



Tadcaster Grammar School

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RKN/KTO

3 December 2018

Dear Parents

### **Year 13 Christmas Stand Down**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the support mechanisms we have in place to support students. Their Tutor is their first port of call for both academic and pastoral advice and it is essential that they attend their tutor periods every week. If they need any more specific advice, however, then Mrs Gadsby, our Pastoral Officer, is on hand 4 days a week to offer support, advice and broker support agencies which students can then access.

Recently your child received their first report and Tutors have been busy with one to one mentoring sessions to look at the progress students have made and to set realistic but challenging targets as they move forward. Taken as a whole, the year group has made an impressive start to Year 13 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 mock examination period w/c 14 January 2019. It was requested that students are given Study Leave during the Year 13 mock examinations, so they can really concentrate their efforts on the examinations only and I am pleased to say that we have facilitated that for them this year. 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 13 at Tadcaster Grammar or Sherburn High on Thursday 20 December and Friday 21 December 2018. This should be taken as an opportunity to undertake some mock examination preparation.

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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