



# The Market Weighton School

*Expect More - Achieve More*

## Parent Newsletter

November 2017

### HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

I hope you have taken the time to read the letter we received from Ofsted following our recent monitoring inspection. It fully supports all that we are doing to ensure our students will achieve the best possible educational outcomes in the future and you can be assured that examination results will now increase year on year. The vast majority of the students at TMWS work hard and are a credit to you as parents and family members.

As a school, we believe in always seeking to improve and we are determined to make sure our teachers are sharing best practice and using proven strategies in their lessons to maximise learning. We will push our students to do their best and then try to make their best even better!

As you will read in this newsletter, our students and staff have been busy with a wide range of activities this term. This week, Year 7 visited the National Railway Museum in York for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activity. Year 8 will be taking part in a robotics challenge and older students will be able to take part in a national 'Green Car' project. Mr Poulston has a busy schedule for the choir in the run up to Christmas; you will be able to see them perform at the Market Weighton Christmas lights switch on which starts at 6.00 pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please look out for tickets for the 9 Lessons of Christmas Service which will be performed at All Saints Church on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The Christmas Concert will take place in the school hall at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Year 11 students should be revising for their forthcoming trial exams which start on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. An exam timetable and schedule of revision sessions is available on the school website.

Miss Narborough (School Cook) was proud to achieve a 5 star hygiene award for the school kitchen last week. We previously struggled to improve our rating due to the age of the fixtures and fittings but our new kitchen and the diligent work of our kitchen staff has resulted in this significant improvement.

You may have noticed some new fencing and gates at our Beverley Road pedestrian entrance. This will improve our site security during the day when this gate will be locked ensuring all access is made via the main entrance. Any student arriving late will not be able to access the site from this gate and should use the main entrance and sign in. The front access to the school is now restricted to the main entrance during school hours ensuring all visitors are signed in and have permission to be on site. Students leaving the school during the day must sign in and out at reception and use the main entrance only.

Finally, we are holding a Christmas Appeal this year in support of the Hull Homeless Community Project. Students are collecting items to donate to men, women and families who find themselves homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless.

Richard Harrison

## ANNUAL SCHOOL WALK

Our annual half marathon walk took place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September with the majority of students taking part. In recent years it has become traditional for Year 11 to complete the walk in fancy dress and, once again, we saw some wonderful costumes!



The four charities which the school will be supporting this academic year, as nominated by our students, are The British Red Cross, Teenage Cancer Trust, Brake (the road safety charity) and Mind.

50% of money raised by each House will go to their chosen charity and 50% will be used to develop/improve areas of the school (selected by the Student Council).

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the walk; although it rained it did not dampen anyone's spirits!

So far, students have handed in sponsorship totalling £3,115. If there is any sponsorship money outstanding, we would be grateful if you could bring it into school before the end of term. Thank you.

## OPEN EVENING

We welcomed Year 5 and 6 students and their families at our open evening on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Following a presentation by Mr Harrison, parents and students toured every area of the school to sample lessons. Many of our students acted as tour guides or demonstrated activities in classrooms, all proud to show off their school. Many parents commented as they left that they would like to send their child to TMWS based on their impression of our students; the best advert we could hope for!

## YEAR 11 PROGRESSION EVENING

Our Year 11 progression evening took place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Students and parents had the opportunity to talk with representatives from a wide variety of post 16 providers. Feedback has been positive with students advising that the information provided has helped them to make the right choices.



## HEADS OF SCHOOL/HOUSE CAPTAINS

We recently held elections for our Heads of School and House Captains for this academic year.

Following an application process, shortlisted candidates made speeches in each Assembly before students voted for their choice. This year we had students stand from Years 9, 10 and 11 but it was Sam Hollands and Rhiannon Davies (both in Year 11) who were successful. Gemma Marshall (Year 10) and Alfie Swales (Year 9) will support as deputies and together with the House Captains, appointed earlier in the term, this completes the student leadership team.



*Head Boy and Head Girl  
Sam Hollands and Rhiannon Davies*



*Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl  
Alfie Swales and Gemma Marshall*



### **House Captains:**

#### Burlington

Facundo Gomez Colantonio  
Emily Henderson

#### Langdale

Rachel Anderson  
Lee Ward

#### Londesborough

Sophia Logozzi  
Oscar Gibb

#### Wicstun

Sam Hollands  
Viviana Mayman

On Sunday 12 November Rhiannon Davies and Sam Hollands represented the school at the Market Weighton Remembrance Service. Sam read the poem 'The Soldier' by Rupert Brooke and a wreath was laid by Rhiannon.

## PE TRIP TO SEE ANNA KESSEL

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November a group of 17 students attended a talk by Anna Kessel about her book 'Eat, Sweat, Play: How Sport can change our lives'. The event was hosted by Beverley Parkway Cinema as a part of the Beverley Literature Festival.



Anna is a sports journalist, co-founder and chair of Women in Football, author and one of The Independent's 50 Most Influential Women in Sport.

As a passionate advocate for sport and campaigner on equality, Anna talked about her experiences in sport as a women and discussed sexism in the game and some of the sporting world's notable female role models.

Our students had the opportunity to talk to Anna after the event which allowed them to share some of their own experiences and get copies of her signed book.

## CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

The Student Council has been very busy organising different events for this Friday.

Students are encouraged to bring a £1 donation to attend school in non-uniform (no onesies please!).

There will be a staff and student talent show (not to be missed!) in the hall at lunch time, entry is £1.

There will also be another legendary TMWS bun sale at break time – all donations will be gratefully received!

Well done to our Y11 Business students who baked some amazing treats for the bun sale, and learned about outlay, profit and loss costs in the process!



## LOST PROPERTY

Please note that we are once again seeing a build-up of lost property in school. We have coats, jumpers and PE kit which are not named in our lost property box. Please can you ensure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name, so we can ensure a safe return of any lost items. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Forthcoming Events	
23 November	Y10 Parents' Evening
27 November	Y9 Options Evening
29 Nov – 11 Dec	Y11 Mock Exams
12 December	Church Services
20 December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Concert
15/16 January	Y11 High Adventure Mountain Climbing
17 January	Y11 A Christmas Carol, Stratford
24 January	Y11 Parents' Evening
Feb (Dates TBC)	ICT Trip to Paris
1 March	Y8 Parents' Evening
7 March	Y7 Parents' Evening
March	Y8 RAF Aviation Challenge, RAF Scampton
22 March	Y11 Information Evening
March	Y10/11 DNA Analysis, York University
24 April	Y9 Parents' Evening
14 May – 29 June	GCSE Exams
June (Dates TBC)	Y9 Residential Trip to AzuRivage, France
June (Dates TBC)	Y8 Residential Trip to Kingswood
22 June	Y6 SEN Visit
9-11 July	Y6 Parent Information Evening and Uniform Sizing
12 July	Y7 & Y8 Awards Evening
17 July	Y9 & Y10 Awards Evening
18 July	Summer Concert
19 July	Y7/8/9 Summer Disco



## 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:

Abigail Swallow  
Abi Mann  
Maisie Hudson  
Carla Gray  
Dalton Cox

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

*Well done to all!*

### Term Dates 2017-18

<b>Autumn Term</b>	5 September to 22 December
<b>Last Day for Students</b>	21 December
<b>Staff Training (Disagg)</b>	22 December
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	22 December to 8 January
<b>Staff Training Day</b>	8 January

<b>Spring Term</b>	9 January to 23 March
<b>Half Term</b>	12 February to 16 February
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	26 March to 9 April

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

