



# Tadcaster Grammar School

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20 December 2018

Dear Parents

## **Year 11**

I have just sent a letter to all Year 11 students. Hopefully they will show it to you, but if not (and I suspect this is the case!), I have attached it.

One of the most common cries from parents is "what can I do to help?". This year, we have created a "One Stop Shop" which is intended to keep things simple for students and parents alike. Here you will find subject specific resources as well as more general revision guidance. The link is in the letter to students, but I'll pop it here as well:

### ["One Stop Shop" Link](#)

I will also list the key dates again, particularly as Parents' Evening is soon after the break (the window for booking appointments opens on Wednesday 9 January).

#### **Thursday 10 January:**

Year 11 reports issued

#### **Wednesday 16 January:**

Year 11 Parents' Evening (I highly recommend that students come with parents so they can hear key feedback first hand)

#### **Friday 1 February:**

TGS Sixth Form Applications Deadline

#### **Monday 11 February; Wednesday 13 February and Monday 18 February:**

Maths second Mock Examinations

#### **Thursday 14 March and Thursday 21 March:**

English Literature Mock Examinations

Once again, thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Just a quick pre-Christmas pep talk, before the holidays and before you embark upon your final full term of compulsory education at Tadcaster Grammar School.

Firstly, congratulations on the way you conducted yourselves during the mocks in November. The vast majority of you showed a really positive attitude, which was commented upon by our examination team. Although you may be tempted to focus on the result you achieved (be that excellent, indifferent or disappointing), this only really provides you with a number at a staging post in your courses. The savvy students amongst you will be focussing on what you need to do to improve, what you will continue to do and what you need to change. Hopefully, the feedback you are receiving from each subject is highlighting the key areas you need to improve in. If you are still not sure of what these areas are, as I always say, go and ask your teachers.

I recognise that the Christmas holidays provide a much needed break (both for you and your teachers!), but with Christmas being at the start of the holidays you will have a whole host of time at the back end of the two week break. Why not use this time wisely to keep things ticking over for the subjects you are studying. If you are not sure what you can do, log on to the "One Stop Shop" to see the resources each subject area is recommending you use. Here's the link:

["One Stop Shop" Link](#)

When you return in January, you will need to hit the ground running. This means that your focus in lessons must be spot on from the off – no time to be wasted. Keep on top of any deadlines you have and don't leave things until the last minute. I will say it again, if you are unsure, go and ask your teachers.

A few key dates for you to keep an eye on:

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There will be others from many subject areas, make sure you are aware of these, and once again, if you are not sure, go and ask your teachers.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you back on the 7 January, refreshed and raring to go.

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