



Tadcaster Grammar School

*'A Culture of Excellence'*

21 November 2018

Dear Parents

**Anti-Bullying Week 12– 16 November 2018 - Non Uniform Day: Tuesday 27 November**

I am pleased to inform you that the school, as part of our ongoing programme to challenge bullying behaviour, is always supporting National Anti-Bullying Week. This year's theme is **Choose Respect**.

Over the coming weeks we will be raising student awareness to anti-bullying messages through tutor time. Also our Student Leadership Team will lead events to raise money for Children in Need and the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) for the Indonesia Tsunami Appeal. This will culminate in a non-uniform day on Tuesday 27 November, where students are asked to donate a £1 to wear non uniform. This year we encourage students to wear blue to beat bullying or odd socks!

I would also like to share with you the ways in which the school aims to support our students in reporting bullying and creating a supportive environment:

- The Tadcaster Grammar School website and Virtual Learning Environment have specific links to report bullying [www.tgs.starmat.com](http://www.tgs.starmat.com) and a student Anti-Bullying Forum, which signposts students to online help and advice

These measures should encourage students who are being bullied and those who know of students being bullied, to come forward. Without information, the school cannot act. May I encourage all of you in our wider community to help us to challenge all bullying behaviour?

However, we are very aware that sometimes bullying can be hidden and very difficult to detect, especially cyber-bullying. If you would like further advice and support about anti-bullying or keeping your son or daughter safe online, then please visit our Health Zone on the school's Virtual Learning Environment. It is accessible to both parents and students from our home-page and signposts you to support and advice. A particular helpful website is the Anti-Bullying Alliance advice area for parents: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents>

We cannot claim that there will be no bullying at Tadcaster Grammar School; but we can say that whenever we are made aware of bullying we will challenge it and strive to maintain a high profile anti-bullying agenda throughout the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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