



# Head's Newsletter

September 2017

## 'A Culture of Excellence'

Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone after the summer holidays and say how much I am looking forward to working with you all again this year. I hope our students are both happy and successful and find their experience of the TGS 'Culture of Excellence' a really positive one. I am very confident that they will!



It has been a particular pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students who have made a really good start as members of the TGS 'family'! It is also wonderful to see that more than half of our Year 11 students have chosen to remain with us in the Sixth Form.

### Examinations

The really exciting news to share with you is the stunning achievement of our students in their GCSE and A Level examinations this summer.

At GCSE we have entered a world of new Government measures. These include (amongst others) 9-1 grading in English and Mathematics, a 'Basics' attainment measure (the percentage of students who have achieved a 5 or above in both Maths and English) and Progress 8 (which measures how much progress our students make compared to their starting points). We are delighted that the attainment of this year's GCSE cohort was again above national average and are confident that, when published, their progress will be too.



Equally impressive results were attained by Year 13 students with more than a third of all A level outcomes graded as A or A\* and more than 60% A\*-B. In addition, we expect that the average progress students made over their two years of A Level study at TGS to be higher than the national figure.

We are extremely proud of our students. They have achieved the results they deserve because of their hard work and determination, the dedication of our staff and the support of our parents.

Congratulations to everyone and I wish you every success for the future!





**A Level and GCSE Results Days in Pictures—Congratulations to all!**





## Summer Site Improvements

During the summer there have been many improvements to our school site, including those below and the addition of door locks to make our school more secure:

New door security



Entrance to school repainted



Languages and History corridors refurbished and painted  
Music corridor fully redecorated



Reception repainted



Toulston— timberwork and framework repaired and painted



## Welcome to New Members of Staff

With the start of the school year we warmly welcome new members of staff who have joined our team:



Left to right - Mr R Remillard (Teacher of Computing), Mr N Thomas (Teacher of PE), Mrs J Oladjins (Teacher of English), Miss M Hubbard (General Teaching Assistant), Miss K Holmes (KS4 Teacher of Chemistry), Mr G Middleton (Teacher of PE), Mr A Conroy (Teacher of Computing), Mrs L Boddy (KS3 Teacher of English), Mrs N Brown (Teacher of English), Mrs C Mitchell (General Teaching Assistant) and Mrs J Allanach (General Teaching Assistant).

Left to right - Mr C Simpson (Teacher of Geography/Life Skills), Miss T Askew (Teacher of RE), Mrs S Loaring (Behaviour Admin.), Miss G Emery (Teacher of RE/Life Skills), Miss J Hodgson (KS4 Teacher of English), Miss A Ashworth (General Teaching Assistant) and Miss S Bates (Teacher of Psychology/ Sociology)



Missing from the photos are Mrs C Pearson (Teacher of English), Mr G Gorman (Teacher of Economics), Mrs L Everson (Relief Cover Supervisor), Mrs J O'Reilly (Careers Advisor), Mrs K Gibbons (Administrator, Main Office), Mrs M Petre (Learning Support Teacher/ General Teaching Assistant) and Mrs M Waites (Science Technician).



## Welcome to our Year 7 Students

Welcome to our new Year 7 students who seem to be settling into our Tadcaster Grammar School family well.



## Friday 5

Year 7 students experienced their first 'Friday Five' and are pictured here with Headteacher Mr Sibley.

'Friday Five' enables Mr Sibley to personally meet with students each week to celebrate their achievements.

Teachers nominate one student from each of their teaching groups, from a particular year group to be awarded a 'Friday Five'. These nominations are given out for reward, effort, progress, contribution and responsibility. Students go to Mr Sibley's office during Friday Period 5 to receive praise and a reward.





### Destinations of Year 13 Students (August 2017)

Total number of students 108  
Number entering Higher Education 79  
Number entering Employment/Gap Year/Further Training 29

A full list of Final Destinations of Year 13 students from August 2017 will appear in our next Newsletter, which will be published during the last week of this half-term.

### Welcome to our Year 12 students

Welcome to our Year 12 students who had a very busy first week with their Carousel Induction Event and Freshers Fayre.





### Who To Contact In School

<b>Calcaria</b>	House Leader— Mr A Punt (a.punt@tgsch.uk), House Pastoral Officer —Mrs C Egan (c.egan@tgsch.uk)
<b>Dawson</b>	House Leader— Mrs C Kenny (c.kenny@tgsch.uk), House Pastoral Officer —Mrs E Proctor (e.proctor@tgsch.uk)
<b>Fairfax</b>	House Leader—Mrs N Weatherill (n.weatherill@tgsch.uk), House Pastoral Officer— Mrs C Egan (c.egan@tgsch.uk)
<b>Oglethorpe</b>	House Leader— Mrs L Solk (l.solk@tgsch.uk), House Pastoral Officer—Mrs C Egan (c.egan@tgsch.uk)
<b>Toulston</b>	House Leader— Miss D Naylor (d.naylor@tgsch.uk), House Pastoral Officer —Mrs E Proctor (e.proctor@tgsch.uk)
<b>Wharfe</b>	House Leader— Mr P Betts (p.betts@tgsch.uk), House Pastoral Officer — Mrs E Proctor (e.proctor@tgsch.uk)
<b>Behaviour Team:</b>	Behaviour Support Manager— Mrs J Hodgson (j.hodgson@tgsch.uk); Behaviour Support Officer—Mr D Bass (d.bass@tgsch.uk); Behaviour Admin.—Mrs S Loaring (s.loaring@tgsch.uk)
<b>Pupil Premium:</b>	Mrs V. Hubbard—(v.hubbard@tgsch.uk)
<b>Sixth Form:</b>	Head of Sixth Form—Mrs R Knapton (r.knapton@tgsch.uk), KS5 Pastoral Officer: Mrs J Gadsby (j.gadsby@tgsch.uk)
<b>Attendance Enquiries:</b>	Attendance Officer: Miss S Lund— (attendance@tgsch.uk)  Sixth Form Attendance Officer: Miss H Booth—(h.booth@tgsch.uk)
<b>Medical Enquiries:</b>	School Health and Curriculum Support Manager—Mrs J Chauda (j.chauda@tgsch.uk)
<b>SEN Enquiries:</b>	Student Development Centre Manager—Mrs K Baron (k.baron@tgsch.uk)
<b>Transport Enquiries:</b>	Transport Manager—Mrs V Jones (v.jones@tgsch.uk)



## Impeccable Behaviour at TGS

# Impeccable Behaviour

Our Community's Expectations & Values  
Happy • Safe • Respectful

We all have the right to...

We all have a responsibility to...

FEEL SAFE & VALUED

Enjoy excellent learning experiences



Be treated FAIRLY and with RESPECT

BEHAVE in a way that allows everyone to be HAPPY & SAFE

WORK HARD



Be kind, polite & show respect for each other:

Learn without DISRUPTION

EXPECT the agreed RULES of our school community



TO BE FOLLOWED

Support and encourage the learning and progress of each other

Be punctual, be ready to learn, and wear your uniform correctly

any form of bullying behaviour is unacceptable



Enjoy a pleasant school environment

Look after our school environment

# at Tadcaster Grammar School

## Updates and Changes for Parents

We have enjoyed a very positive start to term, with, as always, the vast majority of students displaying impeccable behaviour and extremely positive attitudes to school and their learning. This is very encouraging. Following on from the letter sent to parents in the summer term about the changes to our Behaviour Policy, we would like to just remind parents of these changes:

We now run an after school detention **every day until 4pm**. Students are expected to serve the after school detention the next day after the sanction is issued. We find this means the sanction has more impact and relevance. In addition to receiving a letter, parents will **receive a text and/or an email** alerting them of the detention.

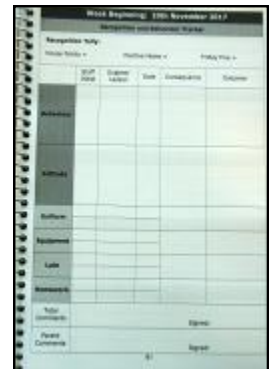
Internal Exclusion, the most serious removal sanction in school, will **now extend until 4pm**, when parents will be requested to collect their son or daughter and attend a **re-admission meeting at this time**.



The **planner is key** to students' organisation and should be with students at all time. Sanctions are issued for students without their planner. Staff and students are now expected to record sanctions and recognition in the planner, giving immediate feedback on successes and concerns to students, alongside parents. This

is in addition to the behaviour records on eportal. We encourage parents to make time to review the planner with sons and daughters more than once a week.

To reiterate, the vast majority of our students' get it right each and every day and to celebrate this students who do not have any negative comments in their planners will receive an additional five house points each week for a "clean slate" planner from their tutor.



Finally we would like to thank parents for their support of these changes and our expectations of all students to behave impeccably and follow instructions, as we say "first time every time".





**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (full parents' calendar available on our website)**

Please come and join us throughout the year for a variety of concerts, productions and performances and watch our talented students in action!



Thursday 7 December , 2017  
at 7 pm — Community Carol  
Service, St Mary's Church



Wednesday 13 December,  
2017 at 7pm —Christmas  
Concert in the Main Hall

Thursday 1 February, 2018 at 7pm — KS3 Drama Performance

Thursday-Friday 22-23 March, 2018 at 7pm—School Musical  
Production (yet to be announced)



Thursday 26 April, 2018 at 7pm—VPA Spring Festival



Friday 11 May, 2018 at 7pm —Big Band Pie and Pea Supper



Wednesday 4 July, 2018 at 7pm—VPA  
Summer Showcase and Art Exhibition

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE  
SCHOOL RECEPTION OR ON THE  
DOOR**





## OPEN EVENINGS



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Martyn Sibley B.Sc. (Hons) Headteacher

## Open Evening

Thursday 21 September 2017, 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Tadcaster Grammar School Open Evening is an opportunity to view one of the leading schools in the area. During the evening you will hear from the Headteacher, Mr Martyn Sibley, visit Faculty areas, see students at work and have the opportunity to view our excellent site and facilities.

**Mr Sibley will officially welcome all prospective students and parents during two sessions at 6.00pm and 6.45pm in the Main Hall**  
We look forward to meeting you.

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## Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 12 October 2017, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

The Headteacher and Staff invite all prospective students and their parents to visit our high achieving Sixth Form, talk to staff and meet current students.

**Headteacher Mr Martyn Sibley, Director of Sixth Form Mrs Ros Knapton and current students will welcome parents at 6.00pm in the Main Hall.**

# All Welcome!



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