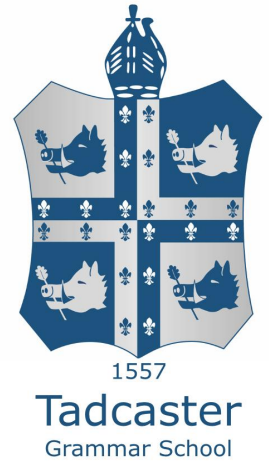


Be Your Best Self

Wednesday 4th May 2022



Dear parents, carers & students,

We've had a great start to the summer term. I think all our fantastic students needed a break after a challenging Spring Term.

One of the best parts of my job is having the opportunity to walk the corridors (and the school field) and visit lessons. I also enjoy taking guests from other schools and visitors around the school to see us in action. It is wonderful to see students fully engaged, enjoying their learning and showing such responsibility and resilience. I do hope you manage to keep track of the positive comments staff log on Class Charts and see the certificates and lapel badges arriving home.

Last week, I'm sure you heard, all students were engaged in the *Big Clean* around the school grounds where we reminded students of their stake in ensuring our fantastic grounds are kept to a high standard. It all got rather competitive at some stages. It is also great to be able to carry out full year group assemblies now in the Hall which we have greatly missed over the last couple of years. Students having a sense of their Year Group and House identities is so important.

This week, at last, we are moving our lunchtimes on to the school field after a very long winter period. This is a great part of TGS culture where students get to enjoy the grounds and sunshine (plus ball games and picnics).

Later in this update you will see an advert for examination invigilators. If you would like to earn some extra money (just over £11 per hour) this academic year, and beyond, whilst giving a greatly valued service to the school, please could I ask you to consider making an informal email enquiry to our examinations manager, Carol Langford-Smith, by Friday 6th May 2022.

c.langford-smith@tgs.starmat.uk

Whilst writing, just to say thank you again for your support and trust so far this academic year during a very irregular time. I do hope you feel that if you have a concern you are listened to and school staff will work with you to address anxieties. We all greatly value the support we have from our parents and carers.

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

Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson
Headteacher



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Summer Examinations Update

Year 11 - Key Dates

Wednesday 11th May	Summer Series exams commence (please be aware that some practical and language speaking exams take place before this date, students will be informed of these by their subject teachers)
Thursday 23rd June	Final whole cohort exam in the morning (Physics) 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

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 commence (please be aware that some practical and language speaking exams take place before this date, students will be informed of these by their subject teachers)
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

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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Statutory Relationship Health and Sex Education

As part of our Relationship, Health and Sex Education (RSE), all students in Year 13 and Year 11 respectively will receive an hour's session on contraception and sexually transmitted diseases, delivered by a specialist member of our Personal Development Team, SMSC Lead Mrs P McKenzie, next Thursday 12th May.

Year 13 students will be invited to attend one of three sessions next Thursday morning, being notified of the time and place for their session via a forthcoming email. Year 11s will receive their one hour session in the afternoon, instead of their PE lesson. They should go directly to their timetabled PE classroom. The delivery of these topics and the materials used within the session will be age appropriate.

Following the updated government policy on RSE, commencing January 2021, it is compulsory for schools to deliver RSE, which covers information and guidance about healthy relationships and sex education.

The government guidance regarding RSE offers an excellent explanation as to the intent of teaching these topics; *'Effective RSE does not encourage early sexual experimentation. It should teach young people to understand human sexuality and to respect themselves and others. It enables young people to mature, build their confidence and self-esteem and understand the reasons for delaying sexual activity. Effective RSE also supports people, throughout life, to develop safe, fulfilling and healthy sexual relationships, at the appropriate time.'*

Parents will continue to have a right to request to withdraw their child from sex education delivered as part of RSE in secondary schools which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, should be granted up to three terms before their child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.'

If you have any questions or concerns with regards to the forthcoming RSE session, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to address these on an individual basis.

Kind regards

Mrs M Carroll

Assistant Headteacher

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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

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Tadcaster Brewing Heritage Project

Before the Easter break, the sixth form had a presentation from this local interest group. Some of our students are actively pursuing voluntary work with the project. I thought I would highlight the project to you if you wanted to register your interest. The lead member of the project team is a Tadcaster Grammar School alumnus.

<https://tadcasterbrewingheritagecentre.org.uk>

Ros Knapton

Assistant Headteacher

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Uniform Update

Thank you for your excellent support with ensuring your children arrive at school in the correct school uniform. Standards of uniform since returning after the Easter holidays have been excellent, although we still have some room for improvement with a minority of students.

Please may I remind you of the main school uniform expectations:

- Plain grey trousers/grey pleated skirt (no more than 8cm above knee);
- Clear nail varnish only, no facial piercings – students wearing any facial piercing or additional ear piercings, other than in the ear lobe will have to be removed immediately;
- A single pair of plain ear studs (not hoops/rings/flesh tunnels) can be worn, one in each earlobe. No other items must be visible;
- Blue blazer with school logo (Year 10 can continue to wear the legacy black blazer if they choose);
- Black school shoes: No logos, no black trainers.

Please may I also emphasise that extreme hairstyles should be avoided. Hair should not be dyed (either permanent or semi-permanent) beyond colours close to natural hair colours (e.g. extreme bleaching and/or red, pink, blue or purple colours).

Often at this time there is the suggestion from some students that parents and carers will not be replacing school uniform in the final months of the school year, especially shoes. Unfortunately this cannot be a justification for not adhering to school uniform expectations and causes unnecessary conflict. This requirement for correct and full uniform extends until the end of term and throughout the exam period.

I appreciate your full support with this and if you have queries around school uniform please contact your son or daughter's Year Leader.

In addition, if you have any queries about uniform expectations you can check the full guidance on the [school website](#).

Paul Betts

Assistant Headteacher

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Attendance

Over the past 2 years attendance at school for staff and students has been challenging to say the very least. However, we are delighted that over the past term we are seeing a massive increase in attendance for all groups and we do thank you for your support.

Attendance in school really does matter as students with over 95% attendance in an academic year are significantly more likely to achieve expected or above progress, compared to a student with below 90% attendance.

95% attendance equates to students missing almost 10 days of schooling. If this is when revision is done or tasks are set, it's often hard for students to catch up.

90% attendance equates to almost 4 weeks of schooling missed. A student is now at a significant disadvantage.

Please continue to encourage your child to attend school unless they are ill and try wherever possible to ensure medical and dental appointments are outside of school times.

Every day matters. Our school attendance policy can be found here [Attendance Policy](#)

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Oxe or myself.

Lisa Oxe
Attendance Officer
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Paul Betts
Assistant Headteacher
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Recycling Office Furniture

You may be working in a business that regularly refreshes office furniture. If there is an opportunity to donate such office furniture which still has significant life left in it to the school, please could you consider contacting me at school. We are particularly interested in office desks and office chairs. Thank you for your consideration.

[Thank you to those parents who have already contacted me. The school has received some good furniture which the staff and students are now using.](#)

Irv Webb
Business Manager
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Year 11 - Welcoming You Into The Sixth Form

We have been delighted to send out acceptance letters to all those who have applied to our Sixth Form offering them their level 3 choices. On behalf of the Sixth Form team we are looking forward to you joining us in September and with lots of opportunities opening up again to be able to provide you with both excellent academic support and extra developmental opportunities. Once exams have finished I will be in touch with next steps in preparing for your sixth form experience and key dates in terms of your induction.

It is not too late to apply please click [here](#)

Ros Knapton

Assistant Headteacher

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Ofsted Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school.

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

CLICK [Give your view now](#) CLICK

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) or your child's Year Leader to discuss these matters further.

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

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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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7F1	Mr K. Simpson	k.simpson@tgs.starmat.uk
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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
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	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
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Pastoral enquiries

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3rd Contact - Year Leader

YEAR 8

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8D2	Mr A. Stangroom	a.stangroom@tgs.starmat.uk
8F1	Ms K. Langstaff	k.langstaff@tgs.starmat.uk
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8T1	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

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9F1	Mr J. Balfour	j.balfour@tgs.starmat.uk
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9O1	Ms L. Boddy Ms J. Pinder	l.boddy@tgs.starmat.uk j.pinder@tgs.starmat.uk
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9T1	Mr C. Spence	c.spence@tgs.starmat.uk
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	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
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Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

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10F2	Mr R. Power Ms C. Foulds	r.power@tgs.starmat.uk c.foulds@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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11D2	Ms R. Dickinson	r.dickinson@tgs.starmat.uk
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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	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
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Pastoral enquiries

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3rd Contact - Director

SIXTH FORM

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13F	Mr S. Sharratt	s.sharratt@tgs.starmat.uk
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