## Be Your Best Self

Wednesday 9th November 2022



Grammar School

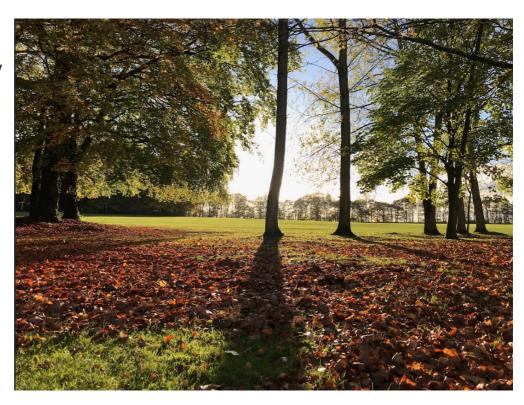
Dear parents, carers & students,

I hope this finds you well?

To start with, a fantastic autumnal shot of our school fields yesterday (thanks to Mr Remillard).

We are still waiting for the final version of our Ofsted report - I'm very much hoping I am in a position to share this with you in the next few days.

This week we have mock examinations in school. The students have been absolutely superb, showing such resilience and responsibility. Thank you to parents and carers who are supporting their children at home and



we look forward to sharing the results from these internal assessments.

At this time of year it is always delightful to hear from our ex-Year 13 students who have moved on to apprenticeships, employment or university. We are very proud of them all. Life seems to move so fast. Please see the note about Senior Awards Evening.

As normal, I attach a number of updates and calendar items for your information.

Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson **Headteacher** 



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#### **Senior Awards Evening**

We are delighted to celebrate the excellent examination results and destinations from the Year 11 and 13 classes of 2022 at our senior awards evening. During the evening we will celebrate students' individual successes and students will receive their examination certificates. We will also be delighted to see our students who have left Tadcaster Grammar School and hear about the great things they have been doing. Please note a change of date to Monday 12th December 6.30pm-8pm.

Mr P Betts
Assistant Headteacher
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#### **Remembrance Day 2022**

This Friday 11th of November, we will be joining in marking Remembrance Day. At TGS we will continue the tradition of holding a Remembrance Service including playing The Last Post and two minutes silence at 11am.

Students will be exploring the commemoration with an assembly and form time activities.

Ms M Carroll
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#### **Anti-Bullying Week 2022**

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will take place from 14th to 18th November and has the theme 'Reach Out'. Such is the importance of this theme that events and activities will run for a further two weeks, including live assemblies and a house competition: Odd Socks Day!

On Monday 21st November, students will be invited to wear odd socks - a great way to mark and celebrate what makes us unique. Form tutors will count the number of people wearing odd socks in each form and the House with the most odd socks worn will win House Points!

Ms M Carroll
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#### **Lost Property**

Please be aware that we have an increasing number of lost property items held in the Main Office. If your child is missing any items please encourage them to enquire at the Main Office.

Can we remind parents to ensure all students' uniform and personal belongings are labelled appropriately, so that any lost items can be returned to their owner quickly.

Further to this we will be publishing a weekly report for Lost Property items via our Classcharts app.

Mrs A Hotchkiss Office Manager a.hotchkiss@tgs.starmat.uk

#### Lockers

To further reduce the likelihood of lost property, please be aware that the school had over 200 new lockers installed over the summer. There are still lockers available to book, details of how to do so can be found on our school website <u>Secure Locker Rental Information</u>

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### **Teaching and Learning update - Student Engagement**

We continue to have a whole school focus on student engagement in lessons and investment in their learning. All students have once again had a clear message on five key points which they should expect to see in every lesson. These points are all linked to our key priority for all students 'to be an outstanding learner'. The five key points are:

- Teachers will refer to our TGS outstanding learner poster every lesson, rewarding through classcharts.
- A 'recall' starter activity in every lesson.
- A pride in presentation sheet used by all.
- Some time to switch to silent work in every lesson.
- Teachers who inspire and are passionate about their subjects.



Mr M Gill
Deputy Headteacher
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#### **Celebrating the Festive Period at Tadcaster Grammar School**

We are delighted to share with you the following important dates in the run up to Christmas. It seems strange now that last year our Christmas concerts and services had to be virtual; we are so pleased that this year, we shall be hosting a range of wonderful celebratory events:

Thursday 1st December Sixth Form Christmas Celebration: Ice-skating 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Monday 5th December Staff and Sixth Form Christmas Bake-Off! 3.30pm

Wednesday 7th December Christmas Concert 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Monday 12th December Senior Awards - 6.30pm (see school website for details)

Tuesday 13th December Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 13th December Non-Uniform Day (Christmas Jumper)
Friday 16th December End of Term – early close at 12.35pm

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 Start of the Spring term

Christmas lunch will be the only food service offered on Tuesday 13th December, but we know that like every year, the music, food and good company 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 'Children in Need'. 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. Please would parents use Parent Pay to make a charitable donation of at least £1.

As we have done for a number of years now, during December we will be asking our school community to bring in donations to the Wetherby and District Food Bank Hamper Appeal. Students will be asked to bring in sought-after items (details to follow). Thank you for your support of this worthy cause, which has more need than ever this Christmas.

Ms M Carroll
Assistant Headteacher
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#### **Attendance**

Having excellent attendance and punctuality is a life skill that will prepare your child for their future. When your child attends school regularly and on time they will be accessing the best opportunities school can offer and increase their chances to leave school with better qualifications and life prospects.

As attendance starts to fall below **96%** students miss more and more lessons and learning opportunities, see the guide below;

Attendance over the whole year	Number of school days missed per year	Number of lessons missed per year	Impact on student learning
<b>96%</b> and above	Less than 6 days (1 week)	36 lessons	-
95%	10 days (2 weeks)	60 lessons	10% less chance of achieving your expected grades
90% (PERSISTANT ABSENCE)	19 days (4 weeks)	114 lessons	40% less chance of achieving your expected grades
85% or less (PERSISTANT ABSENCE)	38 days (8 weeks)	228 lessons +	Less than 50% chance of achieving your expected grades

## Only allow your child to stay off school for genuine illness and please contact school every day

We will always be available to support you and your child to make improvements if needed. Please email <a href="mailto:attendance@tgs.starmat.uk">attendance@tgs.starmat.uk</a>. More guidance and support on attendance can be found on our school <a href="Attendance Leaflet">Attendance Leaflet</a>.

Mrs Lisa Oxer
Attendance Officer
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### **Punctuality**

The majority of our students are on time to all lessons, which is a vital part of learning to take responsibility for our own learning and organisation.

We are now tracking punctuality and students who are regularly late to lessons will receive notification through their parents of our concern. Where needed they will then be placed in **after school detention on a Thursday till 5pm** for persistent lateness to lessons.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr P Betts
Assistant Headteacher
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#### **Jewellery**

Some of our students are wearing jewellery that is not permitted in school.

The main issue is earrings. In several lessons this can cause a safety risk. Please ensure that your child follows the school guidance:-

- Ideally no jewellery should be worn.
- A watch, single plain, flat ring (1 max) and a single pair of plain ear studs (not hoops/rings/flesh tunnels) can be worn, one in each ear lobe. No other items must be visible.
- Ideally no facial make-up; where this is worn, it should be very light and discreet.
- Bracelets in any form are not to be worn.
- Nose piercings should not be worn. If students do have this piercing, then it must be removed for the school day.
- Tongue piercings, facial jewellery or similar body piercings must never be worn. Any new piercings/flesh tunnel procedures that require a 'healing period' should only take place during school holidays that are long enough to accommodate this healing process. All piercings (other than ear piercing as stated above) must be removed and not simply covered up with plasters during school time.
- No jewellery should be worn during physical education or other practical activities.

Presently, a student removes the incorrect jewellery and it is returned at the end of the day. From next week we will only return jewellery at the end of a half term or when a parent comes into collect it.

Mr Paul Betts Assistant Headteacher p.betts@tgs.starmat.uk

### **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. Free School Meals applications do NOT travel over county council boundaries so if you have moved council areas to attend TGS please reapply to North Yorkshire County Council.

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, you can complete the application form: HERE

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.

#### The 16-19 Discretionary Bursary Fund

If your child is currently studying with us in the Sixth form and is entitled to free school meals or your household income is less than £28,000, you may be eligible to receive financial support from the 16-19 Discretionary Bursary fund.

The 16-19 Discretionary Bursary Fund is provided by the Government and can help with any education-related costs that may arise during the school year, including essentials like a meal during the day, transport to school, extra help to buy books, clothing or equipment related to your child's A level course, or pay for educational visits.

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 of Sixth Form education.

More information and the application form can be found here - <u>16 - 19 Bursary Funding</u> or please email Mrs Gadsby, Pastoral Leader (<u>j.gadsby@tgs.starmat.uk</u>) regarding 16-19 Bursary funding and how it may be able to help you and your child.

### Year 11 after school study sessions

Year 11 study sessions will take place in the ILC after school every Tuesday and Wednesday. All students are welcome to join the sessions 3.20pm - 4.30pm. It is an opportunity for our senior students to complete work/revision in a quiet environment.

We encourage all Year 11 students to revise regularly, in manageable chunks from the start of the year. Students have been spoken to regarding the advantages of doing revision now and maintaining this routine:

- It supports memory enhancement
- Builds confidence
- Relieves exam anxiety
- It is purposeful practise and helps memory recall
- It supports and embeds learning
- Revision needs to be started early it must be little and often

Ms C Yewman
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### **Sixth Form Applications September 2023**

We are now recruiting for our Sixth Form to begin in September 2023. The prospectus is available on our website for you to look at the opportunities the sixth form offers our students. HERE.

We are extremely proud of the wide variety of subjects available to our students and you can find our more details about these courses <u>HERE</u>

The application form is now readily available for completion **HERE** 



### **EPQ**

Our Year 13 students Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) students after months of research and independent work presented the findings of their projects as part of their assessment criteria. Presentations included How to reduce plastic; the risk factors that lead to achilles tendonitis in ballet dancers; the health benefits of fluoridating water and political theatre, to name a few. Our students spoke expertly about their fields of interest.





What is the EPQ? Click HERE

Ms R Knapton
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#### Contacting school and contacting your child at school

It is important to us all at TGS to respond to any queries or concerns parents and carers may have in a timely manner. If you need to contact the school, please use the following contact details. Our current COVID-19 status also allows us to invite parents and carers into school to discuss matters face to face after making an appointment.

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

**General contact with the school** (or if you do not know an email address for a member of staff)

Please ring Reception on: 01937 833466

Or use the following contact form: <a href="https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/">https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/</a>

'Thank Yous' to individual staff: via their own TGS email address or <a href="https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/">https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/</a>

Please note that staff will always try to get back to you as soon as possible, but will always prioritise their teaching and planning commitments first, unless the issue is an emergency. I'm sure you will understand that staff are also not obliged to read or respond to emails/phone messages after normal working hours.

#### Contacting your child at school

If you need to contact your son/daughter during the day, please call Reception on 01937 833466 and we will pass the message on. Please do not call your child(ren) on their mobile phone(s) as this is disruptive to learning and may put your child in conflict with a member of staff, including during break and lunchtimes.

Our approach to students' use of mobile phones is as follows:

**8.35** school bell - start of school: phones turned off and put away in school bags

**3.10** school bell - end of school: phone can be taken out of school bags and turned on

The only exception to the above is when a member of staff gives permission for a student, group of students, or the whole class to use mobile phones whilst under their supervision in a lesson in support of a learning task. No student will be at a learning disadvantage if they do not own a mobile phone.

In circumstances when your child needs to make a call home or elsewhere, they should report to school reception or their year office during break or lunchtime where they will be supervised using their mobile phone or a school landline.

Please be aware that the school cannot be held liable for losses or damage of personal mobile phones.

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### **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 J Walker (Maternity Cover)	j.walker@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
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Religion, Philosophy & Ethics	Ms T Askew	t.askew@tgs.starmat.uk
Science	Mr P Gomersal	p.gomersal@tgs.starmat.uk
SENDCO	Ms D Naylor	d.naylor@tgs.starmat.uk
Skills for Life	Mrs A Henson	a.henson@tgs.starmat.uk
Social Sciences	Ms K Mitchell	k.mitchell@tgs.starmat.uk
Technology	Mr J Andrews	j.andrews@tgs.starmat.uk

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
7C1	Ms H. Richardson Ms V Hubbard	h.richardson@tgs.starmat.uk v.hubbard@tgs.starmat.uk
7C2	Ms J. Alderson Ms L.Caine	j.alderson@tgs.starmat.uk l.Caine@tgs.starmat.uk
7D1	Ms T. Gillighan	t.gillighan@tgs.starmat.uk
7D2	Mr C Eaton	c.eaton@tgs.starmat.uk
7F1	Mr J Hoyle	j.hoyle@tgs.starmat.uk
7F2	Ms R. Dickinson	r.dickinson@tgs.starmat.uk
701	Mr J. Alderman	j.alderman@tgs.starmat.uk
702	Ms L Thompson	I.thompson@tgs.starmat.uk
7T1	Ms H. Stiles Ms P Parkin	h.stiles@tgs.starmat.uk p.parkin@tgs.starmat.uk
7T2	Mr R Jenkins	r.jenkins@tgs.starmat.ukk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
Year 7	Pastoral Leader Mr D Bass d.bass@tgs.starmat.uk	Year Leader Ms C Hodgson c.hodgson@tgs.starmat.uk
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1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
8C1	Ms C. Carson Ms V .England	c.carson@tgs.starmat.uk v.england@tgs.starmat.uk
8C2	Ms C. Collinson Ms E. Mooney	c.collinson@tgs.starmat.uk e.mooney@tgs.starmat.uk
8D1	Mr C. Benoit	c.benoit@tgs.starmat.uk
8D2	Ms S. Laidlaw	s.laidlaw@tgs.starmat.uk
8F1	Mr K. Simpson	k.simpson@tgs.starmat.uk
8F2	Ms K. Holmes	k.holmes@tgs.starmat.uk
801	Mr R. Solk	r.solk@tgs.starmat.uk
802	Mr J. Bellwood	j.bellwood@tgs.starmat.uk
8T1	Mr T O'Neill Ms N. Brown	t.oneill@tgs.starmat.uk n.brown@tgs.starmat.uk
8T2	Ms E.Lattimore	e.lattimore@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
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1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

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9C1	Mr P McGovern	p.mcgovern@tgs.starmat.uk
9C2	Mr A. Allman	a.allman@tgs.starmat.uk
9D1	Ms T. Askew	t.askew@tgs.starmat.uk
9D2	Dr Z. Burgess	z.burgess@tgs.starmat.uk
9F1	Ms K. Langstaff	k.langstaff@tgs.starmat.uk
9F2	Ms T. Baker Ms L Brotherton	t.baker@tgs.starmat.uk I.brotherton@tgs.starmat.uk
901	Ms L. Solk Ms R Willerton	I.solk@tgs.starmat.uk r.willerton@tgs.starmat.uk
902	Mr S Sharratt	s.sharratt@tgs.starmat.uk
9T1	Ms L. Fullerton	I.fullerton@tgs.starmat.uk
9T2	Mr P. Richardson Ms J Yau	p.richardson@tgs.starmat.uk j.yau@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
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1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

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10D1	Ms R. Yellow	r.yellow@tgs.starmat.uk
10D2	Ms M. Butterworth Ms L Boddy	m.butterworrth@tgs.starmat.uk I.boddy@tgs.starmat.uk
10F1	C.Stanley	c.stanley@tgs.starmat.uk
10F2	Ms S. Micheli	s.micheli@tgs.starmat.uk
1001	V. Lightfoot Ms J. Pinder	v.lightfoot@tgs.starmat.uk j.pinder@tgs.starmat.uk
1002	Ms H. Hercberg Ms K. Baron	h.hercberg@tgs.starmat.uk k.baron@tgs.starmat.uk
10T1	Mr C. Spence	c.spence@tgs.starmat.uk
10T2	Mr J. Andrews	j.andrews@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
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1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

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11C2	Mr R. Remillard	r.remillard@tgs.starmat.uk
11D1	Ms K. McGeechan Ms J. Binks	k.mcgeechan@tgs.starmat.uk j.binks@tgs.starmat.uk
11D2	Ms A. Henson	a.henson@tgs.starmat.uk
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11F2	Mr R. Power Ms K. Tantum	r.power@tgs.starmat.uk k.tantum@tgs.starmat.uk
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1102	Mr M. McKie	m.mckie@tgs.starmat.uk
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11T2	Ms E. Stubbs	e.stubbs@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
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1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Director

## **SIXTH FORM**

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12F	Ms S. Buckley	s.buckley@tgs.starmat.uk
120	Ms K.Mitchell Ms H. Cooney	k.mitchell@tgs.starmat.uk h.cooney@tgs.starmat.uk
12T	Ms J. Kay Ms A. Cantrel	j.kay@tgs.starmat.uk a.cantrell@tgs.starmat.uk
13C	Mr M. Elsworth Ms S. Farren	m.elsworth@tgs.starmat.uk s.farren@tgs.starmat.uk
13D	Ms P. McKenzie	p.mckenzie@tgs.starmat.uk
13F	Mr G. Dale	g.dale@tgs.starmat.uk
130	Ms L.Bland Ms J.Yau	I.bland@tgs.starmat.uk j.yau@tgs.starmat.uk
13T	Ms H. Brydon Ms H. Cooney	h.brydon@tgs.starmat.uk h.cooney@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Director
Sixth	Ms J Gadsby	Ms R Knapton
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	extension: 235	extension: 223