



Tadcaster Grammar School

'A Culture of Excellence'

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Dear Parents

Year 13 Parents' Information Evening/Meet the Tutor Event

I would like to take this opportunity say what a privilege it was to work with you, supporting your child in Year 12, and I hope that we can work together to deliver further success this year.

I would like to remind you of our Information Evening for parents of Year 13 students which is to be held on **Tuesday 11 September at 7pm 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 child during their time in the Sixth Form. If you have any queries regarding your child's Sixth Form studies, you will have the 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.

There is also an opportunity to attend a 'Meet the Tutor' event which will be held on **Wednesday 17th October at 3.30pm to 4.30pm in S1** (Sixth Form Study Centre). This is a chance for you to meet your child'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 being 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.

Guided Learning/Independent Study Periods/Homework

I wrote in July to advise you about the launch of Guided Learning from w/c 17 September. For each subject your child studies, they will receive a compulsory Guided Learning hour. During their Guided Learning hours, students will be set work by their subject teachers to complete in examination conditions. This may take the form of past papers, revision work from Year 12 or vocabulary testing. Students will receive feedback from each subject and, working alongside their Tutors, will be able to set themselves targets for improvement, which can be completed in their Independent Study periods. It is essential we help them establish and maintain well-disciplined behaviours so they continue to make the most of their Independent Study time. 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.

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Registration/ID Cards

Your support in reminding your child that they must visibly wear their lanyard and photo ID card at all times would be appreciated. As well as allowing them entry to all areas of the school through our electronic door system, the wearing of ID cards makes it possible to quickly identify any individuals who should not be on our site, so your support in this matter is crucial.

Cars/Mopeds

A reminder that 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 the school.

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@tgs.starmat.uk

Yours sincerely

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