



Tadcaster Grammar School

*'A Culture of Excellence'*

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7th September 2017

Dear Parents

### **Year 12 Parents' Information Evening/Meet the Tutor**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate your son or daughter on their success at GCSE and consequent transition to Year 12. I am really looking forward to working with you and it is my hope and expectation that we can work together to deliver further success in their future endeavours.

I would like to invite you to two events to help with our Induction process. Firstly, an Information Evening for parents of Year 12 students is to be held on **Tuesday 12th September at 6pm in the Main Hall**. The evening is the first opportunity to meet with you and for me to explain how we will be supporting and challenging your son/daughter during their time in the Sixth Form. If you have any queries regarding your son/daughter's sixth form studies, you will have an opportunity to ask questions and get advice on how to support them in this next phase of their education. It is not necessary for students to attend as they will be fully aware of the expectations upon them. We would be grateful if you could signal your intention to attend via this link:

<https://web.tgsch.uk/parents/parent-workshops/>

Secondly, a 'Meet the Tutor' event will be held on **Wednesday 18th October at 3.30 to 4.30pm in S1** (Sixth Form Study Centre). This is a chance for you to meet your son/daughter's Tutor and discuss with them any queries or concerns you may have.

### **Student Progress**

A key factor in the success of our students is the way in which staff monitor their progress in terms of assessed work as well as more general indicators such as attendance, attitude to learning etc. Clearly it is essential that we recruit parental support as soon as possible if any concerns emerge regarding the progress made by any young person. With this in mind, Tutors and/or myself will contact you with any concerns to discuss the most positive way forward as soon as possible.

### **Study Periods/Homework**

Students will have a larger number of study periods than has previously been the case and it is essential that we help them establish well-disciplined behaviours to make the most of this opportunity for independent study. The most effective A Level students will always find tasks to complete which give more depth to their knowledge and understanding, add detail to coursework or improve their exam technique. Further support of how to structure independent study will be available in Tutor time and on our VLE.

**Registration/ID cards**

Students will shortly be issued with a photo ID card which will allow them to register in and out of the site, as well as making it possible to quickly identify any individuals who should not be on site. Students must therefore wear these ID cards at all times and your support in this matter is crucial. Eventually these will be linked to our new school security door system.

**Cars/Mopeds**

Students are able to drive to school when they have passed their driving tests and are permitted to park in the designated area of the car park as long as they have registered their vehicle at the sixth form office. As always, we appreciate your support in all areas of school.

Finally, I would also like to take the opportunity to introduce Mrs Gadsby our KS5 Pastoral Officer She has been employed specifically to look after our Sixth Form students' needs and is based in the Sixth Form block. Contact details for Mrs Gadsby are as follows: direct telephone number 01937 837635, school email address: [j.gadsby@tgsch.uk](mailto:j.gadsby@tgsch.uk)

If you would like to discuss any area of Sixth Form provision in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at school to arrange a meeting. Contact details are as follows: direct telephone number 01937 837623, school email address: [r.knapton@tgsch.uk](mailto:r.knapton@tgsch.uk)

I look forward to working with you and your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely



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