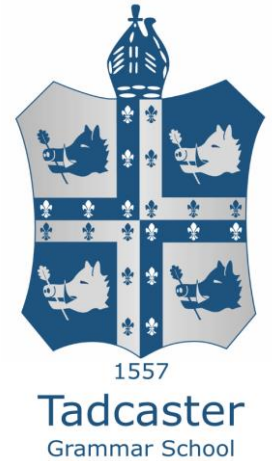


Be Your Best Self

Monday 6th December 2021



Dear Parents, Carers & Students,

I hope this finds you well? As we approach the Christmas break, I am writing with a number of updates which should assist your planning.

You may already be aware from the media that secondary schools have been directed by the government to supervise testing for Covid-19 with all students upon their return to school in January 2022. This will be the nasal swab test. We are currently designing our response to this expectation to supervise the testing of our 1504 students under appropriate infection control measures which is likely to involve a change to the first day of term, Tuesday 4th January 2022 (Monday 3rd January 2022 is a Bank Holiday, school will be closed). I will write again as soon as our plans are completed, along with details of how to book a supervised Covid-19 LFD test in school for your child(ren).*

Supervised asymptomatic testing of students in school is exceptionally labour intensive. If any parents or relatives would like to volunteer to assist with the administration and/or actual LFD testing at school on Tuesday 4th January 2022, please could I ask you to contact Mr I Webb (Business Manager) on i.webb@tgs.starmat.uk by Monday 13th December 2021 at the latest.

Last week we were delighted to receive a number of photographs of the school under construction from a TGS family. I've pasted in a few of the photos at the end of this letter (circa. 1959).

Finally, a reminder that our current term will finish at 1.30 pm on Friday 17th December 2021. The break and lunch catering service will run as normal.

Thank you as always for your continued support of the school.

Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson
Headteacher



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Celebrating the Festive Period at Tadcaster Grammar School

We are pleased to share with you the events that we are still able to enjoy despite our current Covid-19 system of controls and I am hopeful that normal service will be restored next year! For families new to TGS we normally hold a range of wonderful concerts and services.

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| Monday 13th December | Senior Awards Virtual Event - 6pm (see school website for details) |
| Tuesday 14th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Tuesday 14th December | Non-Uniform Day (Christmas Jumper) |
| Wednesday 15th December | Virtual Christmas Concert - 7pm (see school website for details) |
| Friday 17th December | End of Term – early close at 1.30pm |
| Tuesday 4th January 2022 | Start of the Spring term (details to follow*) |

Christmas lunch will be the only food service offered on Tuesday 14th December, but we hope it will bring some well deserved festive cheer. A vegetarian/vegan option will be available. On the same day we will hold our 'Christmas Jumper' non-uniform day, when we will raise funds for Martin House Hospice. We will be asking students to make a small donation to wear their choice of clothing for the day. There is no need however, for students to wear Christmas jumpers; only if they wish. Thank you to those of you who used Parent Pay to make the recent donation for Children in Need, we would encourage you to use this service again if convenient.

As we have done for a number of years now during December, our students have been donating in a Covid-19 secure way to the Wetherby and District Food Bank Hamper Appeal. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

As a school community this term we have all played our part in keeping the school safe and open and this has meant many changes to how we operate. With this in mind, I am sure you will understand why we ask that you ensure, this year, students do not bring cards and gifts for friends or staff into school. We will share this message in school and will ask students and staff to share festive wishes virtually, instead perhaps donating to a cause close to their heart.

May I also extend my very best wishes to you and your family for the festive period and take this opportunity to once again thank you for your continued support over this term. It is very much appreciated.

Ms M Carroll

Assistant Headteacher

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Sixth Form

Applications are now open to Year 11 to apply to our Sixth Form. [APPLY HERE](#) We would be delighted to welcome our fantastic Year 11 students back into school in September 2022 to start their sixth form studies under our care.

We were delighted that we rescheduled the Year 11 post-16 taster day last week. Students were able to try all the subjects available to them in Sixth Form. Early next term students will also get another opportunity to speak to our current Sixth Form students about their experience of Sixth Form life.

Ms R Knapton

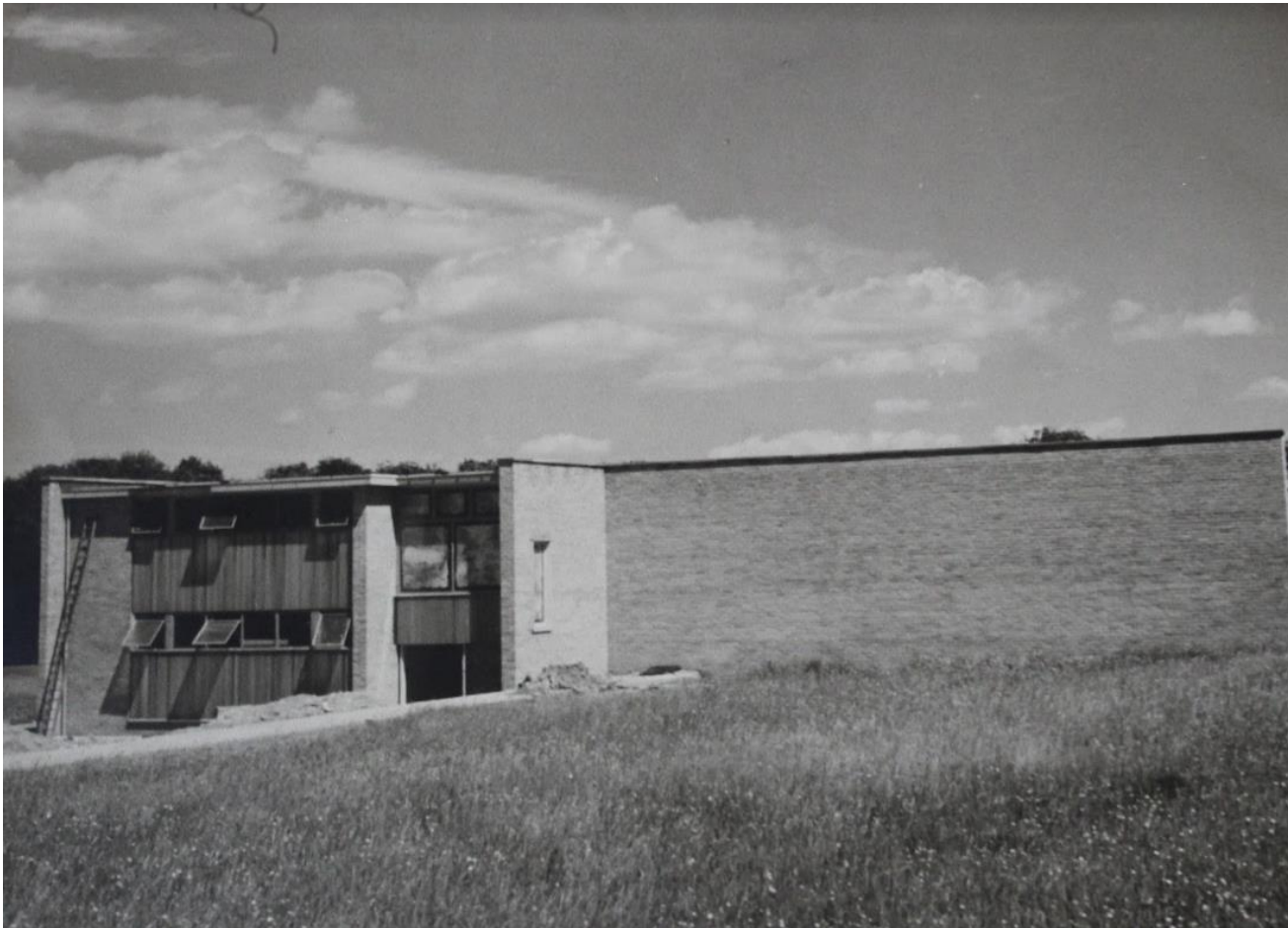
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Tadcaster Grammar School Under Construction (c. 1959)



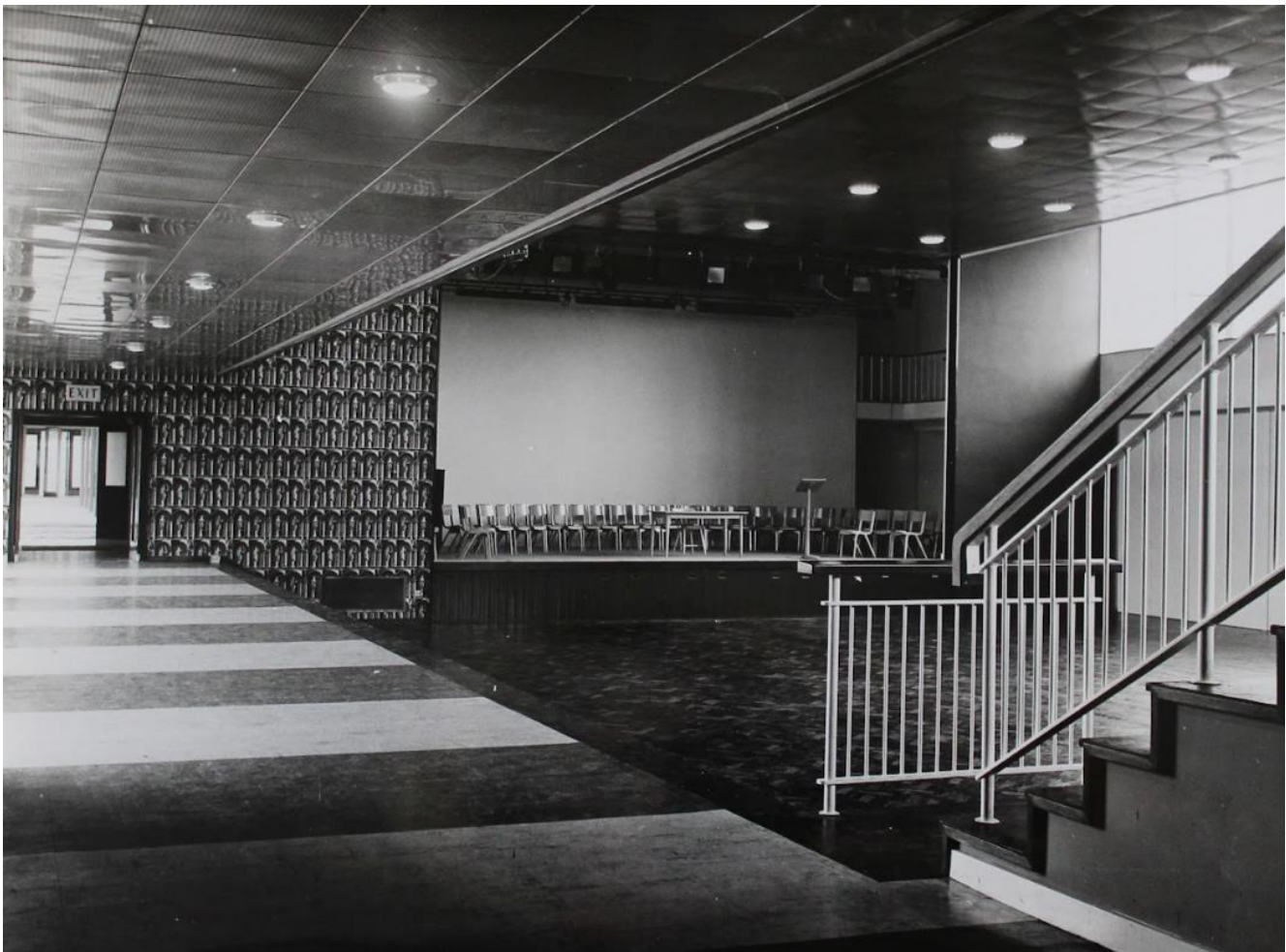
Main Hall Block



Boys' Gym (before the Science block was built in the 1990s)



The main hall (note the steelwork for the ramp on the right) The days before PPE...



The completed main hall



The finished school

P.S. It would be wonderful if you could find time to email just one member of staff in school with a thank you for their work before the end of term. Email addresses are formatted as follows: j.brown@tgs.starmat.uk You are very likely to make someone's day.