

Be Your Best Self



Tuesday 28th March 2023

Dear parents, carers and students,

I hope this finds you well?

At the end of this week we will be saying farewell to a number of our fantastic staff who are leaving for new career challenges:

Emma Lattimore (Curriculum Team Leader: Art)

Susy Laidlaw (Teacher of Business)

Alicia Hotchkiss (Office Manager)

Liz Hartley (Cover Supervisor)

We wish them well for the future.

You will already be aware of the very recent media reporting concerning the ongoing negotiations between the National Education Union (NEU) and the Conservative government. I will of course contact you again if this dispute is likely to impact on the operation of the school.

I hope you have a restful break. As usual, please find a number of updates on the following pages.

Regards

Andrew Parkinson
Headteacher



Headteacher: Mr A Parkinson B.Sc (Hons) M.Ed M.Sc
Toulston, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire. LS24 9NB
(01937) 833466 | www.tgs.starmat.uk

School Uniform

Thank you to the parents and carers who took part in the recent survey on potential amendments to the school uniform policy. We had less than a 10% return rate.

We are currently processing the results, talking to suppliers and school governors and will report back next half-term.

Mr R Vernon

Deputy Headteacher

r.vernon@tgs.starmat.uk

Sixth Form

We have been delighted with the number of Year 11 students who applied to Tadcaster Sixth Form for this September. We are currently contacting students to confirm places and option choices. Please confirm your place via the link on your Sixth Form offer letter

It's not too late to apply for a September 2023 entry - please email me.

Mrs R Knapton

Assistant Headteacher

r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk

Applications for Free School Meals in STAR MAT schools

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child could also qualify for free school meals during all school years. To qualify you must be receiving:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals.

Apply for free school meals

You will receive an instant decision on whether your application is successful. If it is, we will fully process the application in 5 working days and notify the school. Once the school has received this your child can begin enjoying free school meals. You should continue to pay until confirmation comes through. Schools may be able to arrange reimbursement of payment made while your entitlement is being confirmed.

Free school meals claims cannot be backdated. They are awarded from the date we receive the application, once eligibility is confirmed. This is because there is a legal requirement for a request to be made, before a free school meal can be provided. If you are not entitled to free school meals, you will be notified in writing.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs V Hubbard at school on v.hubbard@tgs.starmat.uk

Social Media

Tadcaster Grammar School



Over the last month or so you may have noticed that we have been developing our SOCIAL MEDIA presence on our existing whole school Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as our Sixth Form Instagram account.

However, we are excited to share that we now have a whole school INSTAGRAM account!



@tadcastergrammar



Our social media will help keep our families up to date with any news students may not hear about. We aim to use our social media platforms to share good news, student successes and celebrations as well general updates and important reminders.

So, please like and follow our pages... like, share and comment on our posts... and keep in touch!



Sixth Form @ TGS
<https://www.instagram.com/sixthformtgs/>



Tadcaster Grammar School
<https://www.facebook.com/TadcasterGrammarSchool>



@Tgs Tadcaster
<https://twitter.com/TgsTadcaster>



Tadcaster Grammar
<https://www.instagram.com/tadcastergrammar/>

#beyourbestself #beambitious #beresilient #berespectful #beresponsible

Career Opportunities at Tadcaster Grammar School

1. Caretaker. Permanent. 37 hours pw. Grade D £21,189-£21,967 (full year) or £18,124-£19,791 (term time only inc. training days).

This post, working with the school's Site Team, will be responsible for a wide range of duties and functions ensuring the general upkeep and maintenance of the school. The successful candidate will need to have a range of Caretaking skills, a willingness to learn, work as part of a busy team and have a friendly and helpful disposition. The suitable candidate may choose to work full year or term time only. A recruitment incentive of £500 is payable after satisfactorily completing the probationary period. To commence as soon as possible.

2. Cover Supervisor. Permanent/Relief. Band E £17,354-£17,993. Term time only (inc. training days)

This is a fantastic opportunity for someone with enthusiasm and the ability to motivate our students. This role is suitable for someone who is able to build positive, professional relationships with students. Experience of working with young people would be advantageous. The post would also be of great value to someone keen to have a career in teaching. This role is either on a permanent or casual relief contract depending on the candidate's individual circumstances. Flexible hours can be negotiated for fixed term appointments. A full day would be 6 hours 50 minutes 8.20am-3.30pm (34hrs 10mins pw). We are a Google school where every student has a chromebook - and with most cover work set on Google Classrooms the role becomes more straight forward and effective.

If you would like to apply for either of these positions, please complete our online application form: <https://bit.ly/STARSupportApp> Please note: we may close the position early if we receive a large number of applications.

Please direct correspondence to tgs.recruitment@tgs.starmat.uk

For more information please visit our website: [tgs.starmat.uk](https://www.tgs.starmat.uk)

Lessons From Auschwitz Project - Year 12



Polly and Alex applied to participate in the Lessons from Auschwitz Project led by the Holocaust Education Trust. Having been successful in their application they attended an introductory seminar followed by a day visit to Auschwitz, setting off very early from Leeds Bradford Airport. Following the experience they then completed a project based activity to further educate people about the Holocaust

“We’re extremely grateful for the opportunity which has been granted to us by our participation in the Lessons From Auschwitz program. It is so important to educate younger generations about the atrocities committed during the Holocaust so that we can take steps as a society to prevent such heinous crimes occurring again in the future. Through the scheme, we have been given a foundation of knowledge and an opportunity for discussion which better enables us to educate both ourselves and the community about the Holocaust as we will be doing with the school community in the upcoming weeks.”

Polly Whyley & Alex Keetley (Y12 Students)

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.

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

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 (Changes from Summer Term highlighted in BLUE)

Please ring Reception on: 01937 833466

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

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

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

Subject Enquiries - Curriculum Team Leaders

Art	Ms C Yewman	c.yewman@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	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 R. Middleton	r.middleton@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	Mr A. Price	a.price@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.butterworth@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	Mr B Evans b.evans@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
11C1	Ms E.Hitchon	e.hitchon@tgs.starmat.uk
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
12C	Mr A. Crease	a.crease@tgs.starmat.uk
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. Cantrell	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