



The Market Weighton School

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Parent Newsletter

December 2016

Headteacher's Update

As another successful term draws to a close, I hope you enjoy some of the highlights we have selected for this half term's newsletter. As I write this, Year 7 and 8 students are enjoying their Christmas Disco following a very successful Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening. We had some exceptional performances, particularly from some of our Year 7 students who have already stepped into the spotlight and performed with our choir at Hull City Hall earlier in the term. We started our Christmas celebrations with the 9 Lessons Service at All Saints Church and the following morning all of our students took part in a carol service and reflected on the meaning of Christmas. At the end of term we said goodbye to Miss Winter who has worked with us for a short time as a Cover Supervisor and Mrs Peck who has given 15 years loyal service as Admin/Data Manager; we wish both well as they move on to new challenges.

In the New Year we will welcome Mrs Clare Breen to TMWS on secondment from Beverley High School to support the leadership team in continuing to move the school forward and ensure we achieve a good Ofsted outcome at our next inspection. Mrs Breen will take up the post of Deputy Headteacher and have the key responsibility of supporting teaching and learning across the school.

As ever, we will be looking to maintain and improve on standards of behaviour in the New Year. Can I ask that as parents you support us in ensuring all students return in full uniform in January. In school we will be insisting on calmer more orderly behaviour on the corridors and in social spaces at breaks and lunchtimes in order to ensure the school remains a safe and pleasant place to be at all times. We will be reinforcing our policy with mobile phones; we allow phones to be used at breaks and lunchtimes but they must be used responsibly. Any student found to be using a phone to send inappropriate messages, filming others or playing loud music will have their phone confiscated and be banned from having a phone in school.

Phones must not be used in lessons without a teacher's permission and never on the corridor between lessons or after the movement bell has sounded at the start of the day and at the end of break and lunchtime. Our policy is to confiscate phones if these rules are broken. If the phone is handed over without a fuss it will be returned at the end of the day. If there is any refusal, parents will be called to collect it and we will consider imposing a phone ban if this persists.

Please can I ask for your support in this as it will help create a more purposeful movement between lessons and ensure learning starts promptly. Having a mobile phone carries the responsibility to use it appropriately and that is what we expect and I am sure we can count on your support in this.

I wish you all a good Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Richard Harrison

Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion recently attended an assembly in school to present 25 of our students with prizes and certificates. The students entered various different competitions at the annual RBL show held in the summer. Congratulations to all of our winners, especially Makala Dykes who was overall winner out of 700 entries from Market Weighton, Holme on Spalding Moor and Newbald. Makala was presented with a certificate and the Harold Elgy Trophy.



Oxbridge Event

On Thursday 10 November some of our Year 10 and Year 11 students attended an aspirational talk at Pocklington School about attending Oxford or Cambridge Universities. The talk was given by Helen Brooks, Admissions and Access Administrator, at Mansfield College, Oxford. Helen spoke to our students about admission criteria, finance, accommodation and the courses on offer. The students thoroughly enjoyed the visit and felt motivated to achieve well in order to attend either university.



*Year 10: Jacob Park, Alyssa Holmes
Charlotte Thorp, Jakub Bolcun*



Year 11: Luke Potter, Lucas Wilson, Tom Bowman

Children in Need

For this year's event the Student Council organised several events over the week leading up to Friday 18 November; staff v student netball and football matches, a non-uniform day, bun sale and staff 'lip sync' battle. Staff are delighted to report that they won the netball by 16-4! However, students got their own back in the football match and won by 7-2!



The 'lip sync' battle was judged by Head Girl (Ella Waring), Head Boy (Lucas Wilson), Deputy Head Girl (Morgan Eade) and Deputy Head Boy (Jacob Park) who, after much deliberation, and to the delight of the audience, decided that Miss Walton, Miss Gemmell, Miss Todd and Miss Arandle were the winners with their medley of 'girl power' classics. Go girls!

East Riding Table Tennis

Huge congratulations to Ewan Henderson (Year 8) who won the East Riding Table Tennis Competition earlier this month and has gone through to the next round which will be held in February. He played three different opponents and beat them all!!



Remembrance Service



On Sunday 13 November our Head Girl (Ella Waring) and Head Boy (Lucas Wilson) represented the school at the Market Weirton Remembrance Service.

They read the poem 'The Soldier' by Rupert Brooke and then took part in the parade and laying of the wreath.

Christmas Lunch

The final weeks before Christmas are busy in any school and this was certainly true at TMWS. Although our Year 11 students had a fortnight of trial GCSE exams, they were still able to celebrate and be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. All of our students attended a traditional carol service at All Saints' Church.

We also held several performances of our Christmas concert and all sat down to a Christmas lunch wearing our Christmas jumpers to raise money for Save the Children.





Thank you ladies!

Forthcoming Events

3 January	Staff Training Day
4 January	Students Return
6 January	Y9 Immunisations
10 January	Y11 York College Taster Day
18 January	Y11 Parents' Evening
1 February	Apprenticeship Event
6 March	Y8 Parents' Evening
22 March	Y7 Parents' Evening
6 April	Y11 Information Evening
w/c 19 May	Y8 Residential Trip
23 May	Y9 Parents' Evening
w/c 5 June	Y9 AzuRivage Trip
13 June	Y10 Selby College Trip
3 July	Sports Day
w/c 3 July	Y10 Work Experience
13 July	Summer Concert
18 July	Awards Evening

Wall of Excellence

Congratulations to the following students who have all had a piece of work chosen for the 'wall of excellence this half term':

Elizabeth Cass
 Billy Allenby
 Luke Potter
 Hannah Telfer
 Aminah Choudhury
 Nathan Green
 Emily Stafford-Mills
 Holly Pearson

As a reward, these students have been credited with £2.00 on their School Gateway account.

Term Dates 2016-17

Staff Training	3 January
Spring Term	4 January to 7 April
Half Term	20 February to 24 February
Staff Training	24 April
Summer Term	25 April to 21 July
Half Term	29 May to 2 June