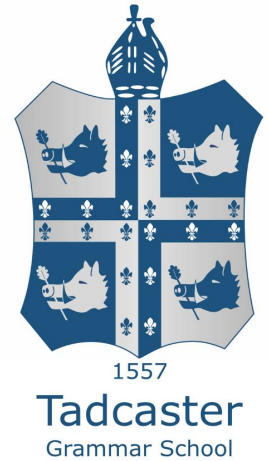


Be Your Best Self

Tuesday 10th January 2023



Dear parents, carers & students,

I hope you had a restful break over the festive period. It has been wonderful to welcome our superb students back.

Social Media Development

Over the last few weeks we have been reviewing our use of social media with the school community. We are hoping to share a relaunch with you this half term. This will mean that you should be able to receive timely updates from school via your mobile devices rather than waiting for a headteacher's update. We will, of course, be interested in your feedback and ideas for further development.

Students' use of electronic cigarettes/vapes

In my last update I signposted the issue of young people using electronic cigarettes/vapes. We are aware that there has been an increasing trend in the locality for children to use electronic cigarettes/vapes.

At school we will continue to educate students about the dangers of vaping and its links to nicotine addiction and how it can act as a gateway to cigarette smoking and the use of illegal substances. We also recognise that students may have developed an addiction to nicotine, and may see the use of a vape as being a safer alternative to smoking cigarettes. They may also have succumbed to peer pressure or simply be curious and want to try vaping.

Please could we signpost you to the following resources (from the USA - sub-links therefore not active in the UK). These are not endorsed by the school but give a useful introduction about electronic cigarettes/vaping and how to assess whether your child is using these devices or at risk of doing so:

[Resource 1](#)

[Resource 2](#)



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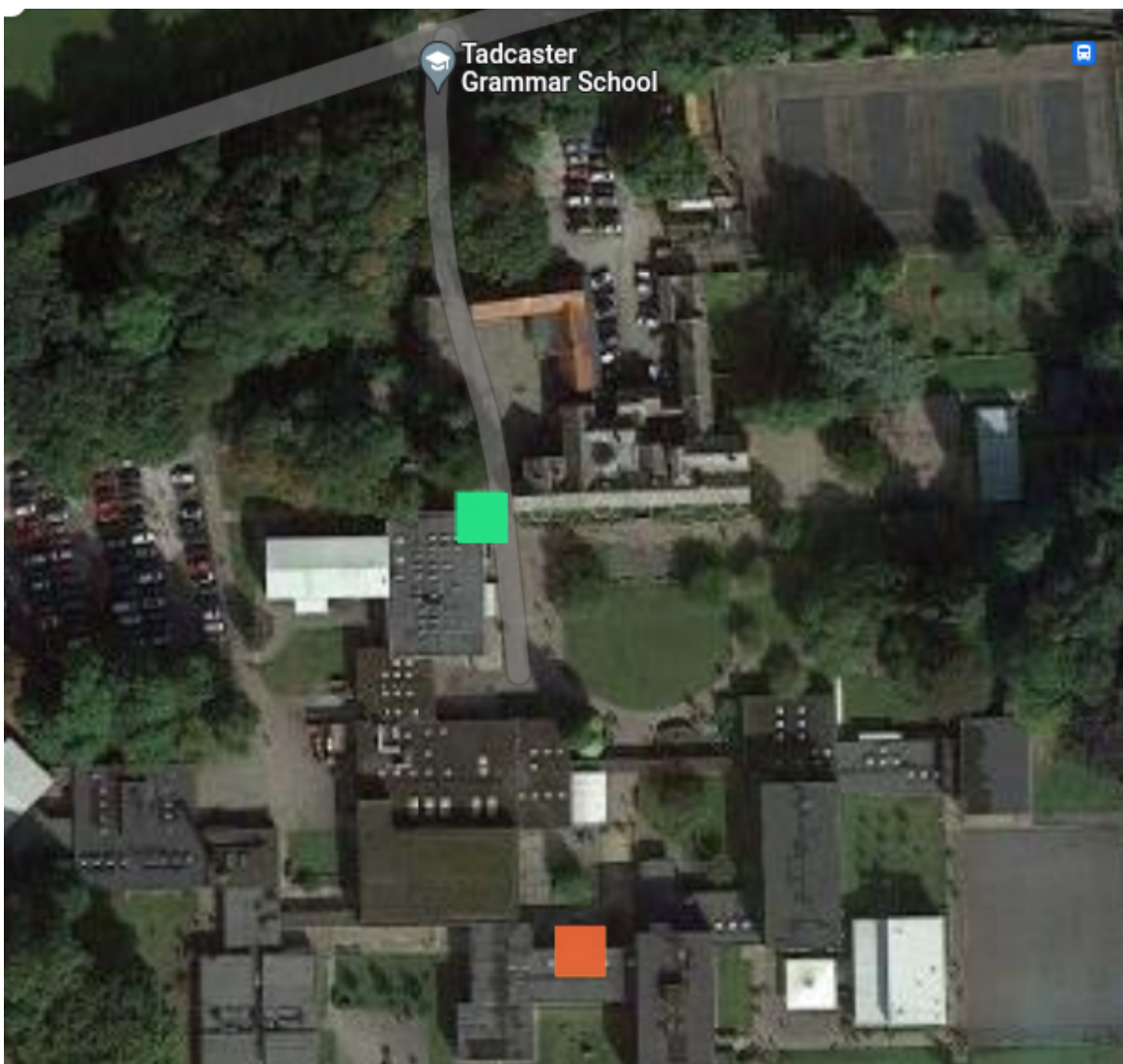
You may also have already done your own research about how vaping and vaping products are underpinning the addiction to nicotine of the current generation of young adults. I will be leading a series of assemblies on this topic w/b Monday 30th January 2023, so please be aware if your son/daughter has questions for you at home.



In the UK, an individual must be 18 years old or above to use and purchase vaping products. This also includes vaping products that are 0mg/nicotine free.

Vaping and smoking on STAR MAT school property is prohibited.

School Reception is moving

Later this term we will be moving our main school (visitors) reception from its current location to a new, purpose-built facility at the 'front' of school (see below). This will mean that parents/carers and visitors will be able to drop items off/sign in when arriving to meet staff for meetings in a much more efficient and timely manner. More details to follow.



	Existing location of main school reception
	New location of main school reception

As normal, I attach a number of updates and calendar items for your information.

Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson

Headteacher

Safeguarding

It has been wonderful to see the students return from the Christmas break and hear the lovely stories of how they spent their time. Equally, we have been hearing about the new latest gadget or phone some have received over the holiday season. For that reason, I thought it would be useful to share with you some documents created by 'The Key' on keeping your child safe online, particularly when using the WhatsApp platform. You can read the document [here regarding WhatsApp](#). If you would also like further information on how to keep your child safe with electronic devices, then please [click here](#) for a handy guide on how to set parental controls on various devices.

Finally, Cayte Mulhern, Safeguarding Lead for the STAR Multi-Academy Trust, has asked me to share with you this letter on 'catfishing'. You can read the letter by [clicking here](#).

Mr R. Vernon

Deputy Headteacher

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Lost Property

Please be aware that we have an increasing number of lost property items held in the Main Office. If your child is missing any items please encourage them to enquire at the Main Office.

Can we remind parents to ensure all students' uniform and personal belongings are labelled appropriately, so that any lost items can be returned to their owner quickly.

Further to this we will be publishing a weekly report for Lost Property items via our Classcharts app.

Mrs A Hotchkiss

Office Manager

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Lockers

To reduce the likelihood of lost property, please be aware that the school had over 200 new lockers installed over the summer. There are still lockers available to book, details of how to do so can be found on our school website [Secure Locker Rental Information](#)

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Uniform Standards: Jewellery

Some of our students are choosing to wear jewellery that is not permitted in school. Ideally no jewellery should be worn.

The main issue is earrings. In several lessons this can cause a safety risk. Please ensure that your child follows the school guidance:

A watch, single plain, flat ring (1 max) and a single pair of plain ear studs (not hoops/rings/flesh tunnels) can be worn, one in each ear lobe. No other items must be visible.
Ideally no facial make-up; where this is worn, it should be very light and discreet.
Bracelets in any form are not to be worn.
Nose piercings should not be worn. If students do have this piercing, then it must be removed for the school day.
Tongue piercings, facial jewellery or similar body piercings must never be worn. Any new piercings/flesh tunnel procedures that require a 'healing period' should only take place during school holidays that are long enough to accommodate this healing process. All piercings (other than ear piercing as stated above) must be removed and not simply covered up with plasters during school time.
No jewellery should be worn during physical education or other practical activities.

Clear nail varnish is permitted. Coloured nail varnish and false nails* are not allowed.

(* this includes acrylic/gel nails, nail extensions, nail art and similar)

Mr Paul 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.

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) regarding 16-19 Bursary funding and how it may be able to help you and your child.

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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Sixth Form Applications September 2023

We are now recruiting for our Sixth Form to begin in September 2023 and we are already delighted with the number of students who want to join us. The prospectus is available on our website for you to look at the opportunities the sixth form offers our students. [HERE](#).

We are extremely proud of the wide variety of subjects available to our students and you can find our more details about these courses [HERE](#)

To access the application form please click [HERE](#)

Ms R Knapton

Assistant Headteacher

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Little Helping Hands Pre-loved Event



OPEN TO EVERYONE

LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

10AM – 11AM

THE BARN, ST JOSEPHS ST, TADCASTER



PLEASE COME ALONG AND PICK UP:

0-5 YEAR OLD CLOTHES
BEDDING AND BLANKETS
NURSERY EQUIPMENT
NAPPIES & WIPES

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE DO GET IN TOUCH:
LITTLEHELPINGHANDSYORK@GMAIL.COM
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LITTLEHELPINGHANDSBABYBANK



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.

General contact with the school

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/>

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2nd: The Curriculum Team Leader for the subject	2nd: Your child's Pastoral Leader
	3rd: Your child's Year Leader

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 Hercberg	h.hercberg@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 D Naylor	d.naylor@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	Mrs E. Hewitt *NEW*	e.hewitt@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
Year 8	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
	Year 9 Phone number: 01937 833466 Extension number: 239/277	

Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

YEAR 10

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
10C1	Ms R. Thomas	r.thomas@tgs.starmat.uk
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

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
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11C2	Mr R. Remillard	r.remillard@tgs.starmat.uk
11D1	Ms K. McGeechan Ms J. Binks	k.mcgeechan@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
11O1	Ms K. Heneachon Ms L. Alderman	k.heneachon@tgs.starmat.uk l.alderman@tgs.starmat.uk
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
11T2	Ms E. Stubbs	e.stubbs@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
Year 11	Mr M. Prentice m.prentice@tgs.starmat. uk	Ms C Yewman c.yewman@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 11 Phone number: 01937 833466 Extension number: 256 / 293	

Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Director

SIXTH FORM

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
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12D	Ms J. Walker	j.walker@tgs.starmat.uk
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
12T	Ms J. Kay Ms A. Cantrel	j.kay@tgs.starmat.uk a.cantrell@tgs.starmat.uk
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
13F	Mr G. Dale	g.dale@tgs.starmat.uk
13O	Ms L.Bland Ms J.Yau	l.bland@tgs.starmat.uk j.yau@tgs.starmat.uk
13T	Ms H. Brydon Ms H. Cooney	h.brydon@tgs.starmat.uk h.cooney@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Director
Sixth Form	Ms J Gadsby j.gadsby@tgs.starmat.uk 01937833466 extension: 235	Ms R Knapton r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk 01937833466 extension: 223