



Tadcaster Grammar School

*'A Culture of Excellence'*

RKN/KTO

3 December 2018

Dear Parents

### **Year 12 Christmas Stand Down**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate your child on their successful transition from GCSE to A Level study. As they will have discovered, the demands in A Level study are considerable and the increased demands are continuing to build. Please encourage them to speak with their tutors and Mrs Gadsby if they feel they need extra support and advice.

This week your child's first report data will be available. Tutors will shortly begin intensive one to one mentoring sessions with students to look at progress that has been made and to set realistic but challenging targets as we move forward. As a result, further discussion regarding Study Leave will be made and recorded. Study Leave, if given, will begin in January 2019; up until that point all students should be in school every day. If students are not given Study Leave by their tutor, this will be because of ePortal comments or assessment results and will be reviewed again when the next set of report data is available.

Taken as a whole, the year group has made an impressive start and it is my hope that with enough hard work during the Christmas break, the students will be able to translate their enthusiasm into achievement in the formal mock examination period w/c 21 January 2018. These mock examinations will take place in option blocks and students are required to attend all lessons when they are not in examinations. Please encourage them to sustain their effort and commitment amongst the seasonal festivities!

To facilitate the annual Post-16 transition taster days for the current Year 11, there will be no lessons for Year 12 at Tadcaster Grammar or Sherburn High on Thursday 20 December and Friday 21 December 2018.

However, if students wish to come into school to work in the ILC or Sixth Form area or to seek guidance from staff, they should feel very welcome to do so.

If you have any queries regarding this or any other matters, please contact me at school on 01937 833466 or by email [r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk)

Yours sincerely

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