



The Market Weighton School

Expect More - Achieve More

Parent Newsletter

February 2018

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

As ever, this newsletter highlights some of the fantastic achievements of our students. When I walk around the school with visitors they always comment on how calm it is and the lovely atmosphere. This is certainly true and our students are working hard to achieve the best possible examination results and take up a wide range of other opportunities to participate in enriching activities.

As a school, we have become a licensed centre to operate the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. We were presented with our plaque and certificate in December and have now enrolled our first group of Year 9 students to start the Bronze Award. It is not too late to get involved, training sessions are every 'week 2' Thursday from 6.00 pm in the Library. Any student who needs to complete an Award can do so with us and we would love to see some coming back to start Silver or Gold. Students can also start Silver directly in Year 10 and Gold once they have reached 16 years of age. Wherever students progress to after TMWS, they can continue to take part in the D of E Award with us in partnership with other local centres.



TMWS – Licensed Centre Certificate



Last term's Bronze Award Presentation Evening

League tables were published in January and focussed on the Progress 8 Score achieved by last year's cohort of Year 11 students. This is a measure of the progress made since Year 6 and was too low. Our data shows that this will improve this year and continue to improve year on year. Despite this low progress score, the actual GCSE outcomes were up in many subjects with English and Maths at grade 4+ and 5+ being above the national average. As a school, we are 7th in the East Riding for the percentage gaining at least a grade 5, strong pass, in both English and Maths and top of the league for the percentage staying on in education or entering employment at 16. We are not satisfied with these results

however and are taking action to ensure improvements are made in all areas. Our current Year 11 students are working hard and are already making better progress than last year's cohort. If you have any concerns about the progress your son or daughter is making, please do contact us as we want to make sure we are doing the best we can for them.

Miss Gemmell has taken over the responsibility for co-ordinating our provision for students who may need extra support in their learning as our SENCo. Over the past year we have further developed our Foundation Learning curriculum and our Enhanced Resource Base for students with Autism and Asperger's now has 5 students on roll and accessing either the Foundation curriculum or main stream lessons. As we welcome more students, our team of teaching assistants is also growing meaning that we are better able to support all of our students who, from time to time, may need that little bit of extra support.

One area that we are continually trying to improve is communication with parents. We have now launched a messaging feature within the E-Praise system which allows staff to communicate quickly and effectively with parents and students. These communications are then recorded alongside other student data within the E-Praise system. I would urge all parents to check E-Praise on a regular basis to monitor rewards, homework and consequences that are issued. All of this is available for parents to view as soon as staff enter details onto the system. In addition, all Parents' Evening appointments are now made through E-Praise. If you do not have a login or need help with access, please contact the school. Mr Poulston leads on this as part of his Assistant Headteacher role across the school.

The Year 10 trip to ICT Live in Paris departs tomorrow, returning on Tuesday. We also have much to look forward to later in the year with a water sports trip to the west coast of France and Year 8 spending a week at the Kingswood outdoor centre in the Dearne Valley. I hope that the weather will have warmed up a little by then!

Enjoy the newsletter.

Richard Harrison

PD DAY - 6TH FEBRUARY 2018

We recently held our second Personal Development Day of this academic year. PD days are very different to the normal school curriculum and see all students participating in a bespoke timetable looking at a range of PSHE and Citizenship issues.

All students were given a presentation by K9 Fire Investigation who showcased their work in partnership with Humberside Fire and Rescue Service and the Police. They support the emergency services by providing specialist flammable liquid detection dogs, enabling them to reach rapid evidential conclusions to situations where time is of the essence.



K9 Fire Investigation



Year 8 - 'Stop Motion' Film

Year 7 students spent the day learning about healthy lifestyles. Activities included fitness sessions, how to eat well and how much sugar is contained in certain drinks.

Year 8 students learned about the importance of e-safety, particularly how they use social media. They also worked on creating 'stop motion' animations and films.

Year 9 students explored the role of parliament and justice.

Year 10 students worked on their interview skills and also learned about first aid and resuscitation.



Year 10 – Resuscitation



PEER MENTORS

Year 8, 9 and 10 students who applied to become Peer Mentors received their badges following a morning of training. Peer Mentors give up a small amount of their free time to provide support, advice and encouragement to younger students within the school. They are able to pass on their experience of school life and support others through listening and discussing any concerns they may have. Well done to all!



Forthcoming Events	
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	Y9 Residential Trip to AzuRivage, France
June	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

Term Dates 2017-18

Spring Term	9 January to 23 March
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

Term Dates 2018 - 19

Autumn Term	4 September to 21 December
Staff Training Day	3 September
Half Term	29 October to 2 November

Spring Term	8 January to 5 April
Staff Training Day	7 January
Half Term	18 February to 22 February

Summer Term	24 April to 19 July
Staff Training Day	23 April
Half Term	27 May to 31 May
Staff Training (Disagg)	22 and 23 July

Sport Relief – Friday 23rd March

The following events will be taking place on Friday 23rd March:



Non-uniform: students may attend school in their PE kit or sports clothing for a minimum donation of £1 per student. This includes entry into the 'Sport Relief mile'.

Break time: 'TMWS Bake Off' cake stall: students/parents are invited to bring in cakes and buns.

Lunchtime: Staff v student matches (to be confirmed)

Period 5: all pupils and staff complete a Sport Relief mile (walk or run around the school site).

Thank you in advance for your continued support with our fundraising.

Y11 Information Evening Thursday 22nd March 6.30 – 7.30 pm

On the evening you will be provided with:

- Your child's current grades.
- Individual statement of entry.
- An exam timetable.
- Details of lunchtime and after school support sessions which will continue up until the exams.
- A timetable for revision sessions that staff are offering over the Easter holiday.

If you have not already done so, please inform the office if you will be attending.

Thank you.