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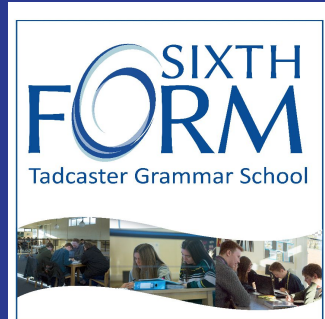
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Be Your Best Self

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Tadcaster Grammar School Sixth Form

Year 12 Parents Information Evening 2022



The Sixth Form Team



Mrs Knapton - Director of Sixth Form



Mrs Gadsby - Pastoral Leader
KS5



Mrs Dawson -
Administration & Attendance
Officer KS5



Mrs Lawson -
Careers & Community
Links Manager



Impressive study & socialising areas dedicated to Sixth form students which makes us feel independent and comfortable whilst still remaining a part of the wider school community through the opportunities available to us.

There is always someone to listen to your problems.

I believe that the teachers are selfless and helpful in all aspects of their job and strive to make our learning and experience the best it could possibly be

Why I chose to study A levels at Tadcaster Grammar Sixth Form...

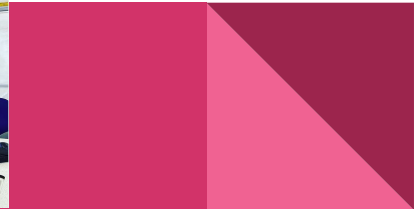
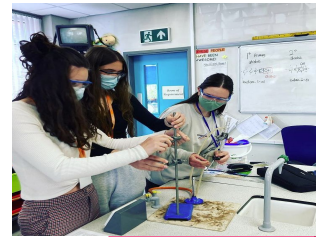
Tadcaster Grammar School is the best place for me to reach my full potential, get the highest grades and get into the best Universities.

I trust the teachers, they are very supportive of our abilities and hopes for the future.

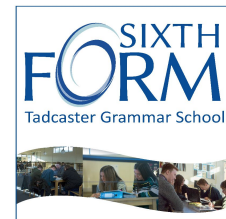
I know that TGS helps us build up our CV's through work experience, volunteering and mentoring opportunities and will help me get to where I want to be when I finish my A levels.

A day in the life of a Sixth Form student

- **Uniform** - Students should come dressed suitably for a working environment
- **Facilities** - Students have access to their own floor of the library, a Sixth form only computer room, the Sixth form common room, Sixth form canteen and Sixth form area of the field
- **Attendance** - Full attendance is expected and once study leave is granted, it can be revoked if progress is not being met
- **Safeguarding** - All students must wear their ID Badges and lanyards every day and sign in and out of school. Mrs Gadsby is the Safeguarding lead for KS5
- Please ensure we have the correct contact and medical information for your child



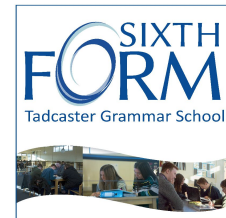
Routines



School Day 2022-23

Time	Activity
Arrive at school	Please do not arrive in school before 8.15 and go to Period 1 at 8.35.
8.40 - 9.05	Form time ('period 1')
9.05 - 10.05	Period 2
10.05 - 11.05	Period 3
11.05 - 12.05	Period 4
12.05 - 13.10	LUNCH
13.10 - 14.10	Period 5
14.10 - 15.10	Period 6

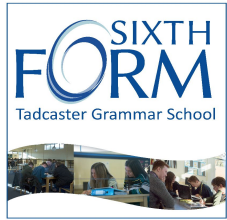
Overview of Summer Results 2022



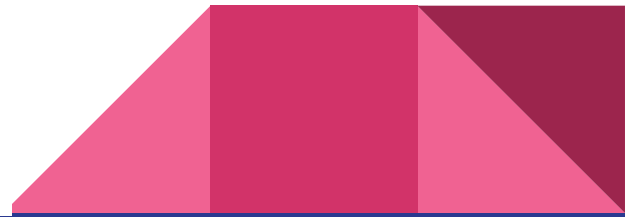
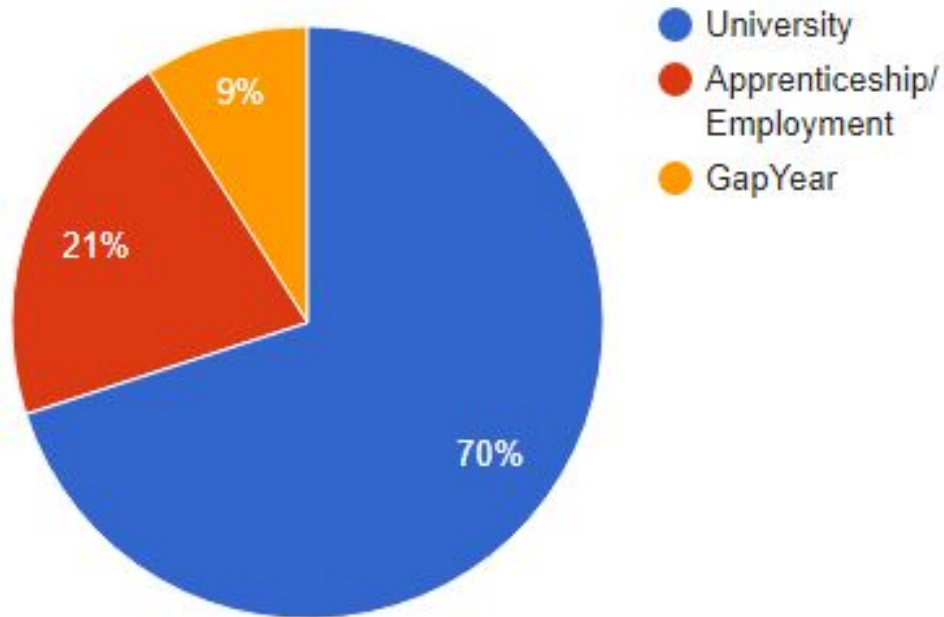
	2022 TGS	National Average	2019 TGS	2018 TGS
A*-A	67%	63%	56%	56%
A* - C	83%	83%	77%	77%
A* -E	99%	98%	98%	98%

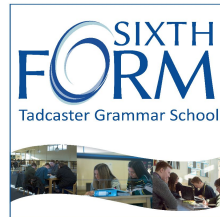


Destinations



2022 Sixth Form Destinations





Our Core Principles

- Students will be known well, included and valued
- Experience consistently excellent teaching
- Supported to achieve
- Challenged to dream!!

Advice given to students

- Fulfil your academic potential
- Embrace opportunities beyond the curriculum
- Be informed and prepared for your future
- Be brave!!! Take chances!!!
- Ask for help



How to fulfill Academic potential

- Adopt a positive attitude, a 'Can Do' attitude
- Take ownership of A levels
- Independent study & learning outside the classroom
- How a student uses their 'free time'
- Reinforce learning all year
- Access support in school: ILC, study room, master classes
- Communication with subject staff: 'How can I improve?'
- Work on examination questions all the time, download examiners reports, past papers
- Access your child's class charts regularly for positives and negatives given by your child's teachers
- Ask your child to invite you to their Google Classroom alerts

ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN...



Not really working

3-4 hours – the odd
free – a little at home.

Hard work.

10 -12 hours a week
outside lessons.

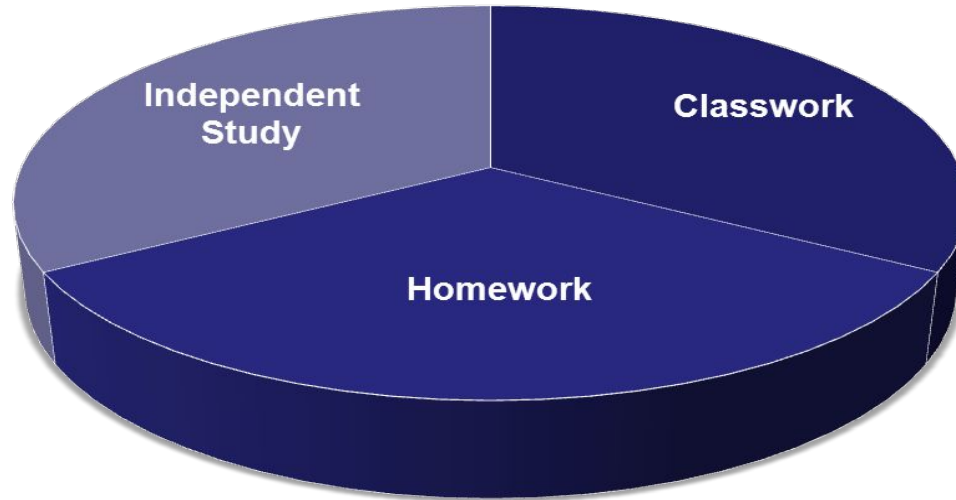
The hardest you've ever
worked.

20 hours a week outside
lessons.

Independent Learning



Three elements...



How to study

1. **Get into a study routine** - It is easier to stay motivated if studying becomes part of everyday life and routine. Switch off phones and devices before starting
2. **Effective Reading** - Reading for learning requires a conscious effort to make links, understand opinions, research and apply what a student learns to their studies. One of the most effective ways of actively engaging with reading is to make notes in your own words as you go along
3. **Note Taking** - Regardless of how good you think your memory is - taking notes will help to remind a student what was said. Effective note-taking involves listening whilst jotting down key points that will be important later, not writing every single word down
4. **Planning and writing an Essay** - The original meaning of an essay is 'an attempt', or a try, at something. It is therefore appropriate to consider writing an essay as a learning exercise. Essay writing skills will improve and develop the more a student writes. Making an essay plan before beginning and sort out what to include in the essay, the order and the clear points to be made
5. **Reflecting on feedback and marked work** - The feedback received from the marker of the essay or assessments should help to advance a student's study skills, writing, research and critical thinking skills. Encourage students to ask if they are unsure of any of the feedback given.

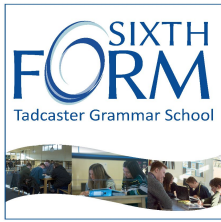
Support



- We have a set of dedicated **Sixth Form Tutors** with lots of experience in helping students with their next steps to support our students
- We know the pressures of A levels can be stressful so our **Period 1 programme** helps students cope with the pressure of A Levels as well as having fun with our Friday activities.

Day	Activity
Monday	Sixth Form Bulletin
Tuesday	Week 1 - Careers Week 2 - Personal Development
Wednesday	Wellbeing Wednesday
Thursday	Personal Development /SMSC
Friday	Quiz / Tutor Mentoring





Pastoral Support

- Support is available from Mrs Gadsby for Sixth Form Students with any issues they may be experiencing that are impacting on their day to day lives
- Advice can be provided on organisation, stress, time management and wellbeing at pressure points in the year as well as in the weekly Wellbeing Wednesday sessions
- Additional academic support is offered through the lifebelt process when needed
- Referrals to outside agencies can be made if necessary including the Just B Counselling service and the Wellbeing in Mind Team support available in school



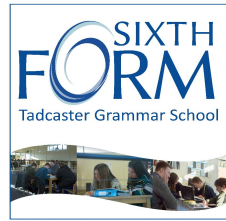
Pressure Points

At times of pressure, it is important that young people know they are not alone.

Working together to ensure a young person is looking after themselves and not taking too much on is something we can all contribute to including:

- Regular routines
- Good eating and sleeping habits
- Home/School/Work balance

Key Dates this year



Monday 21 November 2022 - Report 1 issued (TGS & SHS)

Monday 16 January 2023 - Friday 20 January 2023 - Year 12 Exams(TGS & SHS)

Monday 6 February 2023 - Report 2 Issued this week (TGS & SHS)

Monday 20 February 2023 - Parents' Evening SHS

Tuesday 21 February 2023 -Parents' Evening SHS

Wednesday 22 February 2023 - Parents' Evening TGS

Thursday 23 February 2023 - Parents' Evening TGS

Friday 23 June 2023 - Year 12 Exams (TGS & SHS)

Monday 26 June 2023 - Thursday 29 June 2023 - Year 12 Exams (TGS & SHS)

Monday 3 July 2023 - Friday 7 July 2023 - Yr 12 Work Experience (TGS & SHS)

Monday 10 July 2023 - Report 3 issued this week (TGS & SHS)



16 - 19 Bursary Funding



What is the Bursary Fund?

The Government sets aside money for students **aged between 16 - 19** who are **attending Sixth Form** education and whose household income is **£28,000 or less**, are **entitled to Free School Meals** or are **young people in care, care leavers, young people receiving income support and disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.**

Did you know?

The Bursary fund can help with travel costs to and from school, purchasing textbooks and equipment for A level courses and the cost of educational visits.

How do I apply?

Please speak to **Mrs Gadsby**, Pastoral Leader for Sixth form or see the 16-19 Bursary fund page on the **Sixth form pages of the school website:**

<https://tgs.starmat.uk/sixth-form/16-19-bursary-fund/>

Opportunities Outside of the Curriculum

- EPQ
- Student Leadership Roles
- Student Service
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Eco Group
- Mentors
- Law Ambassadors
- External Visits
- Guest Speakers
- University Visits





Student School Service

All Year 12 students are expected sign up to a School service activity.

This is a great opportunity for sixth form students to be seen around school showing our great values of responsibility.

It is also a wonderful opportunity for you to develop key skills needed when you go onto FE, apprenticeship or employment.

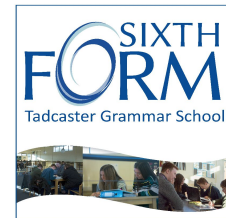
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Careers - Years 12 & 13

- Bi-weekly Tutor Sessions covering Post 18 options and planning for the wider world
- Workshops and guests speakers
- Individual Career guidance appointments available to book
- UCAS Exhibition Visit (June - Year 12)
- External support sessions for Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry
- Personal Statement Workshop (September - Year 13)
- Careers Fair (June - Year 12)
- Apprenticeship and Employment application support
- Mock interviews
- Alumni talks



Work Experience - 3 July 2023

- Every student is expected to take part and secure their own Work Experience placement.
- Students receive an assembly to explain the process at the start of the Spring Term in Year 12.
- They have until mid March to find their work placement.
- Once a student has advised the school's Work Experience Coordinator of their placement details, they will be issued with a Work Experience Agreement/Consent Form. This form will need to be completed and signed by the student, parent/carer and the employer - without this, we are unable to process the placement request for the necessary safeguarding checks.

Our Work Experience Week is supported by NYBEP (an Education Business Partnership covering Yorkshire, Humber and the North East) who will contact all Work Experience placement employers, and complete the relevant Health and Safety visit and Young Person's Risk Assessment prior to the student commencing their placement. In order for this to happen all Work Experience Agreement/Consent Forms must be returned to school by the deadline.

Please be aware that a placement must have Employer Liability Insurance.
Students and parents are responsible for all travel arrangements including costs with the exception of students receiving Bursary funding.

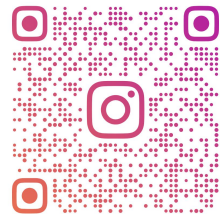


The TGS Sixth Form now have an Instagram account..

@sixthformtgs

A great way of keeping up to date with all the fun things happening in the Sixth Form at TGS.

Instagram



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“
THE BEST WAY
TO PREDICT YOUR
FUTURE IS TO
CREATE IT”

