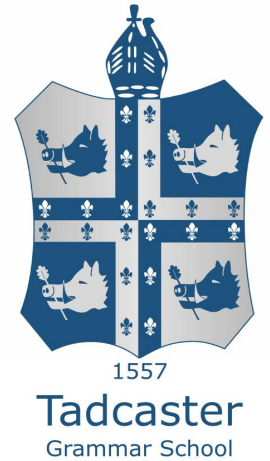


# Be Your Best Self

Monday 23rd May 2022



Dear parents, carers & students,

I hope this finds you well?

So the first national exams for 2 years for Year 11 & Year 13 are now in their third week. We have been so encouraged by the responsible way all our brilliant students have started what will be an unusually extended examination period this year.

A special thank you to parents and carers who are supporting their children through the exam season. Your contribution is largely forgotten by the national media when commentary is made about the anxiety examinations may cause to our young people, but the support you offer is so important. I'm living this dream at the moment; daughter 2 in Year 11, and daughter 1 at university - both doing exams. I am becoming an armchair expert on modern history and cognitive/developmental psychology.

We had an unexpected [guest](#) in the Toulston building on Friday morning (before students arrived). S/he seemed to be very comfortable enjoying the heat from the radiator and was reluctant to leave.



Please may I make you aware of the following minor amendment for the timings of the school day from September 2022. The recent Education White Paper (March 2022) outlined, amongst other requirements, "a minimum expectation on the length of the school week of 32.5 hours for all mainstream state-funded schools ... by September 2023 at the latest." This was an unforeseen announcement, especially as many schools had changed their school day timings for the end of Covid 19 restrictions from September 2021, and represents one element of the vision of the new Secretary of State for Education for state schools over the next 10 years or so. This is the total time students are

in school per week, not time in lessons. For many students who engage in after-school activities, we already far exceed this base expectation.

To meet this base expectation for all students, with my recommendation, the school governors are proposing to add 5 minutes onto morning break and finishing school at 3.10 from September 2022. We know, because students tell us, that morning break is one of the main pinch points in school and together with an enhanced catering offer and quality of service at morning break and lunchtime, we hope this gives students and staff an improved opportunity for down-time during the school day when not in lessons. I hope this minor amendment does not inconvenience parents and carers.

2021/22 School Day Timings (Year 7 - 11)			2022/23 School Day Timings (Year 7 - 11)		
<b>Period</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>
1 (Form)	8.40am	9.05am	1 (Form)	8.40am	9.05am
2	9.05am	10.05am	2	9.05am	10.05am
3	10.05am	11.05am	3	10.05am	11.05am
BREAK	11.05am	11.25am	BREAK	11.05am	11.30am*
4	11.25am	12.25pm	4	11.30am	12.30pm*
LUNCH	12.25pm	1.05pm	LUNCH	12.30pm	1.10pm*
5	1.05pm	2.05pm	5	1.10pm	2.10pm*
6	2.05pm	3.05pm	6	2.10pm	3.10pm*

2021/22 School Day Timings (Sixth Form)			2022/23 School Day Timings (Sixth Form)		
<b>Period</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>
1 (Form)	8.40am	9.05am	1 (Form)	8.40am	9.05am
2	9.05am	10.05am	2	9.05am	10.05am
3	10.05am	11.05am	3	10.05am	11.05am
4	11.05am	12.05pm	4	11.05am	12.05pm
LUNCH	12.05pm	1.05pm	LUNCH	12.05pm	1.10pm*
5	1.05pm	2.05pm	5	1.10pm	2.10pm*
6	2.05pm	3.05pm	6	2.10pm	3.10pm*

I wish you the best for the half-term break. Please look forward to a newsletter which will be sent to you later this week showcasing some of the fantastic work which has gone on this half-term.

As usual, please find attached a number of updates for your attention

Kind regards,

**Andrew Parkinson**  
**Headteacher**

## **School Library: Overdue Books**

The school library is a shared resource for the whole community at Tadcaster Grammar. Books are issued to students for a two-week period. Once the books are overdue, students are reminded, via email, to return resources borrowed from the school library. We do not charge fines on overdue books. When books are more than a month overdue, emails are also sent home, these emails are automatically generated.

Every year large numbers of books are not returned to the school library, which means replacement copies need to be purchased using money that could be utilised for other resources to enhance the learning of the students. Towards the end of the school year, letters are sent home concerning extremely overdue books. Lost books must be paid for or replaced; we do accept good quality second-hand copies of the title lost. If you have a query regarding an overdue reminder, please contact Mrs Brett, the school librarian, [v.brett@tgs.starmat.com](mailto:v.brett@tgs.starmat.com)

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## **Sixth Form Applications and bursary funding**

We have been delighted to send out so many Sixth Form offers to our Year 11 students. In order to prepare for their studies students will be given access to a Google classroom after their examinations have finished which will give them further insight into what to expect from their A level studies.

If your household income is below £28,000 per year or if your child is eligible for free school meals, you may qualify for financial help from the 16-19 Bursary fund whilst your child is studying at Sixth Form.

The 16-19 Bursary fund is provided by the Government and can help with any education-related costs that may arise during the school year such as transport to school, educational visits or extra help to buy books, clothing or equipment for the A level courses.

To apply for a bursary, your child must be at least 16 years old and under 19 years old at the start of the 2022-23 Academic Year i.e entering Year 12 or 13 - full time Sixth Form education.

To find out further information and details on how to apply, please see the link below:

<https://tgs.starmat.uk/sixth-form/16-19-bursary-fund/>

**Ros Knapton**

**Assistant Headteacher**

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## Summer Examinations Update

### Year 11 - Key Dates

Wednesday 11th May	Summer Series exams commenced
Thursday 23rd June	Final whole cohort exam in the morning (Physics/Combined Science) followed by leavers assembly and leavers day activities (more details to follow)
Friday 24th/ Monday 27th June	Final summer series exam (Graphics)
Wednesday 29th June	GCSE exam contingency day, for which students should be available.
Thursday 30th June	Year 11 Leavers Prom
Thursday 25th August	GCSE Results Day

Study leave will begin on Monday 6th June. Up until the May half term holiday, students will be expected to be in school following their timetable where they do not have an exam. If students need to leave the school site for an appointment, we do need prior notice and they must sign out at the main office. If students are unwell, they should go to the school nurse, who will contact home and arrange for them to be collected. This will allow us to ensure the safeguarding of your child. Following half term, timetabled lessons will still be available, but students may opt to undertake independent study at home. Again, when arriving and leaving the site they must sign in and out. Thank you for your support with this.

**Andy Sykes**

**Assistant Headteacher**

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### Year 13

#### Year 13 - Key Dates

Monday 16th May	Summer Series exams commenced
Friday 24th June	Final whole cohort exam Leavers assembly and leavers day activities (11.30am-2pm)
Wednesday 29th June	GCSE exam contingency day, for which students should be available.
Wednesday 29th June	Year 13 Leavers Prom
Thursday 18th August	A Level Results Day

Study leave will begin on Monday 6th June. Up until the May half term holiday, students will be expected to be in school following their timetable where they do not have an exam. Following half term, timetabled lessons will still be available, but students may opt to undertake independent study at home.

**Ros Knapton**

**Assistant Headteacher**

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## Year 10 - Key Dates

### Year 10 Assessment Week

#### Core Subjects

Date	Morning Assessments (8:55am start)			Afternoon Assessments (1:05pm start)		
	Subject	Time	Rooms	Subject	Time	Rooms
<b>Monday 27th June</b>	Maths (paper 1)	1hr	Main Hall Boys Gym Toulston	English Language	1hr	Main Hall Boys Gym Toulston
<b>Tuesday 28th June</b>	Physics	1hr	Main Hall Boys Gym Toulston	RPE	1hr	Main Hall Boys Gym Toulston
<b>Wednesday 29th June</b>	Chemistry	1hr	Main Hall Boys Gym Toulston			
<b>Thursday 30th June</b>						
<b>Friday 1st July</b>	Biology	1hr	Main Hall Boys Gym Toulston	Maths (paper 2)	1 hr	Main Hall Boys Gym Toulston

#### Options Subjects

Options subjects will undertake assessments during lesson time; subject teachers will provide details of when these will take place for each individual teaching group.

The Art Exam (for both GCSE and BTEC students) is a full day exam taking place on Friday 10th June.

Further information can be found in the Year 10 information area on the school website, which can be accessed by clicking the link [here](#).

**Andy Sykes**

**Assistant Headteacher**

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## School uniform

It is pleasing to see the vast majority of our students continuing to maintain our high standards of school uniform and wearing it with great pride. I would also wish to extend my thanks to parents and carers for their support in maintaining uniform expectations throughout the school year.

The sunnier weather means that as of Monday 23rd May, we have moved into our summer uniform. This means students do not need to wear their blazer or jumper. However they can still choose to wear these items if they wish and if the temperature drops or they are particularly cold, then the school blazer and/or school jumper will be the only acceptable item that can be worn over the shirt and tie (i.e. no hoodies or other similar items). Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Could I also make a plea to parents who have outgrown uniform at home or their child is leaving year 11, to consider donating their unwanted uniform to The Barn in Tadcaster which is part of our upcycling scheme. Further details can be found [here](#).

**R. Vernon**

**Deputy Headteacher**

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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 in confidence.

## KEY CONTACTS IN SCHOOL

### NO CHANGES SINCE MARCH 2022

#### 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
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Computing	Mr R Remillard	r.remillard@tgs.starmat.uk
Drama	Ms E Hitchon	e.hitchon@tgs.starmat.uk
English	Ms C Carson	c.carson@tgs.starmat.uk
Food & Nutrition	Ms H Hercberg	h.hercberg@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
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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

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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

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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
Year 8	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

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9D2	Ms M. Butterworth	m.butterworrth@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

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3rd Contact - Year Leader

### YEAR 10

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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
Year 10	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	

## Pastoral enquiries

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2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

### YEAR 11

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11D1	Ms J. Hodgson	jade.hodgson@tgs.starmat.uk
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11F1	Ms E Hitchon	e.hitchon@tgs.starmat.uk
11F2	Ms J. Binks Ms E. Lindsay	j.binks@tgs.starmat.uk e.lindsay@tgs.starmat.uk
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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
Year 11	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

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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
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