2	Dr M. Stephenson	m.stephenson@tgs.starmat.uk
11O1	Mr R. Solk	r.solk@tgs.starmat.uk
11O2	Mr J. Bellwood	j.bellwood@tgs.starmat.uk
11T1	Mr L. Clarke Ms V. Hubbard	l.clarke@tgs.starmat.uk v.hubbard@tgs.starmat.uk
11T2	Ms A. Henson	a.henson@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
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Pastoral enquiries

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2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Director

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12F	Mr S. Sharratt	s.sharratt@tgs.starmat.uk
12O	Ms J Whitworth Ms H. O'Connor	j.whitworth@tgs.starmat.uk h.oconnor@tgs.starmat.uk
12T	Ms J. Kay	j.kay@tgs.starmat.uk
13C	Mr M. Elsworth Ms N. Randall	m.elsworth@tgs.starmat.uk n.randell@tgs.starmat.uk
13D	Ms K. Holmes	k.holmes@tgs.starmat.uk
13F	Mr G. Dale	g.dale@tgs.starmat.uk
13O	Ms S. Farren Ms C. Foulds	s.farren@tgs.starmat.uk c.foulds@tgs.starmat.uk
13T	Ms H. Brydon	h.brydon@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Director
Sixth Form	Ms J Gadsby j.gadsby@tgs.starmat.uk 01937 837635 or extension: 235	Ms R Knapton r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk 01937 837623 or extension: 223

General contact with the school

Please ring Reception on: 01937 833466

Or use the following contact form: <https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/>

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