

Be Your Best Self

Wednesday 14th September 2022



Dear parents, carers and students,

I hope that you have all had the opportunity for a rest over the summer period. The Yorkshire weather seems to have reverted back to type after those last few days of the summer term when we were all coping with a heatwave.

Our thoughts over the last few days in school have been with the Royal Family. We are continuing to discuss the passing of HM The Queen with our students and to consider what grief is and means, and to reflect on the life of the monarch. A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022.

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed our ex-Year 11 & Year 13 students back into school to receive their examinations results from the first set of national exams since before the pandemic. We were delighted that their hard work paid off; results this year have been superb. More importantly, we have seen our ex-Year 13 go off to high quality destinations (university, apprenticeships and employment). Similarly, we have been delighted to welcome so many ex-Year 11s back into our fantastic sixth form.


We have had a great start to the 2022/23 academic year. The school is calm, purposeful and our students are showing such responsibility. I must thank all parents and carers for your superb support with ensuring students are wearing the correct uniform. I empathise with how frustrating this can be; I remember very well the angst associated with fitting out two daughters with school trousers and shoes. Our new Year 7 cohort are settling in extremely well - they will be our Year 13 class of 2029. Hard to think!

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.



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In other news, I am delighted to report that the school has been awarded two national accreditations this month:

<p>Eco Schools Green Flag</p> <p>https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/about/what-is-eco-schools/</p> <p>Thank you to Ms Thompson and the Eco Group in school</p>	 The logo for Eco-Schools features a stylized green tree with leaves above a green human figure with arms raised, positioned between two blue open books. Below the graphic, the text "Eco-Schools" is written in a blue, sans-serif font.
<p>STONEWALL School & College Champions Award</p> <p>At Silver Level (we were previously Bronze level)</p> <p>https://www.stonewall.org.uk/school-champions/stonewall-school-champion-awards</p> <p>Thank you to Ms McKenzie, other staff and the Equalities & Diversity Group</p>	 The logo for Stonewall School Champion consists of a black star in the top left corner of a rectangular frame. Inside the frame, the words "Stonewall SCHOOL CHAMPION" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with "SCHOOL" on the second line and "CHAMPION" on the third line.

As usual, please find attached a number of updates.

Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson
Headteacher

Teaching and Learning update - Student Engagement

This week our assemblies have included a focus on student engagement in lessons. All students have had a clear message on five key points which they should expect to see in every lesson. These points are all linked to our key priority for all students 'to be an outstanding learner'. The five key points are:

- Teachers will refer to our TGS outstanding learner poster every lesson, rewarding through classcharts.
- A 'recall' starter activity in every lesson.
- A pride in presentation sheet used by all.
- Some time to switch to silent work in every lesson.
- Teachers who inspire and are passionate about their subjects.

The infographic features the school crest and the year 1557. The main title is 'BE AN OUTSTANDING LEARNER' in large blue letters, with 'BE YOUR BEST SELF' in green below it. At the bottom, it says 'CHECK YOUR VALUES' in green. The four quadrants are:

- AMBITIOUS Learners:**
 - Are **fully focussed** and **ready** to work straight away.
 - **Actively listen** to the teacher and others.
 - **Participate** fully in their learning. **Ask** and **answer questions**.
- RESILIENT Learners:**
 - **Give everything a go**; see **mistakes** as an **opportunity to improve**.
 - Show **maximum effort** and have a **positive attitude** at all times.
 - **Respond to feedback** in order to improve.
- RESPONSIBLE Learners:**
 - Arrive **on time** and are **fully equipped** for the lesson.
 - Hand all their work in **on time**.
 - Always **behave and act in a safe manner** for themselves and others.
- RESPECTFUL Learners:**
 - Take **pride in the presentation** of their work and themselves.
 - **Follow instructions** and are **considerate, polite** and **tolerant**.
 - **Look after** the school **environment**.

Matt Gill

Deputy Headteacher

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Uniform & Equipment Standards Update

Thank you for your continued support with ensuring high standards at school for your child. In particular we have been very impressed by the high standards of behaviour, uniform, organisation and attendance that our students have already set. However, as always we are looking to improve, so can I please ask you support with the following areas:

Jewellery

- Student jewellery is limited to one stud in each ear lobe and one flat ring.
- Any additional piercings or rings must be removed before school.
- All jewellery must be removed before physical education lessons or clubs.
- Next week tutors will be checking in period 1 and jewellery taken to the front office if required.
- Please see the school uniform policy for more guidance [Uniform policy](#)

Planners

All students in KS3 and KS4 now have a school planner, which allows them to record homeworks, assignments and deadlines. We would ask parents to check the planner weekly and sign, so that they are aware of the homeworks required and deadlines and can support their child. If you have any questions please do contact their Form Tutor.

Punctuality

- This year we have introduced warning and late bells into our school routine to support students with punctuality.
- Any student who enters the classroom after the late bell without a legitimate reason, will be recorded as late.
- We then track lates across the weeks and year and will be in contact with parents via letter and then meetings if their child is consistently late to lessons.
- We understand that there are some issues with buses and dropping off, which we do monitor and look to address, but please reinforce the importance of punctuality to your child, especially between lessons.

Mr P Betts

Assistant 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) or your child's Year Leader to discuss these matters further in confidence.

Meal costs

North Yorkshire County Council Catering who provide our catering service informed us late during the summer holidays that due to external costs they need to increase the price of school meals. We are working with them to ensure these price rises are kept to a minimum. Once we have a new menu and pricing structure we will notify everyone and publish it on our website. Free School Meal allowance will also be raised to ensure a hot meal is available for any students who are entitled to them.

Irv Webb

Business Manager

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Open Morning Saturday 8th October 9am-12pm

We are delighted to invite you to our Year 6 open morning for students wishing to join us in September 2023. Please see our website for further details

Sixth Form News

We have been delighted to welcome so many students back into our Sixth Form after two very successful results days. We still have capacity to accommodate more and have already welcomed some students back after starting college and then them realising they should have stayed with us. If you know of anyone who is in a similar position please tell them to get in contact, we are still here for them

We are also now looking for recruitment for September 2023. Year 11 students have already had their discovery day and tried many of our sixth form subjects and will be getting further information in the weeks to come. We are looking forward to welcoming students parents and carers to our **Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 13th October 6-8pm**

Ros Knapton

Assistant Headteacher: Director of Sixth Form

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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

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

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:

8.35 school bell - start of school: phones turned off and put away in school bags 3.10 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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'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
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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
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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
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Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

YEAR 9

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
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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
	Year 9 Phone number: temporarily out of use Extension number:	

Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

YEAR 10

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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
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Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

YEAR 11

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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
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Pastoral enquiries

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2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Director

SIXTH FORM

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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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