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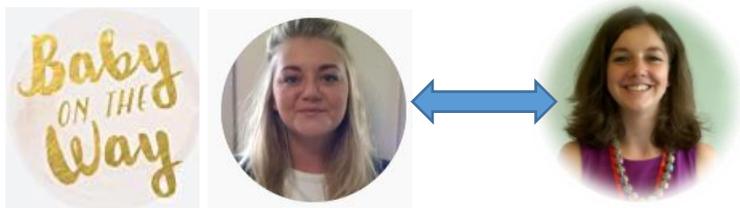
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SEND Parent Newsletter- TERM 2 2020, FEB-APRIL

SenCo Update

We have entered into unprecedented times at TMWS and you will all be experiencing a huge change to your routines and daily lives. I would like to thank parents for your continued support towards our school and we will continue to keep you updated via our school website with any relevant changes.

Some of you may or may not be aware that I have a



Therefore, I would like to introduce my colleague and our internal English Teacher Karen Woodhead, who was successful in being appointed as the Assistant SenCo! This will not only support my maternity leave, but create greatly needed added capacity to the team upon my return so that we can continue to increase our support for students and families with additional needs.

This news means I will be on Maternity leave from September. I am aiming to work hard to handover the department before leaving, however, If I don't see or have contact with you before then, I wish you all well and I am sure it won't be too long until my return.

I will be remaining somewhat involved at a distance in the overall SEND support so that Mrs Woodhead can remain in contact with me should any issues need my expertise, we are not quite sure whether I can do this whilst holding a baby- but I can certainly try!

Miss K Gemmell

Figure 1: Our established wellbeing centre for student's emotional and mental health support logo.

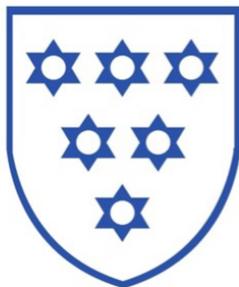


Our wellbeing centre now supports our wide range of students in offering mentoring and ELSA (emotional literacy) sessions. An Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) is a specialist-teaching assistant with a wide range of experience of working with children. ELSAs are trained and regularly supervised by the Educational Psychologists in the Local education authority.

An ELSA works closely with the SENCO and pastoral team in deciding on and providing appropriate interventions on emotional wellbeing to enable a particular child to have limited barriers to their potential. ELSAs will help children learn to understand their emotions and respect the feelings of those around them. They can provide time and space for pupils to think about their personal circumstances and how they can manage them.



For support during this time and services you can access to support your child, visit the local offer: <http://eastridinglocaloffer.org.uk/>



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It's all about TMWS Teamwork!



TMWS SEND Team raise over £1000 for Autism Awareness.

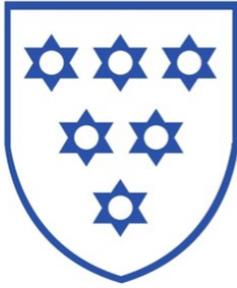
The SEND Team at TMWS have been raising money for the Autism Initiatives Charity to support in raising awareness for Autism. As you are aware the Market Weighton School are proud to support an Enhanced Learning Provision for autistic students and so far the team have raised a huge £1143 making them the 1st team on the whole leader board out of 124 teams that took part. Individually our top fundraiser was Kirsty Gemmell raising £367 coming 23rd out of 890 participants.

A big well done to those involved and in the given circumstances it is wonderful to see staff coming together.

Welcome to the team.

Please direct pupils to our display board outside of the LSB to see pictures of staff and names. *Depending on the level of your child's needs, they will be allocated a key worker. Please be aware that at times of staff changes, academic year transitions and staff wider-responsibilities this may change at the SenCo's discretion.* Please see any recent changes highlighted below in blue.

Miss K Gemmell	SenCo including SEN Careers and Mental Health Champion.
Mrs K Woodhead	Assistant SenCo
Ms D Reddall	Foundation Learning Lead
Mrs K Hartington	Year 7 Foundation learning
Mrs K Lockwood	English Literacy specialist and foundation learning
Mrs S Thirlwell	Creative arts and food/nutrition courses
Mrs K Boothroyd	Study Support Lead
Mrs L Bell	TA and trained ELSA course and Mental Health First Aid- Working with Physical Disabilities.
Miss P Baldry	Year 6 Transition Support and Year 7 teaching assistant.
Mrs C McCall	In School Mentor
Mrs L Nelson	SEND Administrative Assistant
Mrs A Bowes	TA working with KS3
Miss P Booth	TA working with KS3 K students
Miss A Mason	TA working with KS3 K students
Mr A Sapcote	TA working with KS3/KS4
Miss J Sutton	TA working with KS3 K students
Miss S Milnes	TA working with year 9 pupils
Mrs J Bree	TA working with year 8 and 9 pupils



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Mr D Clarke	TA working with year 7 pupils
Mrs A Tyreman	TA working with transition and year 7 Foundation Base
Mrs C Hall	TA working with transition and year 7 Foundation Base
Mrs S Clark	TA working with KS4 students
Mrs R Saltmer	TA working with year 8 pupils
Mr M Jackson	TA working with KS3 pupils
Mrs R Spencer	TA working with KS3 and KS4 Mainstream pupils

Our team continues to grow, please look out for advertisements to join our team on our school website.

<http://www.themarketweightonschool.co.uk/> Vacancies: Welcome to our three new teaching assistant apprentices, we look forward to having you in the team.

SEND Coronavirus Update:

Structure, routine and consistency is something as humans we rely on and for some students this is something pivotal in maintaining their positive wellbeing. Quite often school is a place that provides this each day for a child and we are now embarking on a period of time that may feel isolating, confusing and frustrating for our students. For those with additional needs there are some steps that we can take to ensure this is as supported as possible.

Over the next coming months, our SEND Team will continue to keep in regular contact with their key students and this will happen on a weekly basis across our wide range of communications systems including E-praise, Google Classrooms, Telephone Calls and E-mails. We appreciate those of you who have already engaged with this support and share in our understanding that it is crucial that as parents and carers we can continue our positive communication.

For more information please see our website and my advice page on supporting students with additional needs: <https://www.themarketweightonschool.co.uk/advice-to-parents-supporting-children-and-young-people-with-additional-needs/>

SEND PARENT FORUM- To be rearranged

Unfortunately, we are not in the position to allow for small group meetings but will endeavour to host this training and information session to parents as soon as possible.

This event aimed to provide parents with information around the needs of the condition- Autism, as well as how to support those with/without an Autism diagnosis.

TMWS SEND PARENT FORUM EVENT #4

WHEN
Tuesday 21st April 2020
4:00pm - 6:30pm

WHERE
The Market Weighton School,
46 Spring Rd, Market Weighton, York YO43 3JF

All the Market Weighton School we really value your involvement with the information we provide. This session is aimed at our large population of students with Autism in and those linked to social and communication difficulties. A Disclosure

WELCOME PARENTS/ CARERS/PROVIDERS AND STAFF ALL WELCOME.

AGENDA
4:00-4:15 WELCOME DRINKS
4:15-4:30 SCHOOL
4:30PM-5:30PM WELCOME FROM THE SENDO AND INTRODUCTION OF SUPPORTING AUTISM IN SCHOOL
HOUR 1: UNDERSTANDING AUTISM SEMINAR
5:30PM-6:30PM HOUR 2: UNDERSTANDING AUTISM AND PUBERTY SEMINAR

FEATURING:
Inclusion practitioners—Janet Sweet

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What have we spent our time doing this term?

Year 7- Our year 7 foundation-learning group were working hard on their co-ordination skills and balance in Physical Education. Our two star students have shown great teamwork skills and communication in their adapted sport.



A huge thank you to the PE department who continue to create inclusive ideas for all of our pupils.



Year 8- Our year 8 foundation-learning group have been building on life skills in baking, they have made fantastic progress in being independent bakers. We are also very proud of Joe Clark who worked incredibly hard to get his sticker reward. Many of his achievements came from his academic progress and engagement of learning In History and Geography. Well done!



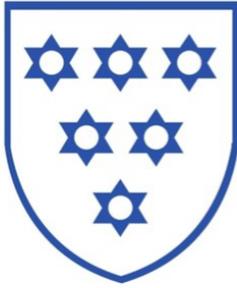
Year 9-



Mrs Hartington was very proud of the work completed last term by Year 9, who were focusing on different salts and their processes in science. This included making pure salt from rock salt. Our students in the year 9 foundation-learning group have been enjoying the hands on, experimental practices that link to GCSE components.

What experiments could you be doing at home?





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Year 10- Adam had reached a new high one he and his group had created shock absorbing egg carrier. Students were testing all sorts of gravity, weight and ultimately - could their egg survive the test of being parachuted from a height? Another group who have taken to the level of difficulty in science lessons as they are working on GCSE and entry level content.

Year 11- A difficult and premature goodbye to our first ever foundation-learning group. Sadly, due to the current circumstances we did not have the farewell we would have hoped for. However, we are incredibly proud of this group of students who all achieved excellent results in their foundation studies and some managed to challenge themselves and perform some amazing results towards their GCSE grades. It has been a pleasure having you at TMWS and we will continue to support your transition to your Post 16 options. Good Luck YEAR 11! A big thank you to the team of LSAs that have worked with this group of students over the years, in particular; Miss Redall, Mrs Bell, Mrs Thirlwell, Miss Boothroyd and Mr Sapcote.





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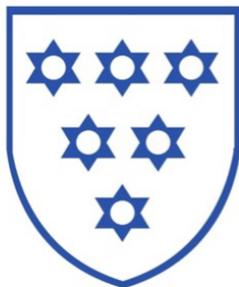
Whole school activities:
Personal Development day-
Students from each year group had the opportunity to experience our pop-up café. They could help order, make and budget for foods from the café all served by our wonderful teaching assistants. Here we felt that students really benefitted from discussions around this common social experience, we hope you are working on more life skills in lock down.



We could not pass up the opportunity to also develop our student's communication skills through a company that offered animal therapy and team building. Our students from all years had the opportunity to hold Snakes, Spiders and even a Skunk! The key was to communicate what you were thinking, feeling and what your emotions were towards the experience. This is something many young people struggle with and it was a great way to help build relationships between different year groups.



Finally, our SEND Athletic teams were entered into a Costello championship by the P.E and SEND Department. After lots of competitive games we were delighted that our students came 1st and 3rd this year. The staff may have been more competitive than the students but an excellent experience all round for our champions! Well done- Remember to be keeping active during our lockdown



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Educational Visits 2019/2020

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Date	Destination	Trip Leader	Number of Pupils	Year Group
5 March	Skills Humber - Bonus Arena	TB	115	10
13 March	The Big Bang Fair - Birmingham NEC	EO		8
19 March	York Uni DNA Analysis	EC	Full Yr	10
4 - 11 April	Ski Trip - Italy	CB/KWT	39	Mix
28 April	Conisbrough Castle	RJ	Full Yr	7
9 June	Geography Field Trip - York	PS		9/10
15-19 June	Kingswood Residential	SJH		8
17 June	Farm Visit		1 x Form	7
24 June	Farm Visit		1 x Form	7
25 June	Holderness Coast	PS	Half Yr	7
26 June	Holderness Coast	PS	Half Yr	7
1-4 July	Belgium History Trip	PF	30	9
1 July	Farm Visit		1 x Form	7
8 July	Farm Visit		1 x Form	7



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Important Dates – School calendar.

<p>PD Dates A day where students focus on an area of personal development and the normal timetable is collapsed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 23rd October 2019 • Tuesday 4th February 2020 • Thursday 30th April 2020 • Wednesday 8th July 2020
<p>Sports Day and Events All students take part in athletic and sports team activities to compete for the house champion trophy. Sporting events run throughout the year led by the P.E. Department.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 3rd July 2020 • Reserve Date: Friday 10th July 2020 • WC 2nd March- Football or Netball house sports matches • Friday 13th March- Sport relief P5 mile • Friday 10th July-Year 10 Sports day Selby College • Monday 13th July Costello Sports day
<p>Parent’s Evenings Evenings where you can meet with teachers to discuss progress, behaviour and support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 22nd January- Year 11 parents evening • Thursday 6th February- Year 7 parents evening • Thursday 19th March-Year 8 parents evening • Tuesday 28th April- Year 9 parents evening

Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term	2 September to 20 December
Staff Training Day	2 September
Staff Training (Disagg)	25 October
Half Term	28 October to 1 November
Spring Term	7 January to 3 April
Staff Training Day	6 January
Half Term	17 February to 21 February
Easter	4 April to 19 April
Summer Term	21 April to 17 July
Staff Training Day	20 April
Half Term	25 May to 29 May

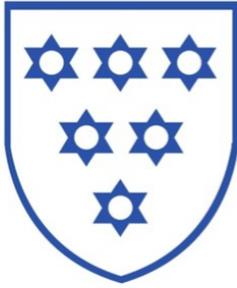
Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term	7 September to 18 December
Staff Training Day	7 September
Staff Training Day (Disagg)	23 October
Half Term	26 October to 30 October
Spring Term	4 January to 26 March
Staff Training Day	4 January
Half Term	15 February to 19 February
Easter	29 March to 9 April
Summer Term	12 April to 26 July
Staff Training Day	12 April
Half Term	31 May to 4 June
Staff Training (Disagg)	26 July

To note students are not in school on staff training days.

Please be aware that during these uncertain times, the above dates and events have been kept in this newsletter for your reference. This does not confirm that the following events will still go ahead but details of any pre-booked trips will be provided on our school’s website.

The term dates can still act as a guidance on when to expect your child to be completing work set from school and when to aim for the usual breaks.



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Tuesday 7 th January	Year 9 options GCSE starts
Thursday 16 th January	Year 9 Vaccinations
Monday 3 rd February	Year 8 and 9 immunisations
Wednesday - Friday (12-14 th February)	Hairspray
Tuesday - Friday (25 th - 28 th February)	Year 11 trial exams
Monday - Friday (2 nd - 6 th March)	Year 11 trial exams
Monday Friday (9 th - 13 th March)	Year 11 trial exams
Thursday 19 th March	Year 8 and 9 immunisation
Friday 20 th March	Year 11 photos
Thursday 26 th March	Year 11 information evening 6:30pm
Friday 8 th May	Bank holiday - 75 WW2
Monday 11 th May - Friday 22 nd May	GCSE examinations
Monday 11 th May	Head boy or girl election
Monday 1 st June - Friday 12 th June	GCSE exams
Friday 12 th June	Leavers assembly
Monday 15 th June - Friday 26 th June	Year 10 exams / GCSE examinations
Monday 15 th June	Year 6 SEN visit 9-12am
Monday 22 nd June	Year 6 SEN parents visit 2:00-3:00pm
Monday 29 th June	Year 10 work experience and year 6 transition
Monday 29 th - Tuesday 30 th April	Year 6 transition
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 6 information and uniform check evening
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 11 prom
Wednesday 8 th July	Summer concert
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 10 taster day East riding college AM
Wednesday 15 ^h July	Year 7 and awards evening 7:00pm
Thursday 16 th July	Year 9 and 10 awards evening 7:00pm
Friday 17 th July	End of School year
Tuesday 8 th September	Year 7 start
Wednesday 9 th September	All years back

Thank you to parents who regularly attend our Parent Forum.

Our group is in a bid to launch our own TMWS support network for parents of children/young people in the East Riding community. Our meeting focus changes for each forum and is based on parental requests as to what support or training they would benefit from around their child's needs and we would be honoured if you could join us to show your support!

Kirsty Gemmell

SENCO