



Tadcaster Grammar School

*'A Culture of Excellence'*

# NEWSLETTER

## Head Lines

Dear Parents and Students,

On 1 May the STAR Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) came into being. This was the culmination of a great deal of work over the last two years and one that we hope will strengthen the existing strong partnership between our 10 schools even further. So what are the benefits?

**Our schools want to determine their own futures, rather than being 'done to'.** The education landscape is fast becoming one where academy trusts are becoming the 'norm' and the capacity of Local Authorities to drive school improvement is diminishing. The culture of our trust is very much one where schools will retain their own distinctiveness but also benefit through collaboration. TGS is a very successful and unique place and by joining this trust we aim to keep it that way!

**We want our students to achieve even better outcomes and for all of our schools to become outstanding.** We will continue to build and secure local school improvement capacity, and shared development strategies, which will help us do this by providing appropriate levels of challenge and support within the partnership. We are building on strong relationships and high levels of trust.

**We are near enough to each other to build a strong local partnership,** building greater community cohesion, and more shared activities across all of our schools, benefiting students as well as our staff. These will include shared approaches to curriculum planning, teaching and learning and potentially opportunities to share specialist roles across more than one school.

**Together we want to provide greater opportunities for recruiting new staff,** to retain our existing staff, facilitate leadership development and enhance staff professional development.

**At a time of reduced funding in schools, our formal partnership can more easily achieve 'better value' and financial stability** by having more efficient central and shared services and enabling individual schools within the partnership to focus more resources on teaching, learning and pupil/student support. As a MAT of over 3000 pupils and students, and 10 schools, we will have access to the School Condition Allocation (SCA) which will enable us to access significant capital funding for our school buildings.

**We will support – and challenge – each other** through effective governance and accountability at local level. As good and outstanding schools working together in an already strong Teaching School Alliance, we are very well-placed to achieve this.

As a consequence of the formation of the trust I will be taking on the role of Chief Education Officer (CEO) for the next year or so as we grow and develop our partnership. From 4 June Mrs Wendy Wilson will be taking the role of Head of School and will lead and manage the school on a day to day basis; I wish her the very best for her new role. I will be based at TGS and will continue to be closely involved with the continued growth and development of the school.

Have a great half term!

Martyn Sibley  
Headteacher



## In Brief

### STAR Multi Academy Trust

The STAR Multi Academy Trust can announce that it becomes an entity today, Tuesday 1 May 2018 ...[read more>>](#)

### Student's UNIQ achievement

Year 12 Student Kira Crabtree has been offered a place on the Oxford University UNIQ Summer course ...[read more>>](#)

### Air Cadets -The New Generation

What have you dreamed about, but never been able to do? Are there things in your life that are missing? ...[read more>>](#)



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# School Economists Flying High



Four students have directly beaten over 8,300 other school teams, an estimated 35,000 students, to be crowned 2018 Student Investor Champions.



'Benoit's Barmy Army,' consisting of sixth formers, James Tucker, Harry Bean, Alex Robinson and James Bradshaw triumphed in a demanding final against six other teams, where they outperformed the market in several live trading simulations, before delivering a professional presentation giving financial advice on both the risk and return on a range of financial assets and commodities from crypto currencies to investing in gold.

The team have won an all-expense paid trip to New York where they will visit the New York Stock exchange, Wall Street and other world renowned sites. In a tense and highly competitive final Tadcaster beat Menorah Grammar School who came a close second and Steyning Grammar School who came third....

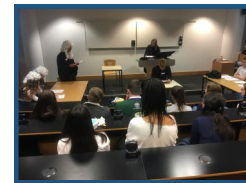
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## Law Ambassador Programme

Y12 Students have been lucky to attend the Law Ambassador programme that runs at BPP University Law School in Leeds.

The law and business school is currently reaching out to existing School partnerships to look at other ways that they can support students and give them an insight into a possible career in Law, Accountancy or Business. The University offers a variety of tutor led career based workshops that they can run at school - lasting from an hour to an entire day. The workshops give students a practical insight into the professions and a better idea of what it takes to be a lawyer or accountant. All the tutors are qualified solicitors, barristers or accountants. In the next academic year, the Law School is looking to pilot a new 'Law ambassador' programme. Aimed at students with a particular interest in Law, this two year programme provides a timetable of Law based workshops and experiences.



## Change Makers



The Children's Media Conference is the most important event in the UK for everyone involved in developing, producing and distributing content for children. Delegates from television, radio, film, games, interactive media, magazine and book publishing, the licensing and toy sectors and the arts and culture sectors and our very own Ambassador for TGS Jemima Browning will be attending. CMC 2018 runs in July where 1,200 delegates converge on Sheffield, UK for keynotes and over 60 sessions.

Jemima has been invited as part of her Diana Legacy Award programme to speak at the national Children's Media Conference as one of the key "change makers". She will be making a speech and joining a panel in the style of Question Time. Acclaimed Poet, broadcaster, YouTube star, children's advocate and former Children's Laureate Michael Rosen will deliver the CMC 2018 Opening Keynote.

At Tadcaster Grammar School we are trying to seize an opportunity to create a safe learning environment for children



who may need a totally bespoke curriculum (or modified provision if they are able to access the full mainstream curriculum) but also benefit from being with children from the community in their local school. We are trying to renovate an old dilapidated building on the school site into an Autism Base in order to meet the growing needs of young people with ASC who attend TGS.

We are hoping to landscape the garden area, add a perimeter fence and create a covered area for outside learning (whatever the weather) where children can learn, play and communicate safely. We are also hoping to acquire a sunken trampoline to help self-regulation. We want to put in a kitchen so that children can complete vocational

## Proposed Autism Centre

learning/AQA awards. We want the children to be able to bake and cook with future plans to hold 'Open Café' days to the public community.

A sensory room is also planned along with 'fit for purpose' classrooms etc. The upstairs space is wonderful but currently not accessible, due to fire regulations; hence an outdoor staircase is being looked at. Ultimately we want to be able to meet the requirements of children with more complex needs so that they can attend a local school. We do not have a cost for the project as we hope to rely heavily on volunteers and donations [...read more >>](#)

**TADCASTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

**CAR BOOT SALE**  
**SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2018**  
 8am-1pm  
 Gates open: 7.30am Sellers 8.00am Public

**CARS £10**  
**VANS £12**  
**TRAILERS + £2**

**ADMISSION £1**

**ALL PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS THE NEW AUTISM BASE**



## France-TGS Links

During April we had the pleasure to welcome three visitors from St Chély d'Apcher, which is the town twinned with Tadcaster situated in the Lozère region of France. Sandrine Hugon, the president of the French twinning association, met up with Mr Sibley and Marie-Claire Butterworth, Leader of French, to discuss current and future links between Tadcaster Grammar School and the French Collège and Lycée of St Chély. During the visit, two French teenagers shadowed some of our pupils and had a taste of the English school system. Will Richmond a Year 9 Student said "it was a great experience to practise my French and develop a friendship. It was very interesting to see what Paul thought of TGS and how it compares with France.



"C'était tres bien. J'ai adoré!"

We are hoping to welcome more visitors from St Chély very soon.

## Dream Experience

As part of my work experience, I visited a friend of my parents who lives in Paris and teaches English in a middle school (Year 7- Year 10) called Collège Françoise Seligmann. I spent 4 days in the school helping out with the students and assisting in their English lessons. I showed them pictures of TGS and also told them about myself which was helpful for the Year 7s especially, as they were studying how to describe someone. When I wasn't in an English lesson, I was lucky enough to sit in some other lessons including French, Geography and History, so I got a real feel for the way the subjects are taught in France. This was a great help with my French and understanding the similarities and differences in the way subjects are taught. I found it really interesting to sit in these lessons, because it was different yet very similar to how it is here in England.

When I wasn't in school I was out exploring all the wonderful sights Paris has to offer. I don't think there was a part of Paris that I didn't explore!

I climbed the Eiffel Tower- which was truly incredible, visited the Mona Lisa in the Musée du Louvre, saw the Arc de Triomphe, walked through Buttes- Chaumont park and strolled down Avenue Montaigne- famous for all of its designer shops.

I was so lucky to have spent a week in such an incredible city and school.

I have been able to create links and pen pals between our school and Collège Françoise Seligmann. It's been an amazing experience because not only did I get to learn about the French schooling system and help out with classes, but I also got to explore a wonderful city and be able to speak French, surrounded by the native people and culture.

By Poppy Wilson Y12



### Future First



Stay in touch with us and help current students...

1. Go to [futurefirst.org.uk](http://futurefirst.org.uk)
2. Click 'Log in'
3. Click 'Sign up as a Leaving or Former Student'
4. Type in 'Tadcaster Grammar School'

An alumni community for every school and college

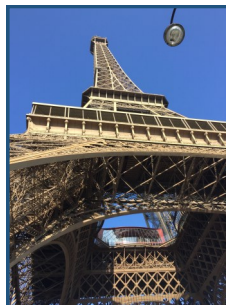
## When in Paris...

*German students visit Germany, French students visit France, Spanish students visit Spain and where do English students visit...? Paris.*

Six of Tadcaster Grammar School's finest English Language and Literature students ventured out beyond the realms of Newton Kyme to a new land of culture, art, history, literature and snails. Departure was last period on a cold, bright Thursday and we headed for York train station in a very swanky minibus (driven by the lovely Mr Palmer). Upon arrival we decided to test our level of chicness by grabbing an iced coffee and magazine to go before advancing to the platform to catch the train. All aboard, we took our seats and were on our way to London St Pancras. In London we just had to cross the road, get in line and the next thing we knew we were on the Gare Du Nord Eurostar under the English Channel, but we had a quick diversion to St Pancras to see the piano being played and snatch a quick boogie.

We arrived in Paris and got a (very expensive) taxi to our eco and environmentally friendly hostel which was located on the outskirts of Paris. It was reasonably late when we reached the hostel, and we were all very tired from travelling, so we checked in, settled down in our rooms and had sweet Parisian dreams of what tomorrow would bring.

[...read more>>](#)



## Head Students 2018/19



Year 12 students Poppy Wilson and Scott Kemp have been voted Head Girl and Head Boy 2018/19.

*"I'm so honoured to have been voted and chosen by the staff and students to represent Tadcaster Grammar as one of the Head Students. Since I started here in Year 7, Head Student is something I've always dreamed of doing, and now I've been given the chance to fulfil the role and being able to positively impact the school, staff and, of course, students." Poppy*

*"It's great to be Head Student at Tadcaster Grammar School. I've been here since Year 7 and being Head Student has always been something I've wanted to do so I can represent this school and represent everything TGS stands for." Scott*

## Kind Donation

The Food and Textiles Department has received a fantastic donation from Helen at Curtain Creations at Wetherby.

Curtain Creations are sadly closing down in Wetherby and have kindly donated rolls of fabric to the school. These will be put to very good use with all

students, but especially the GCSE students and the Year 8 students with the cushions that they make

and applique, also the Year 9 students with the shorts that they design and make.

Established in 1997, Curtain Creations is a specialised business in the heart of Wetherby delivering a personalised service and providing curtains, blinds, cushions, bedspreads, fabrics, wallpaper and a variety of soft furnishing accessories. Helen is not giving up completely and you can contact her on 07796 335509.



## Sports Updates

### It's all about FOOTBALL...

#### Year 9 City Cup Winners

The squad won the League this year and were unbeaten throughout. They also won the City Cup. The Cup Final was against Barlby High School and was played on Thursday 10th of May. The match ended 2-2 and so 15 minutes of extra time were played in which neither team managed to score so it had to be settled in a penalty shootout. TGS won 7-6 on penalties after scoring all 7.



Y9 City Cup Winners

#### Y11 League Winners 2017-2018

On Wednesday 9th May the Year 11's competed in the final of the League Winners Cup against Huntington.

Due to other commitments four of our regular squad could not play therefore James Taylor and Luke Riley stepped in on the day to make their debut for the school team. At half-time the game stood at 0-0 with both teams struggling to take control but in the second half Tadcaster started to dominate. In the final 5 minutes, Oscar Butters neatly knocked the ball round the keeper and slotted it into an empty net with the game finishing 1-0 to Tadcaster. A great achievement for the group who have stuck at it during a long season in which they have suffered near misses in other competitions! A special mention goes to Luke Riley who was outstanding in goal, making numerous crucial saves.



Y11 League Winners

## Out of School Achievements

### Millennium Cup Champions 2017-2018

On Tuesday 8th May, Mr Middleton went to watch Adam Oxe and Henry Wilson (both Year 8) compete in the Millennium Cup final at Leeds United's Elland Road stadium for their local team Collingham Juniors. The final result was 3-1 to Collingham. Well done to both students who played incredibly well on the night and we send our best wishes to Henry who unfortunately suffered a nasty injury.

We have a limited number of baskets for sale - on a first come first served basis.

Selling price: **£20 each - 100% GOING DIRECTLY TO THE AUTISM PROJECT**



## Fundraising



Our wonderful students have been involved in a community project based on horticulture and social skills.

A local business, Riverside Plants in Linton has kindly offered to sell us the baskets and plants at cost price and also released an employee, to deliver two workshops, to work alongside our students, who benefit from practical and visual learning. Our aim now is to sell the gorgeous baskets.



A parent is hoping to raise **£500** running the Yorkshire Marathon for the Autism Project. To support please click the link... [just giving](#)

## Upcoming Diary Dates

Monday 11 June	Y7 Science Exam
Monday 18 June	Y8 Science Exam
Tues 19/20/21 June	Y7 Flamborough Visit
Wednesday 20 June	Y9 Reading Assessment Y6 Parents' Chromebook Information Evening
Monday 25 June	Y12 Assessment Week
Wednesday 27 June	Y11 Alton Towers
Thursday 28 June	Y13 Prom
Friday 29 June	Y11 Prom Y10 Battlefields Visit
Monday 2 July	Y10 Science Mock Exam
Tuesday 3 July	Y9 Wimbledon Visit
Wednesday 4 July	VPA Showcase
Thursday 5 July	Y6 Parents' Evening
Monday 9 July	Y10 Normandy Visit
Friday 13 July	Sports Day
Tuesday 17 July	Celebration Evening
Friday 20 July	School Closes for Summer

Diary Dates  [....read more>>](#)