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In Brief

Time to say goodbye

We said our fond farewells to Year 11 and Year 13 students. The students were sent off in style with a celebration



Year 11 Students

assembly featuring, of course, some old and embarrassing school photographs.

We hope that we have left both Year 11 and Year 13 students with many special memories that make them smile whenever they think of their time with us.

We are looking forward to welcoming many Year 11 students

back into our superb Sixth Form in September.



Year 13 Students

Please turn to page 3 and 4 for photographs of the students looking stunning at their Proms.

FAREWELL TO THE YEAR 11 TEAM

As students move on to new chapters in their lives so do many members of staff. This year Dawn Naylor Year 11 Leader is taking up a new position within TGS. Dawn tells us about her journey through school to her new position -

I started working at TGS in October 2016. My first position was a six month maternity leave cover in Food & Textiles. Just as that maternity cover was ending, another one was beginning. This time I took up the role of Head of Toulston House. Again as one door closed, another opened and this time, Oglethorpe House needed a House Leader. In September 2020, the school switched to year groups rather than vertical Houses and I was given Year 10 to look after as their Year Leader. Who knew what a turbulent year ahead we would have, with numerous lockdowns, testing and self isolating? Alongside the pastoral roles I held, I also taught a range of subjects, including, Food, Textiles, Art, History, Design & Technology, Business & Life Skills. I absolutely loved my role as a Year Leader, although there were challenges, which included not enough hours in the day to devote the time I wanted to give to every student. When things were tough for a young person, I genuinely worried about them as if they were my own children and, during Covid, being isolated from the students, worried about whether they were supported and trying to stay connected with them was a real concern. The highlights of being a Year Leader included seeing students mature and develop positive characters, and being honoured to be one of the people they would go to and trust when they had a problem. Getting to know this amazing cohort of young people, who despite all that was thrown at them over the last two years, faced their exams with determination, confidence and resilience, was a privilege.

The time from when a student enters the school in Year 7, to when they leave the main school in Year 11, passes in the blink of an eye and it always takes me by surprise. I tell the students every year at the start of Year 11 that the year will go

quickly and my message is to make the most of every day. Attendance is so important, not just for the academic benefit, but also for the memories made in school and the sense of community that you nurture by being part of the life of the school. I know that this year group was a really special one. So much learnt, so much achieved, so many obstacles overcome. We also spent time getting to know one another, we bonded as a year group. Staff, students and parents all contributed to that and working together enabled us all to feel a sense of making a success of the last two years.

I have loved leading this year group, but rather than starting again with new Year 7s and becoming attached to them as Year Leaders do, I wanted a new challenge. I love learning and still have so much to learn! Next academic year, I will be joining the Learning Support Team at Tadcaster Grammar School, so I will be working with students across all year groups. I will also be working again alongside John Fox, who was the Pastoral Leader for our year group. I love working with John. We make a brilliant team. The new role will be an interesting new challenge and as with all of my roles in education thus far, I'm sure it will be a rewarding adventure!

John Fox Year 11 Pastoral Leader is also moving on to a new role at TGS. John is taking on the role of Assistant SENCo. John started at Tadcaster in 2019 as a Cover Supervisor. Following on from this John became, Behaviour Support Officer and then moved on to become a Pastoral Leader in 2020 taking on Year 10. John worked alongside Dawn, taking the students into Year 11. Asking John about his time working with Dawn he says *'Working with Dawn Naylor and Year 11 has been the greatest privilege I have had working at Tadcaster Grammar School, may be at any workplace! It has been challenging but equally rewarding and being able to witness the growth of these young people has made the last two years some of the best. Dawn has been Year 11's biggest advocate and as I mentioned it in my leavers assembly*

speech, every student should accredit some of their success to Miss Naylor's dedication to their education. I wish every student from Year 11 all the success that they deserve, and I hope they will keep in touch and let us know how they get on in college and beyond!'

John's most memorable moment from the past two years has to be Leavers Day. This was very special and an amazing celebration of the students' hard work and life at TGS.

John's new position as Assistant SENCo at Tadcaster Grammar School is a role that lets him continue to support students' education and wellbeing throughout all year groups. He will continue to learn more about young people in this role and is very excited to develop it.



Year 11 PROM

This year the Year 11 prom took on a totally new look and a new venue. The Year 11 team, along with a student prom committee set about organising one of the highlights of the school calendar.

Hazlewood Castle just outside Tadcaster was chosen as the venue to hold the 'event of the year'!

A wonderful marquee was set up within the beautiful grounds of the grand hotel. The marquee was decorated with balloons, there was a DJ booked along with a hot buffet.

Students arrived in style, in Porches, Bentleys and Rolls Royces and of course a tractor.

Everyone looked absolutely stunning and were a credit to the school.

A selection of photos can be found on the next page.



Caythorpe Court

Year 7 students have just returned from a fantastic three days away at Caythorpe Court near Grantham in Lincolnshire. The students enjoyed a packed schedule of adventure activities, from Abseiling, Archery, Buggy Building and problem solving. The students learnt how to work as a team, helping and encouraging each other. The weather was amazing even if a little hot at times, but this didn't stop everyone having an amazing time. A big THANK YOU to Mr Solk the party leader for organising this memorable visit for the young people.



Mr Solk and the TGS staff that made it all happen



SIXTH FORM

Year 13 celebrated the end of their exams along with seven years at Tadcaster Grammar School with their leavers' assembly. Staff recalled fond memories of them, along with best wishes messages. This was followed by an afternoon of fun on the field with games and food.

The students went out in style with their prom which was held at Malmaison Hotel in York. The students looked stunning and were a true credit to themselves and made us all feel extremely proud.




We wish all Year 13 students every success on Results Day (18th August) and for their bright and wonderful futures. We look forward to hearing of their future successes.



Mr Solk Curriculum Team Leader for PE, once again organised a Year 9 visit to the oldest tennis tournament in the

world, at the All England Club Wimbledon. Students and staff had a very early start leaving school at 4.30am! After a six hour journey stopping along the way for breakfast the group reached Wimbledon. Everyone had a ticket for Court 2 which is where everyone headed first to watch some outstanding tennis.



Students were free to explore the Club, heading for Henman Hill to watch other games on the big screen. They could also walk around the outside courts catching other games. Following the end of play on Court 2 the party headed back to the coach for the short journey to their accommodation for the evening. After a good nights' sleep and a hearty breakfast the group headed back to the Club for commence of play at 11am. Another fantastic day of tennis was had along with some shopping and of course strawberries and cream! 



A HUGE thank you to Mrs Collinson, Mr Punt, Mr Power, Miss Holmes, Mrs Clarke and Mr Solk for giving up their time and sleep to accompany the Year 9 visit!

Head Students Announced

Huge congratulations to Year 12 students Harriet and Gabriel who both successfully interviewed for the position of Head Students.

The students will take up their position for one year in which they will represent the school and become the voice of the students.



Harriet and Gabriel tell us why they wanted this pivotal role and what it means to them.

I was extremely happy to be selected as Head Student, alongside Gabriel, as I am proud to be a student at Tadcaster Grammar School and would like others to feel the same way in future. We have an excellent learning environment and a strong sense of community here and I hope to help develop that further over the coming 12 months. One of the ways I propose to do that is by extending the current 'buddy' system used to help Year 7 students transition from primary into secondary education, and apply it to other key years too. For example, year 12 students could provide help and support to those in the year below when it comes to revision techniques for GCSE exams or choosing options for A level. Such support tends to come from parents or teachers but I believe the advice of peers who have recently gone through such experiences can be invaluable. I am also an advocate of the house system, as a former captain of Toulston, and as someone who has a rather competitive streak, I would like to see an expansion of the competitions between us all now that Covid restrictions have been lifted. Harriet

My ambition to one day attain the role of Head Student began before I started at Tadcaster Grammar School. Watching the Head Students speak on the Year Six open

day I attended in 2015, I was immensely impressed by the students' passion for the school and its community, and felt that I too would prize the opportunity to give back to my school community in such a way.

As my time at TGS progressed, this intention only grew as a result of the multitudinous opportunities I have been given over the past six years, from extracurricular activities in Music, English, Geography, and Drama, to the excellent support from teaching staff provided throughout school life. I

was in no doubt that I wished to continue into Sixth Form, and was determined to provide opportunities back to the school community so that my fellow pupils may enjoy the same experiences that have allowed me to thrive within Tadcaster Grammar School. Being given the role of Head Student is an honour for me, and I will approach the role with the utmost ambition and enthusiasm.

In the role, I hope to expand the extra-curricular activities available to the TGS fraternity as much as possible, as well as working towards the environmental improvement of the school's beautiful grounds through working with environmental leaders within the school. I hope beyond all else to be an approachable individual to whom the student body feel that they can bring any query or issue in the knowledge that it will be attended to as far as possible. Holding the role of Head Student is one that I will forever cherish, and will carry out with the utmost conscientiousness. I look forward to the opportunity to help, assist and encourage the school community in a variety of endeavours, and will look to represent Tadcaster Grammar School with absolute diligence.

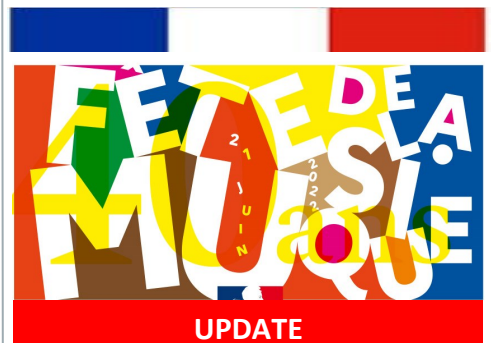
Gabriel



French Language Ambassadors

The French team would like to say a huge "merci" to Lucy, Katie and Eleanor who have been inspirational figures in the French department over the past years. They have helped at Primary School Transition sessions, Open Evenings, Option Evenings, mentored Year 11 French students and also provided great advice to younger linguists. We will miss them! "Bonne chance" for the rest of their studies!

The French department



We have just heard that Naomi Lee has won a prize in the French Pop Competition. (Naomi wrote an article about this in the last newsletter.) Félicitations to Naomi Lee (Year 12) who won the "coup de coeur" prize for her song "Ma Montagne" in the 2022 French Pop Competition organised by the Institut français du Royaume-Uni .

Useful resources for supporting Social and Emotional Mental Health Please be aware of the following resources supporting social and emotional mental health for young people:

The Go-To
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire

Well done to the 111 Year 9 students who successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Qualifying Expedition in June. The students did a fantastic job navigating themselves around the Yorkshire countryside for two days whilst carrying very heavy bags, putting up their own tents to sleep in and cooking their own food. Coming up in July we have 45 Year 10 and 11 students who will be completing their three day Silver Award Qualifying Expedition in the North Yorkshire Moors. We also have a small cohort of 15 Sixth Form students who are taking part in their Gold Award Practice Expedition in July, prior to their Qualifying Expedition in August.



Good luck to Phoebe and Milly as they prepare for their Gold Award. This photo was taken before the girls set off for their practice expedition, when they still had lots of energy.

The Student Council have made much progress with their plans over the summer term.

The Environment Leaders have continued to run the gardening club and grow vegetables in the greenhouse. They were really pleased with their first vegetable harvest - which was used in food tech lessons. They also arranged meetings with lower school students to discuss their thoughts on improving the school in an environmentally conscious way. The Charity Leaders instigated a very successful card-making club in which cards were sent to a charity and given to children in hospital. The Community and Pastoral Leaders are planning a poetry competition to celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride. The Sports Leaders have been helping a variety of different primary schools to organise their sports days. The Calcaria House Captains are considering bringing back Cake Friday and the Oglethorpe House Captains have created a digital planner which is being trialled by a select number of students and will hopefully be shared to all students in September. Dawson House Captains have created protype report documents for forms to report issues. Additionally, they have been discussing how we can provide trigger warnings for sensitive topics shared in form and lesson time. Toulston House Captains have created a template for house specific slides which can be adapted per house. Year 8 Leaders have been discussing locks on toilets and behaviour on buses. Year 10 Leaders put forward improvements for the One Stop Shop - the online revision resource for KS4 - with Mr. Sykes. Year 13 Leaders planned their leavers assembly and have suggested improvements for the variety of awards for the Sixth Form Awards ceremonies. They've also organised round tables for the sixth form common room. We are so proud of the work we've achieved collectively as a Student Council and as a school. By working together we have made significant improvements to

the school and are continually looking for ways to make the school a better place for every member of our school community.

At this point in time we want to say a huge thank you to our 2021/22 Head Students Claudia Dodd and Molly Richardson and also the Year 13 Leaders for their excellent leadership; we will miss them greatly and we wish them all the best for their futures. We welcome Gabriel Owens and Harriet Gibson as our new Head Students and are looking forward to what we can achieve next year.

ECO GROUP

The Eco Group is also continuing to make lots of progress this term.

By Naomi Lee and Charlotte McRoyall

The garden project is coming on leaps and bounds and everything is growing nicely. Excitingly, the gardening club has had their first harvest this year which was used within school! We wanted to say a big thank you for your support and your donations - we have had plant pots and tools donated which will be a big help in the garden. Thanks also to Yorwaste for donating fifteen compost bags. Yorwaste is a North Yorkshire company who turns green waste collected from green bins into compost. In the school garden, compost has been one of the biggest hurdles - as the soil is not very fertile and compost is extremely expensive, so the donation of fifteen bags will help greatly and speed up our future gardening plans. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported us in some way or other this year. We have had a very successful school year and we look forward to continuing our mission in September.





Year 10 Geographers managed to get out of the classroom to spend a day in York collecting data for their human and physical geography fieldwork. The students studied the success of flood management strategies assessing whether recent improvements to the alleviation schemes in York will help protect the city from future flood events. Students also looked at regeneration projects in the city centre, such as Spark, to investigate whether this investment had made an improvement to the city centre. Despite the heat students worked really hard collecting data throughout the day and will use this information in their exam next year.



Loud and proud! That was the theme of this years' York Pride.

The weather was glorious as students and staff met by York Minster, surrounded by a sea of rainbow colours and a party atmosphere. There was a definite air of excitement as our group, along with those from other local schools, waited to take our places in the York Pride Parade 2022. As they walked



through the streets of York, there were welcoming messages of support everywhere and many of the shops were festooned with rainbow flags and balloons. Mrs Cooney goes on to say 'There was a long wait to start the parade itself but finally walking through the crowds, the

atmosphere of love and celebration was uplifting for everyone. We even spotted a few members of the TGS community - staff and students- who had come out to wave us on. I think some of the students were quite overwhelmed at the start, but soon began to really enjoy themselves, waving at the crowds, blowing bubbles (courtesy of Ms Mulhern!) and enjoying the music as we headed out of the centre and up Bishopthorpe Road. By the time we got to

the Knavesmire, the weather had clouded over but our spirits were still bright and everyone left feeling really positive.'



filmmusic

Year 9 and 10 GCSE music students have been lucky enough to attend a lecture from Dr Matt Lawson, who is a Senior Lecturer in Music at Oxford Brookes University.

Dr Lawson delivered a fascinating session exploring musical devices and techniques in famous films such as Jaws, ET and Lord of the Rings.



Film music forms part of the Eduqas Music GCSE course, so the lecture was extremely helpful for the students understanding of this work. Students left the lecture hugely inspired to study film music further!

We are delighted to say that Tadcaster Grammar School is one of the top-performing schools on HegartyMaths for the second year in a row. Only a small number of schools make the Super Schools list each year and it can only happen when the students in a school are inspired to apply serious elbow grease on their maths homework. We are proud to say HegartyMaths Super Schools awards are being associated with some of the best maths departments in the nation. The following two awards place us in the top 10 in the country on questions answered, 1 million+ and in the top 60 schools in the country on hours studied per student. A huge well done to the students of TGS.



Tadcaster Grammar School is a **HegartyMaths Super School 2021-22**



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN ENGINEERING DAY



AMEY CHALLENGE CUP

To celebrate International Women in Engineering Day Year 9 students were taken by our Careers Officer Helen Lawson along with head of Year 9 Claire Kenny to compete in the Amey Challenge Cup. The event was held at the Highways England's depot at West Cowick.

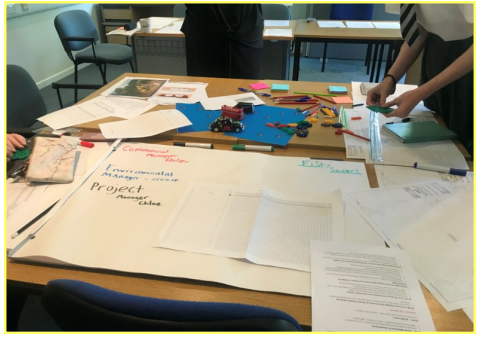
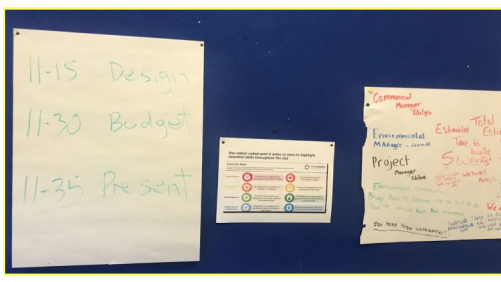


The Challenge Cup event brings girls aged 13-15 into the workplace to work with engineers for a day to solve a real-life engineering problem. It looks at all aspects of an engineering project including planning, budgeting and managing risk, and culminates with teams presenting to a judging panel. It is designed to show how many different roles are available within the technology and engineering sectors, as well as to encourage underprivileged and working class school girls to break the status quo and consider alternative careers.



Our teams were: **SAS Construction** - Sophia, Abbie and Sacha and **Fishy Savers** - Liz, Ruby and Chloe. The girls also saw how Essential Employability Skills translate into the workplace. Amey and Highways England embed into their CPD working practices the Skills Builders Essential Employability Skills and the teams were scored on these.

It was great to hear one of our students telling the Highways England judge "We have that poster in French"



Both of our teams scored equal points of 18/20 with SAS Construction winning the cup on the tie break challenge. An outstanding achievement by both of our teams.



As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, St Mary's Church in Tadcaster organised a Jubilee Festival, through the Decades of Arts and Flowers, to honour the long reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

They invited local groups, organisations and businesses to provide or sponsor a display for their Jubilee celebrations. Our 'resident florist' and Careers Officer Helen took up the challenge to represent Tadcaster Grammar School, along with Judy a grandparent of one of our students.

Helen chose the title of 'Blackboard to Chromebook' using flowers as near to the school colours as possible. The display was amazing and was later moved to the school reception area for everyone to enjoy.



REWIND

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Join us as we catch up with former students to find out what they are doing now



ROYAL NAVY Leading Engineer Superstar

We have been so lucky to catch up with former student Rachel White. Rachel attended Tadcaster Grammar school from 2010—2015 she then went on to join the Royal Navy.

Did you enjoy your time at school, what is your favourite memory?

I did enjoy some aspects of my time at Tadcaster. Some of the friends I made at school I still see today. One of the highlights of my time at TGS was a trip to the 2012 Olympics! I also played in the big band with Mr and Mrs Hainsworth and really enjoyed performing at a variety of venues.

What path did you take on leaving school?

*I chose not to stay on to Sixth Form and went to York College after completing my GCSEs because I wanted to study PE and it wasn't offered at TGS at that time. A few weeks in I realised A levels weren't for me, so I changed to study Level 3 Engineering manufacturing BTEC alongside A level Maths achieving D*D*D* and grade B.*

What is your profession now and what attracted you to it?

Whilst studying at college I joined the Royal Navy Reserve based at HMS Ceres in Leeds where I learnt many transferable skills. I enjoyed my time in the reserves so applied to join the Royal Navy Accelerated Apprenticeship scheme. On completion I became the first successful female applicant on the scheme. Following three years training I am now a Leading Engineer Technician (Marine Engineer) currently acting as Deputy Section Head Diesel Maintainer on an aircraft carrier.



Who was/is your greatest mentor?

I admire professionals such as Ant Middleton and Jason Fox who demonstrate the skills required to succeed in military operations.

What are you proudest of in your career?

I always enjoyed sport at school and represented TGS and also North Yorkshire in many athletics competitions. Recently I have been a medallist in CrossFit, rugby and athletics.



I have also represented the Royal Navy in Skeleton competitions (head first down ice at 70mph+) in Germany and Austria and am currently Female Inter Services Champion.



Former student to compete at the Commonwealth Games



Former Tadcaster Grammar School Student Thomas Carswell will make his Wales debut at the Commonwealth Games which will be held in Birmingham from 28 July - 8 August 2022.

Tom attended TGS from 2012 finishing in 2019 after completing his A levels. Following a gap year Tom secured a place at Edinburgh University to study Maths. We managed to catch up with Tom about his swimming journey.



I started swimming lessons at the age of four in the aqua-tots lessons at Tadcaster swimming pool, originally with Jane Cusworth, who ended up being one of my coaches in swim squad. I then continued all my swimming lessons at Tadcaster pool and eventually joined the swim squad in 2010. I started attending any local competitions I could and achieved a county qualifying time in 2013 and won my first medal at this level in 2014.

I then progressed to regional competitions and also won a medal in 2014. In 2015, a new coach arrived at Tadcaster, Danny Martland, to help shift the mentality of the squad to a more competitive level. We then began training at York Sport Village, as well as Tadcaster pool. Following Danny's arrival I qualified for my first

national competition in December 2015, in the '50 Back-stroke and I ended up finishing last by over 1.5 seconds (a large gap on a sprint event). The following year I achieved my first top-24 ranking in the country and therefore qualified for the British Summer Champs and won a few more county and regional medals but no real national success.

In 2018 I represented Yorkshire at the National Team County Championships, which Yorkshire managed to win, and in 2019 I represented the North-East region at the English Schools Swimming Association competition and again the North-East managed to win and on a personal note I still hold two unbroken championship records.

I finished my education at Tadcaster Grammar School in 2019 and then had a gap year after failing to decide on the right university for me. I continued to swim during my gap year and settled on Edinburgh University so I could continue to swim and study Maths at a good university. Covid then interrupted my training and racing and I was in and out of the water from March 2020- May 2021. With some solid training I raced at the Scottish Winter Championship in December 2021 and won two golds, two silvers and a bronze medal. I followed this with a bronze at the British University Swimming Championships (BUCs) in February 2022.

April 2022 was the British Swimming Championships and the Welsh National Championships . This is where I qualified for the Commonwealth Games. At the British Swimming Championships I achieved a 6th in 50 fly, 7th in 100 fly and a 12th place in the 50 free in Britain. Unfortunately I was 0.15 seconds off a qualifying time in the 50 fly. Thankfully I swam a new personal best a week later at the Welsh Championships to qualify for a completely different event (100 free) - which was a huge relief!

Swimming and studying simultaneously at University is a huge challenge but it is possible for any sport. It involves a fair amount of good time management and organisation. It also involves a lot of sacrifices, particularly the social side of university in terms of nights out etc, which are not feasible with 5am training! However, the friends I have made through swimming and the opportunities it provides have more than made up for this in my opinion. Similarly I think joining any

sporting society, at any level, is one of the best ways to meet people especially when university can appear quite daunting.

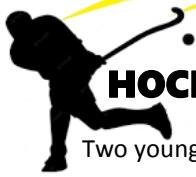
Tom will be joining 15 more swimmers and three divers selected to represent Wales at the Games, along with four para swimmers. The 23-strong Welsh team will include Olympic and Commonwealth champions, and 18 debutants. The athletes have shown great resilience throughout the challenges of the last couple of years to produce outstanding performances throughout the nomination period and their selection is very well deserved.

We wish Tom all the very best and hope to see him up on the podium.



Tom (pictured in red) at the BUC's Championships

SPORTS SUPERSTARS



HOCKEY BROTHERS

Two young brothers are showing outstanding talent at hockey, both playing at county level.

Year 11 student Jamie became interested in hockey after reading a book in the build up to the London 2012 Olympics, and started playing at City of York Hockey Club in February 2012 age 6. He has gone on to play in the A team of every junior age group he's progressed through. He was selected for North Yorkshire County Hockey Academy U12s in 2016, aged just 10. He was chosen for a place at the Durham U15 Performance Centre in 2020 and, at the end of that season, was one of the 16 players selected from the four performance centres across the North of England to form the U15 "Pennine Pumas" team at England Hockey's Futures Cup which forms the main selection process for England's National Age Group Under 16 squad. This took place in August 2021. Jamie was disappointed not to be selected for the England squad, but returned to the U17 Performance Centre and has just been selected for the Durham U17 squad for the Challenge Cup, which will take place in July this year at Nottingham Hockey Centre. Jamie has continued to play for City of York Hockey Club, where he plays for their senior first team. The team compete in the Yorkshire and North East Premier Division, where Jamie has been one of the youngest players across all teams in that division.



Toby who is in Year 8 having had enough of standing on the side-lines at his brother's training sessions, started with the beginners. He played for the City of York Hockey Club U10 A team from aged 7, winning the Yorkshire Youth Hockey League in 2018 and 2019 also in 2019 the team were North of England Champions. Unfortunately the



season was cut short in 2020. Returning this year, the U14 team reached the national finals of the England Hockey League by becoming Northern Champions. The national finals were played on the Olympic pitch at Lee Valley in London, and while City of York had to settle for fourth, conceding a goal in the last 2 minutes, it remains a great achievement for the team. Toby was also selected into the North Yorkshire County Hockey Academy U12s at age 10, in 2019, and again this season as an U13. In April he was selected to the U13 Regional Hockey North East team, playing in the Regional Championships in Nottingham Hockey Centre.

These two young brothers are defiantly players to look out for in the future.

EVOLUTION SPORTS

Year 7 student Ellis joined the Football Academy at Evolutions Sports based in Tadcaster, where he was awarded the player of the term trophy. Ellis was given the trophy for his hard work, effort and aspiration to do well. He is also Vice-Captain of the U12's, a strong team with great individual stars. Evolution Sports is a coaching academy aiming to provide top quality mentoring through a variety of different sports.

For more information about the Academy [click here](#)



AUTOGRASS RACING

Year 8 student Elisia is a young lady with a passion for Autograss Racing.

Autograss is a non-contact motorsport that takes place on an oval (approximately 400 metre) track using a natural soil surface.

Elisia gained her love of the sport from watching her family competing.

There are several differing classes of car, from near standard minis or small hatchbacks through to space-framed single seaters! Elisia drives a Junior Special with the number s34y. This is her first season driving and so far has had some great results, winning an array of trophies.



English Schools Athletics County Championships

By Mrs Binks

Maia B, Rosie T and Juliet H represented York and District at the English Schools County Athletics Championships at York on Saturday 11 June. Maia competed first in the 75m Hurdles event and ran a personal best in her third race at this distance. Both



Juliet and Rosie competed in the Junior Girls 1500m. Juliet, despite extremely windy conditions ran a personal best time of 5 minutes 28. This was an



outstanding achievement in such bad conditions. Rosie led the race from start to finish and was crowned JG 1500m Champion. She will represent North Yorkshire at the inter- county competition and has already attained the qualifying time for the English Schools final later this year.



Juliet also represented York in the 4x 100m and finished in second place to receive a silver medal.

An outstanding day of athletics and congratulations to all three girls.

School records Smashed Again!

Update 6 July

A fabulous afternoon of athletics was had at the York and District Semi Finals. A total of ten schools competed to qualify for the finals.

All the athletes who competed have been part of the popular athletics club and their success is a reflection of their commitment throughout the summer term. Every athlete gave it their all and was supported by every team member throughout the event. It was a delight to see students cross first over the finish line to qualify for the finals. Winners included C Cairns (800m), L Biezenaar-Nichols (300m), R Thistlewood(800m), A Moss(100m and High Jump), J Horne (1500m) Over 20 students qualified for the Finals to be held towards the end of term.

It was also another day where long established school records were broken. In the high jump, Abi broke the Year 9 school record set in 1999 to set a new record of 1m40. Lily set a record for 300m for the Year 8 girls. Finally Rosie added to her 1500m school record by breaking the previous Year 8 800m record that had stood

since 1981 by over 5 seconds in a time of 2m30. These are fantastic achievements and truly deserved by each of the girls.

Let's wish all the students the best of luck in the finals and also thank Mrs Binks for her hard work and dedication to help the girls achieve these fantastic results

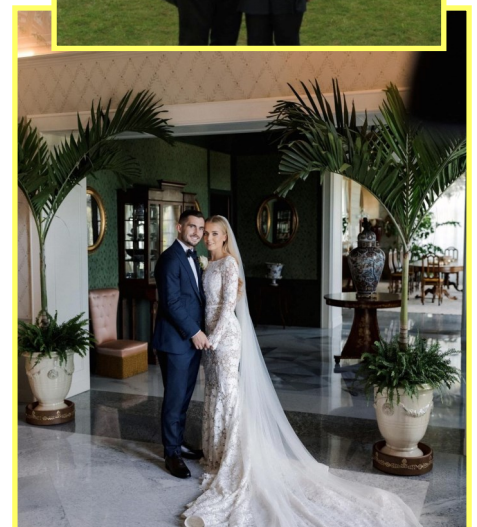


It was great to be able to hold our annual sports day once again. The weather was glorious and the competition was fierce. Year 8 girls managed to equal the school high jump record which was amazing. A new event was introduced which was the tug of war which proved to be a huge success and a great competitive atmosphere from all the year groups. A huge thanks goes to Mr Solk and other members of staff who helped make the day so memorable.



School Romances DO LAST...

Congratulations to Lewis Cook and Loretta Bennett who met at TGS nearly 10 years ago and finally got married in Italy in June. On leaving school Lewis went on to become a professional footballer playing for AFC Bournemouth and formerly for the England National Team. Loretta studied at university before moving into Dentistry.



WELCOME

Year 6

On Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th July we held our Year 6 Transition days which we really enjoyed. It was brilliant to see all of our new students together as a cohort for the first time. The students had the opportunity to meet as Mr Parkinson, and the Year 7 Team (Miss

Hodgson and Mr Bass) as well as some key staff that will be working with them in September. The students experienced taster lessons in a range of subjects over the two days. On Wednesday they took part in house competitions, creating flags for their house and taking part in a treasure hunt, as well as setting up their Google accounts. On Thursday afternoon students took part in a fantastic team building activity organised by Mr Solk called 'Mission Anything is Possible' which involved students working together as a team to complete a series of challenges including a tug of war. The school lunches were described as 'amazing'. Throughout the two days the students were rewarded by staff and given 'caught being brilliant' cards for their demonstrations of the core values. These were then all entered in to a prize draw where 5 lucky winners were chosen on the Transition Parents Information Evening. It was a fantastic two days in which we were able to welcome our new students to the TGS family and help prepare them for the transition to secondary school.

Year 9 supported the younger students by volunteering to be guides to help take students around the site to look after them at breaks and lunchtimes. They were all amazing and so kind and supportive.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our new Year 7 students on Tuesday 6th September.

Have a great summer, The Year 7 team.



Start of the new school year

Date	Students in School
Monday 5th September 2022	Year 12 induction - school only open for
Tuesday 6th September 2022	Year 7 induction - school only open for
Wednesday 7th September 2022	All students in school as normal



Year 7 student Evie came first at the Follifoot Park Riding Centre Gymkhana.



Year 9 Boys who won the York Schools Cup

Free School Meals



Are you entitled?

If you have any queries or questions regarding pupil premium funding or wish to discuss this further. Please feel free to contact our pupil premium manager Mrs Hubbard v.hubbard@tgs.starmat.uk Please note if you live outside of North Yorkshire you will need to complete the pupil premium free school meals form again, this can be found on our website.



OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY
8th October 2022

9am ~ 12pm

We warmly invite you to join us and look forward to meeting you!




HELLO

& GOODBYE

This time of year is always tinged with a hint of sadness as we say goodbye to a number of our outstanding staff; some for pastures new, some for the wonderful challenges of retirement:



The time has come to bid a fond farewell to Cayte Mulhern who sadly leaves us as Deputy Headteacher to assume her new role working across the STARMAT schools as the Trust Lead for Safeguarding, Equality and Wellbeing.

Since Cayte joined Tadcaster Grammar School in 2005 her commitment to

ensuring the wellbeing, safety and happiness of our students has been at the forefront of her work. Her contribution to our young people and our wider community is astonishing; every decision she makes is centred upon what is in the best interests of our students. When Cayte joined TGS from Joseph Rowntree School she was appointed as Head of English and led the department for several years before moving into TGS's Leadership Team. Initially she was an Assistant Headteacher for pastoral and behaviour but it was not long before she was appointed as Deputy Headteacher. To say that Cayte has been critical to the development of the school throughout her time here is an understatement.

Whilst Cayte will be hugely missed by staff and students at TGS, it is wonderful that her expertise in supporting children and young people can now be put to good use in helping to ensure we have the best provision in place for students across our Trust. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Cayte for her tireless dedication and commitment to TGS over so many years and wish her every success in this significant new role.



Celebrating Tadcaster Grammar School's 50th birthday Cayte with members of the pastoral team remembering 1960.

Jon Bell	D&T, Retirement
Jamie Balfour	D&T
Gail Elliott	D&T, Retirement
Claire Foulds	Maths
Tyler Gore	GTA
Jade Hodgson	English
Phil Holmes	PE
Chloe Ingham	Inclusion Support Worker
Oliver Kenyon	Geography
Claire Leadbitter	PE
Cayte Mulhern	Deputy Headteacher
Matthew Shynn	Maths
Andrew Stangroom	Science
Maria Stephenson	Science
Diane Stockwell	Finance
Samantha Swann	Science Technician
Lucy Velvick	Art

We are also delighted to welcome the following staff in September 2021:

Matt Gill	Deputy Headteacher
Claire Higginson	Year Leader / PE
Robert Jenkins	Geography
Rebecca Willerton	Science
Jamie Hoyle	Maths
Patrick McGovern	Science
Corey Eaton	PE
Claire Stanley	D&T
Elaine Mooney	D&T Food
Jack Andrews	D&T
Lucy Botherton	English
Liz Caine	Art
Tanya Gillighan	Languages
Charlie Phillips	GTA
Tracy Bull	Pastoral Leader

