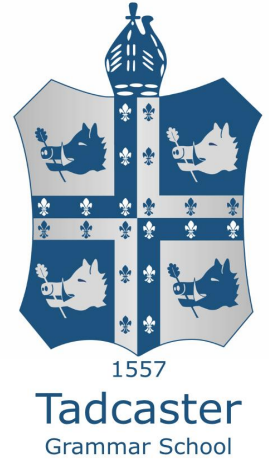


Be Your Best Self



Wednesday 1st March 2023

Dear parents, carers and students,

Firstly, thank you for your forbearance and understanding this week with the second teachers' strike. I'm very much hoping that the Government and the teacher professional associations can work together to avert the planned national strike action on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. As always, I will let you know our planning if these strike days do go ahead as soon as possible.

We've had a fantastic uptake for our re-launched social media platforms (see flyer later in this update). If you have any suggestions for how to improve these even further, please contact Mrs Thompson on c.thompson@tgs.starmat.uk I hope the posts from school are both informative and maybe even brighten your day.

I mentioned school uniform standards in my last update. Another thank you for supporting our school uniform, especially during the current times of additional pressure on household expenses. Each year we speak to a wide range of students and take their feedback and suggestions on our school uniform and how we can work together to ensure it is the visible part of our school vision and values, as well as being comfortable, practical and as cheap as possible. The students (and staff) have come up with a small number of useful suggestions which we'd like your feedback on before potentially moving forwards (please see page 2.)

As usual, please find a number of updates on the following pages.

Regards

Andrew Parkinson
Headteacher



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School Uniform

We are seeking the views of parents and carers on the following proposed changes to the School Uniform Policy.

Trousers

- We are aware that at times families have found it difficult to source appropriately styled and comfortable dark grey trousers.
- The proposal is to allow students the choice to wear *either* dark grey *or* black trousers [no additional cost].
- As is the case now, all trousers must be plain, straight-leg - no flare, drainpipe, skinny, cargo, 'leggings-style' or other 'fashion' style.

Please note there is no proposal to allow black skirts to be worn at this time; skirts should continue to be dark grey, pleated only.

Ties

- The proposal is for the phased introduction of clip-on, ready-tied ties.
- If the proposal goes ahead, it would be the intention of the school to only expect incoming year 7 students (September 2023) to purchase and wear clip-on ties [no additional cost to existing students].
- Note that APC uniform suppliers would phase out their stock of normal ties over the next 12-18 months at which point only clip-on ties will be available to buy.
- Current year 7-11 students will be able to see out their school years with a choice of clip-on tie or existing tie (while stocks last).

Summer Uniform

We appreciate that during the final half term of the school year, the temperatures of the school building can at times become uncomfortable when wearing the full school uniform, including ties. With this in mind we would like to propose a 'summer uniform' for the students during the final half term (exact dates will be published by the school). The summer uniform would include the following:

- School skirt or school trousers [no additional cost].
- Plain white polo shirt (no logos of any kind) OR white polo shirt with TGS logo on it (school PE uniform) [no additional cost].
- School shoes and socks or tights [no additional cost].

Please note there is no proposal to bring in school shorts at this time.

Your views and feedback would be greatly appreciated. Please could I ask you to [complete this google form](#) in order to record your views on these proposals. **The deadline for feedback is Friday 17th March 2023.** We will then report back to you and publicise a launch date if appropriate.

Mr R Vernon

Deputy Headteacher

r.vernon@tgs.starmat.uk

A request for office furniture

If you work for a company that periodically refreshes the office furniture in its buildings, we would be very grateful for any donations. Office tables, conference room tables, chairs (especially swivel office chairs) are particularly useful in school.

If you think you may be able to help, please contact Mr Irv Webb (Business Manager) on i.webb@tgs.starmat.uk

Sixth Form

We have been delighted with the number of Year 11 students who applied to Tadcaster Sixth Form for this September. We are now in the process of going through all the applications and arranging subject blocks so timetabling can begin. We are currently contacting students to confirm places and option choices.

It's not too late to apply for a September 2023 entry - please email me.

Mrs R Knapton

Assistant Headteacher

r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk

Personal Development Update from the House Champions

Since returning to TGS for the new term, the House Champions have been extremely busy, as have our students. Each house has taken part in a dodgeball tournament, with teams of 10 ducking, diving and dodging during period 1, to be declared the overall winner. So far our winners have been Calcaria for Year 7 and Toulston for Years 8, 9 and 10. Alongside this event, we have hosted our own version of University Challenge, which sees students from each house put their brains into battle, answering a wide range of general knowledge questions. Future events include our very popular 'Just Dance' sessions, a Sixth form bake off, and Rounders, which will be announced to students once dates are finalised.

The House Champions are thrilled to announce that they will be hosting a Sport Relief week from Monday 20th March to raise money for Comic Relief, so they can continue to provide support to amazing projects and organisations across the UK and around the world. These charities make a real difference to people's lives.

Throughout the week there will be sport and fitness activities during Period 1 and lunchtimes, which all students can access; HIIT, yoga and Zumba sessions, and Netball shootout, crossbar challenge, kick ups and table tennis to name a few. Each activity will cost 10p-£1 (cash), to raise funds for such a worthy cause. Students should bring in loose change for our charity buckets, with all funds going to Comic Relief.

Day	Activity	Time	Location	Donation
Monday 20th March	HIIT Session	Period 1	Gym (P Block)	50p
	Cross Country	Lunch	Cross Country Track	Free donate/sponsorship
Tuesday 21st March	Yoga	Period 1	Main Hall	50p
	Netball Shootout	Lunch	Netball Courts	10p per shot. 50p for 6
Wednesday 22nd March	Zumba	Period 1	Main Hall	50p
	Crossbar Challenge	Lunch	Astroturf	10p per shot, 50p for 6
	Drop Kick Challenge	Lunch	Rugby Field	10p per shot, 50p for 6
Thursday 23rd March	Just-dance	Period 1	Main Hall	50p
	Student versus Teacher Challenges!	Lunch	Various	£1
Friday 24th March	Speed Table Tennis	Period 1	Gym (P Block)	50p
	Kick-ups Challenge	Lunch	Astroturf	50 p
	Penalty Shoot-out	Lunch	Astroturf	10p per shot, 50p for 6

Applications for Free School Meals in STAR MAT schools

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child could also qualify for free school meals during all school years. To qualify you must be receiving:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals.

Apply for free school meals

You will receive an instant decision on whether your application is successful. If it is, we will fully process the application in 5 working days and notify the school. Once the school has received this your child can begin enjoying free school meals. You should continue to pay until confirmation comes through. Schools may be able to arrange reimbursement of payment made while your entitlement is being confirmed.

Free school meals claims cannot be backdated. They are awarded from the date we receive the application, once eligibility is confirmed. This is because there is a legal requirement for a request to be made, before a free school meal can be provided. If you are not entitled to free school meals, you will be notified in writing.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs V Hubbard at school on v.hubbard@tgs.starmat.uk

Social Media

Tadcaster Grammar School



Over the last month or so you may have noticed that we have been developing our SOCIAL MEDIA presence on our existing whole school Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as our Sixth Form Instagram account.

However, we are excited to share that we now have a whole school **INSTAGRAM** account!



@tadcastergrammar



Our social media will help keep our families up to date with any news students may not hear about. We aim to use our social media platforms to share good news, student successes and celebrations as well general updates and important reminders.

So, please like and follow our pages... like, share and comment on our posts... and keep in touch!



Sixth Form @ TGS
<https://www.instagram.com/sixthformtgs/>



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#beyourbestself #beambitious #beresilient #berespectful #beresponsible

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.

Individual teaching subject enquiry	Pastoral enquiry
Who to approach first: 1st: Your child's subject teacher 2nd: The Curriculum Team Leader for the subject	Who to approach first: 1st: Your child's form tutor 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: https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/ 'Thank You's' to individual staff: via their own TGS email address or https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/

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
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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.

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
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2nd: The Curriculum Team Leader for the subject	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
Business & Commercial Subjects	Mr C Benoit	c.benoit@tgs.starmat.uk
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
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 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

Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

YEAR 7

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
7O1	Mr J. Alderman	j.alderman@tgs.starmat.uk
7O2	Mrs E. Hewitt	e.hewitt@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
	Year 7 Phone number: 01937 833466 Extension number: 232 / 218	

Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

YEAR 8

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
8O1	Mr R. Solk	r.solk@tgs.starmat.uk
8O2	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
Year 8	Ms T.Bull t.bull@tgs.starmat.uk	Ms C Higginson c.higginson@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 8 Phone number: 01937 833466 Extension number: 702 / 300	

Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

YEAR 9

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
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 l.brotherton@tgs.starmat.uk
9O1	Ms L. Solk Ms R Willerton	l.solk@tgs.starmat.uk r.willerton@tgs.starmat.uk
9O2	Mr S Sharratt	s.sharratt@tgs.starmat.uk
9T1	Ms L. Fullerton	l.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
Year 9	Ms E Proctor e.proctor@tgs.starmat.uk	Mr A Punt a.punt@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 9 Phone number: 01937 833466 Extension number: 239/277	

Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

YEAR 10

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
10C1	Ms R. Thomas	r.thomas@tgs.starmat.uk
10C2	Mr P. Gomersal Ms N. Randall	p.gomersal@tgs.starmat.uk n.randall@tgs.starmat.uk
10D1	Ms R. Yellow	r.yellow@tgs.starmat.uk
10D2	Ms M. Butterworth Ms L Boddy	m.butterworrth@tgs.starmat.uk l.boddy@tgs.starmat.uk
10F1	C.Stanley	c.stanley@tgs.starmat.uk
10F2	Ms S. Micheli	s.micheli@tgs.starmat.uk
10O1	V. Lightfoot Ms J. Pinder	v.lightfoot@tgs.starmat.uk j.pinder@tgs.starmat.uk
10O2	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
Year 10	Mr B Evans b.evans@tgs.starmat.uk	Ms C Kenny c.kenny@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 10 Phone number: 01937 833466 Extension number: 316/315	

Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

YEAR 11

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
11C1	Ms E.Hitchon	e.hitchon@tgs.starmat.uk
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
11F1	Mr A. Cain	a.cain@tgs.starmat.uk
11F2	Mr R. Power Ms K. Tantum	r.power@tgs.starmat.uk k.tantum@tgs.starmat.uk
11O1	Ms K. Heneachon Ms L. Alderman	k.heneachon@tgs.starmat.uk l.alderman@tgs.starmat.uk
11O2	Mr M. McKie	m.mckie@tgs.starmat.uk
11T1	Ms R. Butterworth Mr J. Fox	r.butterworth@tgs.starmat.uk j.fox@tgs.starmat.uk
11T2	Ms E. Stubbs	e.stubbs@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
Year 11	Mr M. Prentice m.prentice@tgs.starmat. uk	Ms C Yewman c.yewman@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 11 Phone number: 01937 833466 Extension number: 256 / 293	

Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Director

SIXTH FORM

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
12C	Mr A. Crease	a.crease@tgs.starmat.uk
12D	Ms J. Walker	j.walker@tgs.starmat.uk
12F	Ms S. Buckley	s.buckley@tgs.starmat.uk
12O	Ms K. Mitchell Ms H. Cooney	k.mitchell@tgs.starmat.uk h.cooney@tgs.starmat.uk
12T	Ms J. Kay Ms A. Cantrell	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
13O	Ms L. Bland Ms J. Yau	l.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 Form	Ms J Gadsby j.gadsby@tgs.starmat.uk 01937833466 extension: 235	Ms R Knapton r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk 01937833466 extension: 223