

The Market Weighton School

Expect More - Achieve More

Parent Newsletter

March 2017

Headteacher's Update

We are past the halfway point of the academic year already! Our Year 11 students have just completed a second set of trial exams and are beginning the 'final countdown' to their GCSE examinations which start on Monday 15th May. Kevin Mincher, a leading performance coach, visited the school on our most recent Personal Development day to work with Year 9, 10 and 11 students on the strategies they can use to improve their exam performance and be successful in life. He also shared his thoughts with staff in a training session after school where we all picked up some valuable strategies. His website 'Unstoppable Teen' has lots of free resources and blogs that students can refer to in order to help keep their focus over the coming weeks.

The PE department has been busy with fixtures and it is great to see TMWS students competing in a wider range of sports such as basketball and table tennis. Getting more students involved in competitive sport was one of our targets this year and it has been fantastic to hear of our successes, often against much bigger schools.

Following the refurbishment of our canteen we are looking to reduce the cost of school meals and at the same time encourage healthy eating. We are now offering free vegetables with each main meal which will hopefully encourage students to add veg to their meal and reduce the cost for those who are already making healthy choices.

We now have ties available to buy for £5 from reception; they can be paid for through the school gateway and collected the next day. We hope to maintain a good stock in school to reduce the time it has been taking to get delivery from Price and Buckland. Thank you to all parents in supporting our uniform policy; please do ensure that students are coming to school in appropriate skirts, trousers and shoes. I am reluctant to go to a specific supplier for these items as the costs will be considerably higher but I do need to stress that short skirts, leggings and trainers are not acceptable.

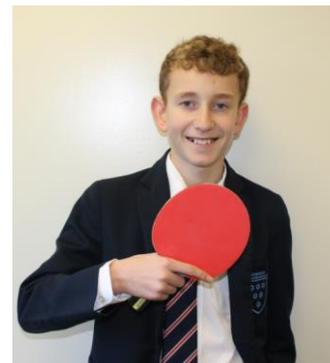
We have had a very successful visit to an ICT conference in Paris with a group of Year 10 and 11 students and we are looking forward to our two other residential trips which are new for 2017. Almost all of Year 8 are now signed up to go to Kingswood's Dearne Valley Outdoor Activity Centre in South Yorkshire for the week beginning 15th May; Mrs Hall is holding a parents' meeting for this on Thursday 27th April at 6.00 pm. Then, the week after half term, 40 Year 9 students will be heading off to the west coast of France for a week of water sports and other outdoor activities. We appreciate that these visits come at a cost to parents and thank you for making it possible for us to give these memorable and valuable experiences to our students.

Richard Harrison
Headteacher

East Riding Table Tennis

As reported in our previous newsletter, Ewan Henderson (Year 8) has been competing in the East Riding Table Tennis Competition. He progressed through to the final round which consisted of 16 competitors. Overall, he has been given a 10th ranking in the North East region.

An amazing achievement! Well done Ewan.



East Riding Apprenticeship Pathway Event

Fifteen Year 11 students attended an East Riding Apprenticeship Pathway Event at Bishop Burton College on Wednesday 1 February. The event was a collaboration between East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Bishop Burton College, local careers advisors, local training providers and seventeen schools in The East Riding.

Students had the opportunity to discuss apprenticeships with training providers, their partner employers and some of their current apprentices. The event included sessions where students could learn about apprenticeships in general, how to apply and receive careers advice from local advisers.



All students enjoyed the event, taking away lots of information and meeting prospective employers.

Basketball – East Riding School Partnership Tournament

Our Year 10/11 boys recently donned their new Dominos sponsored basketball kit at the East Riding School Partnership Tournament.

With short games due to the amount of teams that entered, the boys found it difficult to get into their stride. They lost two of their games by only one basket and they won their last. Sadly, this didn't take them through to the final but a connection was made for them to start training at Longcroft

Well done to Ryan Askem who was voted player of the tournament.



Computing Live - Disneyland Paris

On 25th February we took 24 pupils from Years 10 and 11 to participate in the European Study Tour Annual Conference held at Disneyland Paris.



The pupils were able to hear from three key speakers about their roles in the use and development of technology. The speakers were Geoff White, (Ch4 Technology Producer) who told us about the 'Secret lives of our mobile phones', Gemma Milne (Ogilvy Lab) regarding the use of VR to support space travel and medical research, and Joe McEwan (Marketing Director from Innocent Smoothies) who engaged the pupils with tales of moving a relatively new company from no online brand to being one of the most popular communicators with their customers on Twitter.

As well as all this hard work, pupils were able to visit Tower Montparnasse to see the views over Paris and also enjoy a two day pass into the Disney parks.

It was a very busy three days but the pupils (and staff) had a great time learning not only about the use of computer science but building independence by being away from home. We hope to run this trip again next year!

Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to Laurence Lewis (Year 11) who represented East Riding in the Cross Country Championships and came 15th; a brilliant achievement which contributed towards East Riding winning the team event.

World Book Day



Max Nicholas, Laura Jade Greig and Ben Tinsdale

Miss Joshi held a competition during the run up to World Book Day (2nd March) to design a book cover and write a first page introduction to a story. First prize was a £15 iTunes Card won by Laura Jade Greig in Year 8, the runner up was Ben Tinsdale in Year 7.

There was also a quiz in the Library which was won by Max Nicholas in Year 7 who correctly answered 14/15 questions on Marvel Books and Magazines.

Weighton Young Players

Miss Todd (Teacher of English) helps to run a youth theatre club in the school's youth centre called Weighton Young Players. On Saturday 4th March they took part in the regional heats of the All England Theatre Festival at Bridlington Spa.

In the Youth Section, Weighton Young Players won first place and received the Humberside Leisure Services Trophy for the Best Youth Performance; Ellis Brown won the Alexander Simpson Trophy for Best Actor and the group were awarded the Lincolnshire and Humberside Arts Trophy for the Best Original Play.

Congratulations to all of our students involved: Ellis Brown, Ashleigh Allenden, Libby Ainley, Elizabeth Cass, Alanna Haxby, Lewis Perry, Holly Pearson, Lucie Waring and Kacy Webster.



Red Nose day is on Friday 24th March

Please can students wishing to participate bring £1 for non-uniform.

There will be a bun sale at break and a student talent show at lunchtime in the Hall, also £1.

Thank you for your support.

Forthcoming Events

22 March	York University Biology Trip
22 March	Y7 Parents' Evening
6 April	Y11 Information Evening
4 May	PD Day 3
15 May	Y11 GCSE Exams commence
15-18 May	Y8 Kingswood Residential Trip
23 May	Y9 Parents' Evening
3-10 June	Y9 AzuRivage Trip
13 June	Y10 Selby College Trip
3 July	Sports Day
w/c 3 July	Y10 Work Experience
6 July	Y6 Parent Information Evening
10-12 July	Y6 Visit
13 July	PD Day 4
13 July	Summer Concert
18 July	Awards Evening

Term Dates 2017-18

Autumn Term	5 September to 22 December
Staff Training Day	<i>4 September</i>
Year 7 only return on	5 September
All year groups in on	6 September
Half Term	30 October to 3 November
Staff Training (Disagg)	<i>22 December</i>
Christmas Holiday	22 December to 8 January
Staff Training Day	8 January

Spring Term	9 January to 23 March
Half Term	12 February to 16 February
Easter Holiday	26 March to 9 April

Summer Term	10 April to 20 July
Staff Training Day	9 April
Half Term	28 May to 1 June
Staff Training (Disagg)	23 July



Wall of Excellence

Congratulations to the following students who have all had a piece of work chosen for the 'wall of excellence' since the last newsletter:

Bethany Petch-Smith

Evie Newton

Harry Parvin

Holly Stringer

Ben Senior

Jamie Ewbank

Luke Denney-Welsh

Josh Watkinson

Heather Holmes

Jess Mellor

Ellis Brown

Dionne Foster

Zach Amers

Gemma Marshall

Viviana Mayman

Jake Norman

Rachel Telfer

Keira Turner

Harvey Garthwaite

Ellis Large

Millie Featherstone

Elizabeth Cass

Alex Calvert

Grace Brady

Nicole Hobson

Joe Hollands

Sophie Johnson

Christopher Kerr

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

Well done to all!

Term Dates 2016-17

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