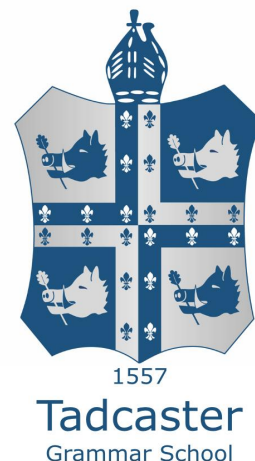


Be Your Best Self



Tuesday 21st June 2022

Dear parents, carers & students,

I hope this finds you well?

The light at the end of the Year 11 & 13 examinations tunnel is getting larger and brighter by the day. We only have a very few examinations left before we say farewell to our 16 and 18 year olds as they start a wonderfully long summer break. As these have been the first national examinations for two years, tensions could have been heightened, but our students have been superb and an inspiration to us all. We are very much looking forward to the forthcoming Year 11 & Year 13 Proms.

After a very challenging selection process with interested Year 12 students making formal applications, gaining references and being interviewed by senior staff and the chair of the local governing body, I am delighted to introduce our head students for 2022-23: Harriet Gibson and Gabriel Owens. They will lead the ever expanding student leadership teams within school and work with senior staff on operational policy to ensure all of our students have the best possible experience in school.



In other news, it has been wonderful to visit many of our partner primary schools in the locality recently. It's so interesting to speak with Year 6 and Year 5 students about their hopes and aspirations and what moving up to secondary school means for them. We are delighted to be welcoming 262 11 year olds into Year 7 in September.



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Each year we say hello and wave goodbye to a number of staff. With over 175 adults working in school this tends to gather pace during the summer term. I would like to make you aware of a change on the senior leadership team. Ms Mulhern is leaving us as deputy headteacher after seventeen years of service to the school. This is farewell though, rather than goodbye as she will be working full time for the Trust from September.

Joining the senior team in September will be Matt Gill. Matt has been Deputy Headteacher at Bedale High School since 2017, where he has played a major role in improving teaching, curriculum design and outcomes. Prior to this he was an Assistant Headteacher at Rivers Academy, West London and an Associate

Assistant Headteacher at Harris Academy, Crystal Palace. His leadership practice in these schools focused on the Quality of Education, largely leading on teaching and learning, curriculum development and CPD. Prior to this he led a History department in London having trained and taught as a History teacher in Leeds.

Our co-curricular programme has started to gain pace in recent months, with many visits out of school during the week and at evenings and weekends. Recently we have seen the Year 10 Geographers visit York, Year 9 complete their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, a sixth form visit to Leeds Courts and nearly all Year 12 attend a UCAS day at Leeds Beckett University - amongst many other activities. Year 7 will enjoy a three day residential in July in Lincolnshire, and next week sees our annual visit to Wimbledon back on the calendar. Over the weekend the school was represented alongside other local schools at York Pride - it was a great, if very warm, day. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your support of these visits and also to thank the staff who work way beyond a 'normal' working week to make them happen.

As usual, please find attached a number of updates for your attention including outline arrangements for the end of term and the start of the new school year in September.

Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson
Headteacher

Notifying school of a student absence

Thank you to the parents who have provided feedback regarding the use of a Google form in order to report student absence. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive in terms of speed and efficiency. We have made slight amendments, the main one being that it now includes the sixth form.

Therefore, please can I encourage you to use the Google form to report any absences or medical appointments. Our reception staff are still available to contact if you feel the absence requires a conversation. The link to the Google form is below. It will also now feature on the homepage of our school website in order for you to access it more easily.

<https://forms.gle/Sw2RZ2x2AtWGrV8Q6>

R. Vernon

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Chromebook for Learning scheme

The online portal, where you can order a device from our partner 'Freedomtech Technology' opened on Wednesday 1st June and will close on Sunday 31st July. Please be aware that although you may find cheaper alternatives to purchase online or on the high street, the extended warranty and free repair service for accidental damage may not be available for such devices. Even the most careful student can accidentally damage a chromebook, and over the years many parents have benefitted from the free repair service and extended warranty included in the Freedomtech package.

Freedomtech are also offering parents of other year groups to update their student chromebook, so visit our website and follow links to the relevant portal if you wish to do so. The device will be the same as that currently offered to incoming Year 7 students, but pricing plans will reflect the length of time remaining in school.

You can, if you wish, purchase a chromebook elsewhere for your child to use in school. It must meet the same specification as the devices offered by the scheme, and you will also need to order a 'Google education licence' through the school to allow it to benefit from the applications and device management we offer. This is a one-off cost of £25.00. (see website for more details)

Please visit the *Chromebooks for Learning* page on the school website under the 'Parents' tab ([Click here](#)) which contains further information regarding the scheme. It also includes answers to frequently asked questions.

Mr M Dunphy

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‘End of term’ and ‘start of the new school year’ plans

End of the school year plans

Date	Additional activity	Further information
Monday 18 th July	Year 7 residential (Day 1) <i>Careers event - Year 8 & 9</i>	Details regarding year 7 residential will be communicated to year 7 families.
Tuesday 19 th July	Year 7 residential (Day 2) <i>Careers event - b side of Year 10</i>	<i>See details below</i>
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 7 residential (Day 3) <i>Careers event – e side of Year 10</i>	<i>See details below</i>
Thursday 21 st July		
Friday 22 nd July	Early finish - 12.25.	Hot food will be made available at break time which will be extended on this day. Free school meal students will be able to purchase a hot meal at this time, rather than the usual lunch time.

Monday 18th July: Whole School Careers and Employability Day

Students in Years 8 to 11 will take part in an off timetable day exploring the range of careers and post school education pathways available. Along with a bespoke workshop on Employability Skills. Throughout the day all students will have the opportunity to attend our very own Careers Fair.

Tuesday 19 July and Wednesday 20 July: Year 10 Enterprise Event

b side teaching groups - Tuesday

e side teaching groups - Wednesday

Students will work alongside inspiring Business Volunteers to discover more about themselves and develop key skills which are valued in the workplace. Through a series of hands-on, fun activities students will work in teams on the early stages of launching a fledgling business, balancing a budget as well as creating a brand identity and marketing strategy.

Year 11 and 13 Student CEIAG Support - School leaver Options

Students in Year 11 and 13 can still assess Career Guidance and Support appointments, along with help preparing for interviews. Appointments are available in person or via Google Meet, until the end of this academic year. Students can request appointments via the following link. [Click here](#)

Helen Lawson

CEIAG, Business and Community Links Manager

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Summer results days

Year 11 and Year 13 examination results will be available as follows:

Year 13	Thursday 18th August 2022 - 0800*
Year 11	Thursday 25th August 2022 - 0800*

* please note this is the earliest nationally permitted time for the release of examination results.

Students can collect their results from the main hall (via rear entrance). Mrs Lawson and Mrs Knapton will be on hand to support with post 18/16 and Sixth Form enquiries

Start of the new school year plans

Date	Students in school
Monday 5 th September 2022	Year 12 induction - school only open for Year 12 students
Tuesday 6 th September 2022	Year 7 induction - school only open for Year 7 students
Wednesday 7 th September 2022	All students in school as normal

Please note that further details regarding Year 12 induction and Year 7 induction days will be communicated over the coming weeks.

A reminder about staff training days for 2022/2023 (school closed to students)

Friday 25th November 2022
Friday 10th February 2023
Friday 30th June 2023
Monday 24th July 2023
Tuesday 25th July 2023

I hope this information helps you in your family planning for next year. If you have any queries regarding any of the above information, including the changes to reporting a student absence, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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School leaver Destinations September 2022

Schools and colleges are required to share data about the destination activity of their students with the local authority. This supports the duty of the local authority to track all young people from 16-19 years. This helps to identify those young people that are not in education, employment or training (NEET) and to offer them support once they have left school.

To ensure the most up to date data is collected for Tadcaster Grammar School students, parents/careers of current Year 11 and 13 students will receive a form to complete at the end of August to confirm their child's destination. This information is statutory information required for NYCC, regardless of the local authority the student resides in.

Helen Lawson

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

Year 10 Assessment Week
Core Subjects

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

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Year 12 Assessment Week

	Morning Assessments (9:05am start)			Afternoon Assessments (1:05pm start)		
Date	Subject	Group	Time	Subject	Group	Time
Monday 27th June	English Literature	12BE1	2hrs 30	Further Maths (Paper 1)	12DFm1	1hr 30
	Politics	12BPc1	1hr 30			
	Physics	12BPh1	1hr 30			
	Psychology	12BPy1/ 12BPy2	2hrs			
Tuesday 28th June	Economics	12DEc1	1hr 30	Maths (paper 1)	12EMa1	1hr 30
	Further Maths (Paper 2)	12DFm1	1hr			
	Psychology	12DPy1	2hrs			
Wednesday 29th June	Biology	12CBi1	1hr 30	Maths (paper 1) French	12AMa1 12AFr1	1hr 30 1hr 45
	Computer Science	12CCs1	2hrs			
	German	12CDe1	1hr 45			
	Geography	12CGg1	1hr 30			
	Law	12CLa1	1 hr			
	Religious Studies	12CRs1	2hrs			
	Sociology	12CSo1	2hrs			
Thursday 30th June	Chemistry	12ECh1	1hr 30			
	Geography	12EGg1	1hr 30			
	Law	12ELa1	1hr			
	Maths (paper 2)	12EMa1	1hr			
Friday 1st July	Business Studies	12ABs1	1hr 30	Religious Studies Sociology	12CRs1 12CSo1	1hr 1hr
	Biology	12ABi1	1hr 30			
	History	12AHi1	1hr 30			
	Maths (Paper 2)	12AMa1	1hr			

Study leave has been granted for Year 12 students during exam week. Lessons at Sherburn High School will continue for those students studying Product Design and Photography. All other Sherburn subjects have examinations commencing Friday 24th June (timetables as issued by SHS). Buses to Sherburn will run as normal to transport students to / from exams.

Ros Knapton

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School uniform

The sunnier weather means that, as of Monday 23rd May, we 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. 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](#).

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Applications for 16 - 19 Bursary Funding in Sixth Form

If your child currently attends Sixth Form or is joining the Sixth Form from September 22 and 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 bursary funding, 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.

You can find out further information and details on how to apply on the school website [16 - 19 Bursary Fund](#) or feel free to contact Mrs Gadsby, (j.gadsby@tgs.starmat.uk) Pastoral Leader for Sixth Form within any questions.
