



Tadcaster Grammar School

'A Culture of Excellence'

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Dear Parents

Transition of Year 6 students to Tadcaster Grammar School

As students reach the end of their penultimate half term at primary school I wish to write to update you on transition for Year 6 as they prepare to move to TGS.

I have had the privilege of visiting over 20 primary schools in the last month and meeting 210 of the children who are starting at Tadcaster in September. I am looking forward to meeting the remaining 52 students when I visit their primary schools after half term.

During those visits I have had discussions about each individual child with their current teacher about their strengths, their interests and how we can best support them to settle into TGS and achieve highly. These personal conversations are crucial to ensuring that students 'hit the ground running' in September.

During each visit I have also taken the time to talk to the children, explaining what will happen over the next few weeks and months, and answer the myriad of questions that they have. I have been very impressed by the students individually and as a cohort. This is shaping up to be an absolutely fantastic group of students with whom I am looking forward, very much, to working with over the coming years.

Back 'at base' I have been busy reading the 'Passports to TGS' that students have so kindly completed for us. We have used this information to start placing students into teaching classes and houses. We will write to you shortly after half term with details of which house your child has been placed into and the contact details for their House Leader.

Arrangements for the two full transition days on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th July are well advanced and, when I write to you after half term, I will include a few more details but please note there will be an information evening on Thursday 5th – attended by children and parents – where you will have the opportunity to hear from, and talk to, some key staff in school including your child's House Leader.

Mr Solk, our Faculty Leader for PE, has been busy making the final arrangements for the Year 7 residential and we look forward to taking the year group away to help them develop individually and 'bond' as a cohort. Last year over 250 of the students attended and had a fantastic time.

Mrs Baron, our Student Development Centre manager, has made arrangements for the extra transition days for some students that are taking place on the 25th and 26th June.

A couple of additional dates for your diary:

- Mr Sibley will be writing to you shortly to invite you to a presentation on the evening of 20 June regarding some exciting developments around how we support students with their learning
- Term will start, for year 7 only, on Tuesday 4 September 2018.

With best wishes

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