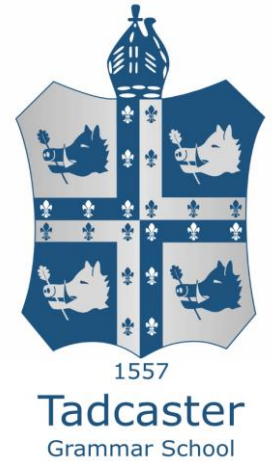


# Be Your Best Self

Friday 4th February 2022



Dear parents, carers & students,

I hope this finds you well? It's definitely starting to feel like Spring, and the rare glimpses of sunshine alongside longer daylight hours definitely raises the spirits. Please may I share the following with you.

## **Update on the impact of the pandemic in school**

Our superb students continue to take great responsibility for their own and others' wellbeing in school which is wonderful to see. We still have a significant Covid-19 caseload in the student population and must remain vigilant.

During the last two few days, we have averaged 1 in 7 teachers being absent from school per day, as well as a number of associate staff. You may be aware of other secondary schools regionally which have moved to send year groups home to study remotely as a result of staff absence with the associated disruption to the continuity of education and family life. Sending one or more year groups home to temporarily study remotely is still an option in our contingency planning, although one which will be used as a last resort. However, if we cannot safely and effectively staff the school, it becomes our only real option. None of the staff at school want this, indeed our brilliant teachers and associate staff continue to assist with setting work for absent colleagues and covering classes, and we have retained the highest quality cover staff when it is available.

We want all our young people to be able to engage in a wide, active and varied mix of curricular and extra-curricular activities and at all times work carefully within the constraints of local Public Health guidance on the basis of Covid-19 case numbers in school. I very much hope to be able to carefully restart external sporting events and residential opportunities at the earliest time. Please could I ask for your continued support as we progress through what we all hope is at least one of the final chapters of the 2-year pandemic.

## **Examinations in Summer 2022**

The government intends that examinations will take place nationally in summer 2022. The examination boards will publish the advance information for GCSE, AS and A levels no later than 7th February 2022 which will detail any adaptations to examinations that are likely to be made taking into account disruption to learning caused by the pandemic. We will write to you again as soon as we have assimilated this information.

Please look forward to the school newsletter which will be shared with you shortly showcasing some of the excellent activities that have taken place this half-term. I am also pleased to share the following updates with you.

Kind regards,

**Andrew Parkinson**  
**Headteacher**

### **Home COVID-19 Testing**

Asymptomatic Covid-19 lateral flow device testing should continue at home on a Wednesday and Sunday evening. Positive results should be reported immediately via the school website [HERE](#).

Please email [attendance@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:attendance@tgs.starmat.uk) with the date your child can return to school.



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## Careers Information, Advice & Guidance

### National Apprenticeship Week 7 -13 February 2022

The 15th annual celebration of apprenticeships will be taking place next week in school. Please see the following timetable of events taking place next week outside of the school day which may be of interest for parents and carers to attend with students. For further information please see [here](#).

### Parents'/Carers' Apprenticeship Information Guidance

Please click on the links below:

[The Parents' and Carers' Guide to National Apprenticeship Week 2022](#)

[Parents' and Carers' Pack Helping your child search and apply for apprenticeships](#)

### Years 10 and 11 - Oxbridge presentation Monday 7th Feb 2022 6pm

Students in Year 10 and 11 have been invited to join admissions staff and students for this introduction to university, student finances and Oxford & Cambridge universities. This webinar will consist of a presentation and live Q&A session. All are welcome. Please sign up [here](#)

**Ms H Lawson**  
**Careers Advisor**

[h.lawson@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:h.lawson@tgs.starmat.uk)

## **Examinations**

Please could we remind all students that any equipment taken into the examination room must be in a clear, see-through pencil case or bag. Please ensure that you have a spare set as well.

Drinks should only be water. The container must be clear, see-through, with no logos, patterns, or measurements on it. If it is bottled water, the label must be removed.

Students will be issued with an exam entry form and a timetable in the near future. Please check the details are correct, but especially the name, as this is the way it will be printed on the certificates. Once the certificates are printed, there is a cost to correct it. If an exam candidate is unwell please ring the school to let them know as soon as possible.

## **Recruiting Examination Invigilators**

The school is currently recruiting to add to the team of Examination Invigilators who assist with the supervision of exams and oversee the exam rooms. Full training will be provided. Please see the school website for more information ([here](#))

**Ms C Langford-Smith**

**Examinations Manager**

[c.langford-smith@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:c.langford-smith@tgs.starmat.uk)

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## **Application for Free School Meals**

Circumstances can change for anyone, as the enormous impact from the pandemic continues to prove. Some families can suddenly find themselves trying to cope with a new financial strain and pressure, perhaps as a result of a stressful new situation: separation, loss of a job, decreased working hours, illness etc. If your household income is low or has recently decreased, your child may well qualify for Free School Meals. Indeed, over the last two years, 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 Pupil Premium funding. This provides school with money that we utilise to support your child with additional educational opportunities - [Pupil premium - GOV.UK](#).

We also work closely with our local food banks, who continue to offer vital support to families.

<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](mailto:v.hubbard@tgs.starmat.uk)) or your child's Year Leader to discuss these matters further.

### **Ofsted Parent View**

Parent View asks for your opinion on aspects of your child's school.

**[Give your view now](#)**

## KEY CONTACTS IN SCHOOL

### NO CHANGES SINCE 04 JAN 22

#### General contact with the school

Please ring Reception on: 01937 833466

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

'Thank You's' to individual staff: via their own TGS email address or <https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/>

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

#### Subject Enquiries - Curriculum Team Leaders

Art	Ms E Lattimore	e.lattimore@tgs.starmat.uk
Business & Commercial Subjects	Mr C Benoit	c.benoit@tgs.starmat.uk
Computing	Mr R Remillard	r.remillard@tgs.starmat.uk
Drama	Ms C Duckworth	c.duckworth@tgs.starmat.uk
English	Ms C Carson	c.carson@tgs.starmat.uk
Food & Nutrition	Ms H Herberg	h.herberg@tgs.starmat.uk
French	Ms M Butterworth	m.butterworth@tgs.starmat.uk
Geography	Ms L Ireland	l.ireland@tgs.starmat.uk
German	Ms A Baker	t.baker@tgs.starmat.uk
History	Mr A Crease	a.crease@tgs.starmat.uk
Mathematics	Mr R Power	r.power@tgs.starmat.uk
Music	Ms S Buckley	s.buckley@tgs.starmat.uk
Physical Education	Mr R Solk	r.solk@tgs.starmat.uk
Religion, Philosophy & Ethics	Ms T Askew	t.askew@tgs.starmat.uk
Science	Mr P Gomersal	p.gomersal@tgs.starmat.uk

SENDCO	Ms V Ward	v.ward@tgs.starmat.uk
Skills for Life	Mr A Allman	a.allman@tgs.starmat.uk (A/CTL)
Social Sciences	Ms K Mitchell	k.mitchell@tgs.starmat.uk
Technology	Mr J Bell	j.bell@tgs.starmat.uk

### Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

### YEAR 7

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
7C1	Ms C. Carson Ms V .England	c.carson@tgs.starmat.uk v.England@tgs.starmat.uk
7C2	Ms C. Collinson Ms S. Campbell	c.collinson@tgs.starmat.uk s.campbell@tgs.starmat.uk
7D1	Mr C. Benoit	c.benoit@tgs.starmat.uk
7D2	Ms S. Laidlaw	s.laidlaw@tgs.starmat.uk
7F1	Mr K. Simpson	k.simpson@tgs.starmat.uk
7F2	Mr K. Pennock	k.pennock@tgs.starmat.uk
7O1	Mr R. Solk	r.solk@tgs.starmat.uk
7O2	Mr J. Bellwood	j.bellwood@tgs.starmat.uk
7T1	Mr T O'Neill Ms N. Brown	t.oneill@tgs.starmat.uk n.brown@tgs.starmat.uk
7T2	Ms E.Lattimore	e.lattimore@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
Year 7	Mr D Bass d.bass@tgs.starmat.uk	Ms S. Buckley- Maternity cover s.buckley@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 7 01937 833466 or extension: 232 / 218	





## Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

### YEAR 8

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
8C1	Dr M. Stephenson	m.stephenson@tgs.starmat.uk
8C2	Mr A. Allman	a.allman@tgs.starmat.uk
8D1	Ms T. Askew	t.askew@tgs.starmat.uk
8D2	Mr A. Stangroom	a.stangroom@tgs.starmat.uk
8F1	Ms K. Langstaff	k.langstaff@tgs.starmat.uk
8F2	Ms T. Baker Ms J Yau	t.baker@tgs.starmat.uk j.yau@tgs.starmat.uk
8O1	Ms L. Solk Ms P. Parkin	l.solk@tgs.starmat.uk t.parkin@tgs.starmat.uk
8O2	Ms L. Ireland Ms V. Ward	l.ireland@tgs.starmat.uk v.ward@tgs.starmat.uk
8T1	Ms L. Fullerton	l.fullerton@tgs.starmat.uk
8T2	Mr P. Richardson Ms J Yau	p.richardson@tgs.starmat.uk j.yau@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
<b>Year 8</b>	Ms E Proctor e.proctor@tgs.starmat.uk	Mr A Punt a.punt@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 8 Phone number 01937 833466 or extension: 239 / 277	

## Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

### YEAR 9

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
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9C2	Mr P. Gomersal Ms G. Elliott	p.gomersal@tgs.starmat.uk g.elliott@tgs.starmat.uk
9D1	Ms R. Yellow	r.yellow@tgs.starmat.uk
9D2	Ms M. Butterworth	m.butterworrrth@tgs.starmat.uk
9F1	Mr J. Balfour	j.balfour@tgs.starmat.uk
9F2	Ms S. Micheli	s.micheli@tgs.starmat.uk
9O1	Ms L. Boddy Ms J. Pinder	l.boddy@tgs.starmat.uk j.pinder@tgs.starmat.uk
9O2	Ms H. Hercberg Ms K. Baron	h.hercberg@tgs.starmat.uk k.baron@tgs.starmat.uk
9T1	Mr C. Spence	c.spence@tgs.starmat.uk
9T2	Mr J. Bell	j.bell@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
Year 9	<b>TEMPORARY</b> Ms C Beal c.beal@tgs.starmat.uk	Ms C Kenny c.kenny@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 9 Phone number 01937 833466 or extension: 316 / 315	

## Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

### YEAR 10

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
10C1	Mr P. Holmes	p.holmes@tgs.starmat.uk
10C2	Mr R. Remillard	r.remillard@tgs.starmat.uk
10D1	Ms K. McGeechan Ms K. Tantum	k.mcgeechan@tgs.starmat.uk k.tantum@tgs.starmat.uk
10D2	Ms A. Henson Ms V. Lightfoot	a.henson@tgs.starmat.uk v.lightfoot@tgs.starmat.uk
10F1	Ms L. Alderman Mr A. Cain	l.alderman@tgs.starmat.uk a.cain@tgs.starmat.uk
10F2	Mr R. Power Ms C. Foulds	r.power@tgs.starmat.uk c.foulds@tgs.starmat.uk
10O1	Ms K. Heneachon Ms M. Petre	k.heneachon@tgs.starmat.uk m.petre@tgs.starmat.uk
10O2	Mr M. McKie	m.mckie@tgs.starmat.uk
10T1	Ms R. Butterworth	r.butterworth@tgs.starmat.uk
10T2	Ms E. Stubbs	e.stubbs@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
<b>Year 10</b>	Mr M. Prentice m.prentice@tgs.starmat.uk	Ms C Yewman c.yewman@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 10	

	Phone number 01937 833466 or extension: 256 / 293
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## Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

### YEAR 11

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
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11D1	Ms J. Hodgson	jade.hodgson@tgs.starmat.uk
11D2	Ms R. Dickinson	r.dickinson@tgs.starmat.uk
11F1	Ms C. Duckworth	c.duckworth@tgs.starmat.uk
11F2	Ms J. Binks Ms E. Lindsay	j.binks@tgs.starmat.uk e.lindsay@tgs.starmat.uk
11O1	Mr J. Alderman	j.alderman@tgs.starmat.uk
11O2	Ms J. Alderson Ms L. Velvick	j.alderson@tgs.starmat.uk l.velvick@tgs.starmat.uk
11T1	Dr Z. Burgess	z.burgess@tgs.starmat.uk
11T2	Ms H. Stiles Ms L. Thompson	h.stiles@tgs.starmat.uk l.thompson@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
<b>Year 11</b>	Pastoral Leader Mr J Fox j.fox@tgs.starmat.uk	Year Leader Ms D Naylor d.naylor@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 11 Phone number 01937 833466 or extension: 339 / 327	



## Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Director

### SIXTH FORM

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
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12F	Mr G. Dale	g.dale@tgs.starmat.uk
12O	Ms L.Bland Mr M. Shynn	l.bland@tgs.starmat.uk m.shynn@tgs.starmat.uk
12T	Ms H. Brydon Mr M. Shynn	h.brydon@tgs.starmat.uk m.shynn@tgs.starmat.uk
13C	Mr A. Crease	a.crease@tgs.starmat.uk
13D	Ms K. Holmes	k.holmes@tgs.starmat.uk
13F	Mr S. Sharratt	s.sharratt@tgs.starmat.uk
13O	Ms K.Mitchell Dr B. Thorpe	k.mitchell@tgs.starmat.uk b.thorpe@tgs.starmat.uk
13T	Ms J. Kay	j.kay@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Director
<b>Sixth Form</b>	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