Be Your Best Self

Thursday 18th August 2022



Dear Year 13 leavers (and parents/carers),

We hope today has gone well. We wanted to write a short note on behalf of all the school staff to wish you the very best for whatever the future holds. Many of you have already started employment and training and a large number of you are undoubtedly thinking about packing boxes and bags ready for life at university.

Wherever life will take you in the next few months and years to come, we really hope you are able to reflect upon and get strength from your time at TGS. Just reflect on the 2-3 years you have had with the pandemic and how you have worked so amazingly and supported one another. Incredible.

You will probably be glad of the end of school staff constantly referring to the school values of ambition, responsibility, respect and resilience! However, we hope you consider taking those core values with you into your new lives; we are convinced you will see their relevance in what is an exciting but ever-changing and challenging world. Please also be confident in continuing to model the other personal characteristics that are the hallmarks of an ex-TGS sixth former; compassion, humility, integrity, and so many more. You will each be making your own minds up about what is important to you as an adult and what kind of person you want to be. We hope the school has helped prepare you for this journey to be your best self.

Finally, remember that you will always be 'Tadcaster Grammar School'. Be exceptionally proud of that and wear it as a badge of honour. In the near and far future we're sure you will probably think back to your time at school; if this happens, always know that we will definitely be thinking about you. Stay in touch.

Remember we are always here to help, especially in the next few days. Any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Knapton, Director of Sixth Form (<u>r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk</u>) or Mrs Lawson, CEIAG, Business and Community Links Manager (<u>h.lawson@tgs.starmat.uk</u>).

Kind regards,

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