

# Be Your Best Self

Thursday 6th October 2022

Dear parents, carers & students,

I hope this finds you well?

Our reception area is looking particularly seasonal at the moment with a fantastic display of Year 8 art, inspired by the works of Yayoi Kusama [CLICK FOR MORE INFO.](#)

You will be aware that we had a 2-day Ofsted inspection this week. As an ungraded inspection, this was to determine whether the school still offers a good quality of education. We are pleased with the outcome. I will of course communicate the report as soon as I am permitted to do so. This will be in approximately six weeks time. Thank you to all parents, carers and students who were so positive about the school with the Ofsted parent questionnaire, and the emails of support.

If you know of any families who may be considering secondary school options for their children at the moment, we would be very grateful if you could put in a word to them about our **Open Morning on Saturday 8th October 2022 (9-12 - pop in anytime during the morning)** when the school will be fully available for guests to have a look around and meet with staff and students. Also, we are looking forward to welcoming students, parents and carers to our **Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 13th October 6-8pm**

As usual, please find attached a number of updates.

Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson  
**Headteacher**



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## Attendance & Punctuality

We are delighted with the fantastic start that pupils have made this year with their attendance and punctuality at school. Thank you for supporting us, we appreciate your help and will always welcome and encourage your communication and involvement with us.

We set high expectations for attendance and we want all students to achieve **96% attendance or above**. This gives your child every chance of achieving their target grades and equates to just 6 days off school during the year.

Together we can achieve this;

- Please encourage excellent attendance and punctuality by making sure your child attends school every day and on time
- Only allow your child to stay off school only for genuine illness, please encourage your child to come to school whenever possible and be reassured that we will always contact you if your child is not well during the school day
- Tell us about issues outside of school which might prevent your child wanting to attend
- Avoid taking holidays in term time - your child can quickly fall behind with their work and this may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

We will always be available to support you and your child to make improvements if needed. Please email [attendance@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:attendance@tgs.starmat.uk) if you would like to know your child's current attendance % or you can view this on Classcharts.

More guidance and support on attendance can be found on our school [Attendance Leaflet](#)

Mrs Lisa Oxer  
Attendance Officer  
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## Year 7 Chromebooks

All students who ordered a device over the summer should now have received their chromebook. Please could you encourage students to keep them fully charged for the start of every school day.

Also note that if you wish to join the scheme you can still do so, by signing up through the portal on our school website. If you would prefer to provide your own chromebook for your child, you will need to purchase a Google Chrome licence, and indicate this using the online form. We will order these for you, once purchased through Parent Pay.

Chromebooks information can be found [HERE](#).

Mr Dunphy  
Assistant headteacher  
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## Year 7 Update

It has been a real pleasure to welcome our year 7 students to our TGS family and get to know them over the past few weeks. They have made a great start to school life and so far the year group have achieved over 6000 positive points on Class Charts. This is testament to their demonstration of our core values across the school.

It has been fantastic to see students join some of our extra curricular clubs and fully participate in school life, as well as build those relationships with their tutors and wider staff. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your support at the start of the new year. We are really looking forward to working with you and our new year 7's. If you have any concerns please do reach out to your child's tutor in the first instance, using the emails below.

Best wishes,

Miss C Hodgson  
Year Leader Year 7  
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Mr D Bass  
Pastoral Leader Year 7  
[d.bass@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:d.bass@tgs.starmat.uk)

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## NSPCC Online Safety Workshop - Monday 17th October 6-7pm TGS Main Hall

We know one of parents & carers main concerns and worries is how to keep their children safe online. It sometimes feels overwhelming trying to keep up with the latest information and know how to support your young person to be safe online and make safe choices. With this in mind we are holding a Parents' workshop delivered by the NSPCC addressing online safety and teenagers. The event will cover the following topics:

- *What children and young people are doing online*
- *Parental concerns*
- *What the risks are for young people in terms of what they see, do and who they meet online*
- *How to manage these risks as a parent*
- *Sources of help/support*
- *Along with more specific issues that parents of secondary age children may be facing, such as online friendships and live streaming*

We hope you can join us on the 17th October. In order for us to make appropriate arrangements, please could you indicate on the form [HERE](#) whether you are able to attend.

**Mr M Dunphy**  
Assistant Headteacher  
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**Mr. R. Vernon**  
Deputy Headteacher  
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## **Application for Free School Meals**

Circumstances can change for anyone, as the enormous impact from the pandemic continues to prove. Some families can suddenly find themselves trying to cope with a new financial strain and pressure, perhaps as a result of a stressful new situation: separation, loss of a job, decreased working hours, illness etc. If your household income is low or has recently decreased, your child may well qualify for Free School Meals. Indeed, over the last two years, we have seen a significant rise in successful applications. Free School Meals applications do NOT travel over county council boundaries so if you have moved council areas to attend TGS please reapply to North Yorkshire County Council.

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, you can complete the application form: [HERE](#)

In addition to securing free school meals, your child would also become eligible for Pupil Premium funding. This provides school with money that we utilise to support your child with additional educational opportunities - [Pupil premium - GOV.UK](#).

We also work closely with our local food banks, who continue to offer vital support to families.

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/>

As a school we strive to offer additional educational opportunities to all students and do not want home financial difficulties to be a barrier. We are here to support. Please feel free to contact our Pupil Premium lead in school, Mrs Hubbard ([v.hubbard@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:v.hubbard@tgs.starmat.uk)) or your child's Year Leader to discuss these matters further in confidence.

## **The 16-19 Discretionary Bursary Fund**

If your child is currently studying with us in the Sixth form and is entitled to free school meals or your household income is less than £28,000, you may be eligible to receive financial support from the 16-19 Discretionary Bursary fund.

The 16-19 Discretionary Bursary Fund is provided by the Government and can help with any education-related costs that may arise during the school year, including essentials like a meal during the day, transport to school, extra help to buy books, clothing or equipment related to your child's A level course, or pay for educational visits.

To apply for a bursary, your child must be at least 16 years old and under 19 years old at the start of the 2022-23 Academic Year i.e entering Year 12 or 13 of Sixth Form education.

More information and the application form can be found here - [16 - 19 Bursary Funding](#) or please email Mrs Gadsby, Pastoral Leader ([j.gadsby@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:j.gadsby@tgs.starmat.uk)) regarding 16-19 Bursary funding and how it may be able to help you and your child.

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## **Year 11 after school study sessions**

Year 11 study sessions will take place in the ILC after school every Tuesday and Wednesday. All students are welcome to join the sessions 3.20pm - 4.30pm. It is an opportunity for our senior students to complete work/revision in a quiet environment.

We encourage all Year 11 students to revise regularly, in manageable chunks from the start of the year. Students have been spoken to regarding the advantages of doing revision now and maintaining this routine:

- It supports memory enhancement
- Builds confidence
- Relieves exam anxiety
- It is purposeful practise and helps memory recall
- It supports and embeds learning
- Revision needs to be started early - it must be little and often

Ms C Yewman

Year 11 Leader

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## 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. Our current COVID-19 status also allows us to invite parents and carers into school to discuss matters face to face after making an appointment.

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: <a href="https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/">https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/</a> 'Thank You' to individual staff: via their own TGS email address or <a href="https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/">https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/</a>
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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:

<b>8.35</b> school bell - start of school: phones turned off and put away in school bags <b>3.10</b> 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.

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Or use the following contact form: <https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/>

'Thank You' to individual staff: via their own TGS email address or <https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/>

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### 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 Herberg	h.herberg@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 V Ward	v.ward@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	Ms L Thompson	l.thompson@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
<b>Year 8</b>	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
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## Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

### YEAR 10

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
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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	Ms C Beal c.beal@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

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11C2	Mr R. Remillard	r.remillard@tgs.starmat.uk
11D1	Ms K. McGeechan Ms J. Binks	k.mcgeechn@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
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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
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## Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Director

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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
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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
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13T	Ms H. Brydon Ms H. Cooney	h.brydon@tgs.starmat.uk h.cooney@tgs.starmat.uk

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