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Parent Newsletter

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Headteacher's Update

As we approach the end of the term and school year remember we are now busy planning for September. As you know the government expect all students to return to school in September assuming the rates of COVID-19 infection continue to decline. Guidance has been published which we are following closely to make sure the school is as safe as possible for all students and staff. We are working on the basis that students will be back in their usual classes, in full school uniform but we are required to maintain as much social distance between students from different year groups as possible. This will require changes to the school routines, such as split breaks and efficient movement around the school which I have explained in more detail in this Newsletter.

We are required to follow Public Health England advice in ensuring students with symptoms do not attend school, that students in school with symptoms are sent home and parents organise a test. We will then follow the test and trace advice should the test prove positive. I will give the full details of this process before we return in September.

Other precautions which have to remain in place are regular hand washing / sanitising, good respiratory hygiene and regular cleaning of areas used by different groups of students. We are increasing the number of hand basins in school and installing sanitiser dispensers in every room. Students can also use their own sanitiser for convenience. We are increasing cleaning of areas used by multiple groups such as toilets and staff will have routines of sanitising desks and equipment after use.

Our staff have worked hard to maintain a full curriculum during lockdown and students will continue to study the full curriculum when they return in September. I would also like to thank parents for your support through this difficult period, I appreciate that in many cases without your encouragement little work would have been completed! The students that have been in school have had a very different experience but one they will always remember. Year 10 have been accessing school one day each week since 15th June, allowing staff to assess where they are and what we need to do before the exams next summer. Staff are keen to get all the students back so that things can return to some sort of normality, however we know we will need your continued support to make the changes in school work for the benefit of keeping us all safe.

I hope you find the newsletter informative and I will send a more detailed update before the end of August. Remain alert to the virus and stay safe!

Richard Harrison
Headteacher



A new school day with split break and lunch

In order to allow more space for students to maintain social distancing at break and lunch times we are moving to the day structure shown. We will now have a break either side of period 2 and lunch before and after period 4. Year 7 and 9 will always have the earlier break and lunch with Years 8, 10 and 11 having the later breaks.

The canteen will have a zone for each year group and will be thoroughly cleaned between breaks. Each year group will have their own social area with Year 11 having use of the Library at lunchtime. Outside the playground will be zoned with additional seating so each area has space for students to enjoy the fresh air in good weather.

Students will need to observe social distancing whilst queuing but with half the students to serve at each break the queues will move quickly! We have all had to follow these routines when shopping so we hope students will adjust quickly and all will soon get to know what is expected. We will spend time on the first day back going through all the changes and expectations so that students know exactly what is expected.

We need to make this work for all our protection from the virus so there will be consequences for any students who choose not to follow the new procedures. I am confident parents will support us and re-inforce the same messages at home.

School Day structure for split breaks	
Year 7 & 9	Year 8,10 & 11
Activity	
Doors open for hand washing, students to Tutor Groups	
Gates Close	Registration 8:45-9:05
Lesson 1 9:05 - 10:05	Lesson 1 9:05 - 10:05
Break A 20mins	Lesson 2 10:05 - 11:05
Lesson 2 10:25 - 11:25	Break C 20mins
Lesson 3 11:25 - 12:25	Lesson 3 11:25 - 12:25
LUNCH A 40 mins	Lesson 4 12:25 - 1:25
Lesson 4 1:10 - 2:10	LUNCH C 40 mins
Lesson 5 2:10 - 3:10	Lesson 5 2:10 - 3:10
Queuing for bus / depart	

Phased return to school

In order to be able to explain all the changes and support the students returning to school we will be welcoming them back in a slightly different order this year.

Monday 7th September	Staff Training Day	No students in school
Tuesday 8th September	Year 7 and 11 return	Y7 Induction activities
Wednesday 9th September	Year 8 and 10 return	Lesson 1 and 2 with Tutors
Thursday 10th September	Year 9 return	All students back in school
Friday 11th September	All students in school following full timetable	

We have prioritised Year 7 as they usually have a day of induction and Year 11 as they need to get back to learning as soon as possible.

Year 10 back in school

From Monday 15th June Year 10 have been able to return to school for some face to face learning. We invited a Tutor Group in each day and students had a maths, English and science lesson during the morning with support to complete on line learning in the afternoon.

We have followed strict social distancing in lessons and at breaks as you can see from the pictures classrooms and the canteen look very different. The students quickly got used to this however and have clearly benefitted from being in school and seeing friends and teachers again after so many weeks at home.

I would like to thank all the staff who have taken part in this provision as many staff have been able to see their students individually to support them and help them catch up with the work set during lockdown. As a result we are much more confident that learning has continued at home and once we return students will soon be back on track with their GCSEs.



PPE Face Visor Update

We have made over 2500 visors and these have been distributed across the East Riding and beyond. We have received lots of thanks from hospitals, care homes, funeral directors, dentists and others. You can read some of these comments on our Facebook page. Recently schools have been requesting visors for first aid and reception staff as they open to other year groups. We have also caught the attention of KCOM and feature in their recent advert now showing on ITV and available to view on You Tube via the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgaSmBi_RpI&fbclid=IwAR11MEqfH7q3AtOtdZEY1yj1D18r6a85-VEZc9A2AiUL_vXwrN6vc4zsckA

Due to a renewed demand we hope to make a final batch over the summer holidays. Thank you to all who have supported us with this project.



Personal equipment to reduce COVID-19 risks

We want to ensure all our students can continue to study the full curriculum once they return to school. With practical subjects this presents a challenge as all equipment and resources need to be cleaned between groups. We are asking parents to buy a number of additional items to support learning in practical subjects;

Apron for art, DT and science practical	£5:00
Safety glasses for DT and science	£3:00
Year 7 an 8 Art resources pack	£10:00
Headphones for computer science and other computer use	£2:15
Maths equipment set	£1:20
Mini white board set	£1:50
Glue stick	90p
All items bought together ideal for Year 7,8 and 9	£23:00

We have sourced these items at the best possible prices and will sell them through the school gateway. Please make your payment in the usual way when this goes live and the items will be issued the following day through form Tutors. Items can be bought separately or together at a small discount. I would also recommend students to have their own sanitiser to reduce queuing.

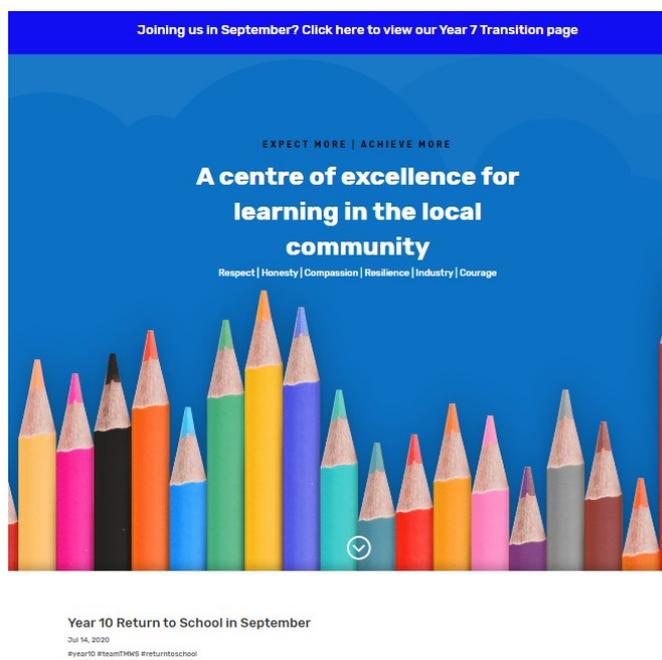
All students should have basic equipment such as pens, pencils, ruler, rubber and calculator. The calculator we recommend is the **Casio fx83gtx** or **Casio fx85gtx** and are also available through the school gateway at a competitive price.

We understand that some families will have difficulty paying for additional items so please contact us if that is the case and we can agree a subsidised price to ensure all have access to the full curriculum.

The school is not receiving any extra funding for costs related to COVID-19 so contributions from parents are very much appreciated. Due to the generosity of members of our community supporting us with the visitor project we do have surplus funds which we can use to support families with the costs of getting children back to school.

Front page of the school website updated regularly

As we look forward to September and the return of all students we have changed the front page of the website back to the usual format with links to information for our new Year 7 students and the most recent letters to parents. All the support information is still accessible if you need to refer to it. We will update pages on the new school day and routines over the summer.



Social Distancing in School

We have been advised that students will be able to sit next to each other in classrooms but must all face the front. At other times we must make every effort to maintain social distancing of 2m or 1m+ where 2m is not possible. If closer than 2m the time should be limited and less than 15 minutes.

This has implications for staff who will need to keep their distance whilst teaching and supporting students. When staff and students move around the building we will be expecting single file movement on the left. Corridors are marked at 2m intervals to help this and we will be instigating a one-way system round the English and Humanities loop.

At breaks students will be able to sit together in Year Groups. This will also apply outside where students will be allocated separate zones for each year group.

Canteen open as usual from 8th September

Chat Health

The school nurses have some information from our local authority that young people are struggling with their emotions during this uncertain time. The ChatHealth service that is available to all young people in the East Riding will continue to be available Monday to Friday 9 am to 5pm.

The Chat Health number is 07507 332891.

This is a fantastic service that can help support young people with anxieties, worries etc. or any general health problems.

Bridget Graham

Specialist School Nurse

West Wolds Integrated Specialist Nursing
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Pocklington Health Centre



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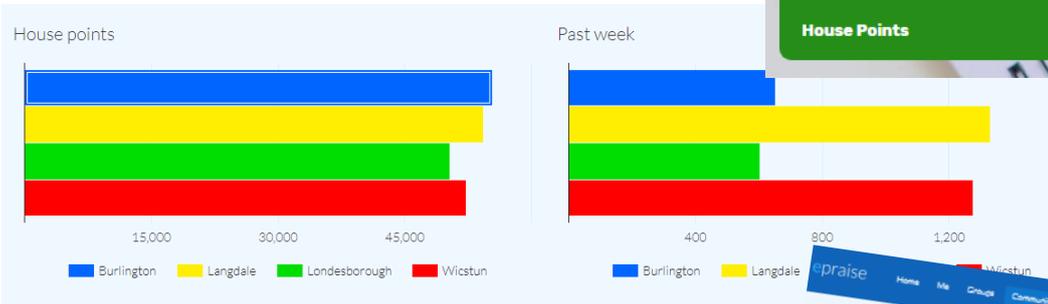
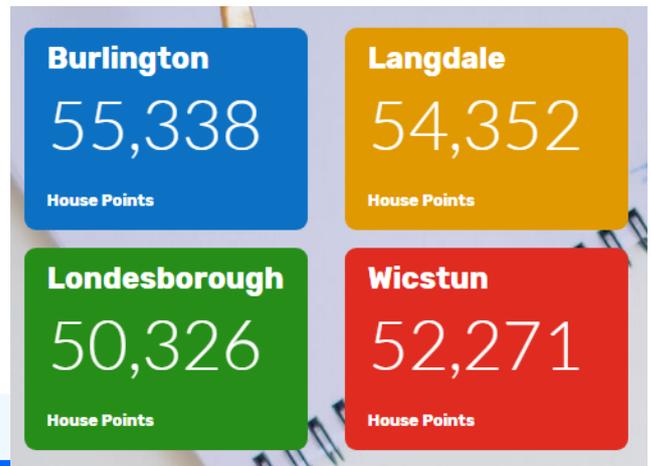
Transition for Year 6

It has been a pleasure to meet almost all 91 of our new Year 7 students. Not quite the usual transition process but all have had a tour of the school, met key staff and had the opportunity to ask as many questions as they could think of! We have also put all the information you might need in the Year 7 transition booklet which is available on the school website with a link from the front page. You will also find a video by our current Year 7 students giving a tour of the school and explaining some of the daily routines.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 8th September. If you are expecting to use buses they will be running and students will not need their bus pass on the first day. We will issue that in September. Face coverings should be worn and Year 7 students will be given an allocated seat.

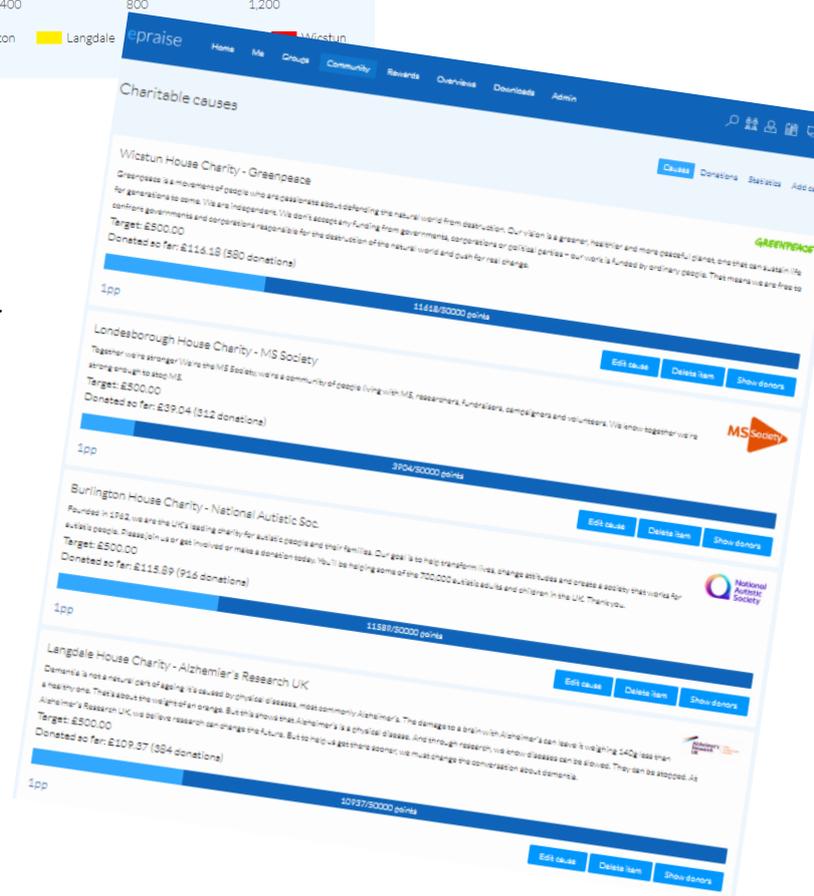
House Points and E-Praise Points

Despite a late surge from Langdale and Wicstun the House Point Trophy goes to Burlington! Mrs Townend has added points from the house competitions that have taken place this year and as of mid-night on 16 July the final totals are shown below.



The House Point competition is re-set in September so each House has an equal chance of winning each year. Mrs Townend has set some sporting challenges and this competition will run throughout the summer holidays. The winners will receive House Points in September to start the 20/21 competition.

This year we have decided to roll over the student E-Praise point totals so that the points can be spent next year or saved towards a bigger prize. Students can also donate to the House Charities which will be open for donations throughout the summer and until we choose our new charities for 2020/21.



Well done Burlington!

TeamTMWS

At Home Sports Challenges

Mrs Townend's Plank Challenge

How long can you hold the plank for? Ensure you keep your body straight and engage those core muscles.

Mr Harrison's Go the Distance Challenge

Distance challenge

How far can you walk, run or cycle?

Use a tracking app and screen shot your attempt

Mr Kirks Keepy Uppy Challenge

How many kick ups can you do until the ball drops on the floor.

Mr Yeadon's Standing Long Jump Challenge

Use a metre ruler, tape measure or even a 30cm ruler to see how far you can jump. Remember there is no run up and you must take off from 2 feet and land on 2 feet. Safety - where possible jump on grass and ensure the surface is dry to avoid slipping!

Mr Ollett's Balance Challenge

How long can you stand on one foot for?

You need to ensure your hands are on your hips and you have to keep your heel off the floor.

Miss Chattertons Press Up Challenge

How many press ups can you do in 30 seconds? These can be full or kneeling press ups. Remember you need to go all the way down.

Mrs Breens Squat Hold Challenge

How long can you hold a squat for? You need to ensure your knees stay at 90Degrees.

Please email your attempts and your house to

ktownend@tmws.co.uk

Prizes for the winners

Which house will win?

Wicstun Burlington Langdale Londesborough

Free school meals continue throughout the summer holiday

Parents should now have received regular payments from the Edenred company appointed by the government to issue free school meal vouchers. These are being issued at a rate of £3 per day per child so will add up to a significant amount. The government has now extended the payment of these vouchers through the summer holidays and you should have received one voucher per child for the full holiday period.

If you have any other concerns or are struggling in this difficult time our pastoral staff are there to support you and can help you access **support from a range of services**. Due to the generosity of local businesses in support of our face visor production we have also created a fund to help support students continue to access learning.

We received a number of laptops through the government scheme and these have been issued to all those Year 10s who needed one together with other students who met the criteria.

Stay Safe Onboard

From 15th June you **MUST** wear a face covering on public transport.



School Transport updated guidance from September

Updated guidance from ERYC has been placed on the school website explaining that the busses will run as normal with students required to wear face coverings.

We will allocate seats on each bus from the first day back. On the first morning students should sit in Year Groups, Year 11 at the back / downstairs with Year 7 at the front / upstairs depending on the size of bus. Year 9 will sit behind Year 7 as they have breaks together. Year 10 and 8 will sit in front of Year 11 for the same reasons.

If possible please consider dropping your child at school or encouraging them to cycle as this will limit the spread between students as it will not be possible to maintain social distancing on the buses.



Educational Visits: Update

I am pleased to say that all refunds have now been made to parents for the ski trip and battlefields tour. We have now received the full refunds from these companies as promised but we are still awaiting any refunds from Kingswood and seeking legal advice as they are refusing to refund the initial deposits.

However I appreciate this money may be needed by families over the summer so we are going to refund all payments to bank accounts by the end of July. We will continue to seek a full refund from Kingswood. Unfortunately it is not likely that we will be able to undertake residential trips for some time.

We are now able to plan day visits and trips so hopefully these can start to happen again from September. We also hope to hold a Year 11 Prom as soon as large events can take place so will hold onto that money for the time being.

Thank you to all parents for your patience in waiting for refunds.

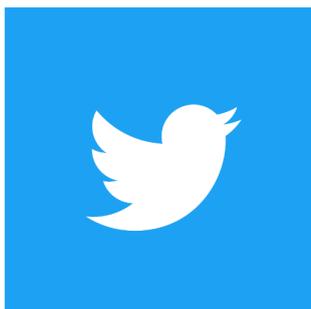
KCOM feature The Market Weighton School

If you have not seen the latest KCOM advert on ITV check it out on the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgaSmBi_Rpl&fbclid=IwAR11MEqfH7q3AtOtdZEY1yj1D18r6a85-VEZc9A2AiUL_vXwrN6vc4zsckA



Social Media Reminder



TMWS now has both Twitter and Facebook pages, please like and follow us to get our web updates straight to your phone. We will send any updates on the wider opening in September through our social media platforms.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

Please note all previously calendared events for the summer term are cancelled

Term Dates 2019-2020

This term ends on Friday 17th July 2020. We are closed to students throughout the summer holiday but the office will be open on examination results day, Thursday 20th August.

Planned Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term	7 September to 18 December
Staff Training Day	7 September
Year 7 and 11 Return	8 September
Year 8 and 10 Return	9 September
Year 9 Return (All back in)	10 September
Staff Training Day (<i>Students not in</i>)	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 (<i>Students not in</i>)	26 July

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

**STAY
ALERT**



**CONTROL
THE VIRUS**



**SAVE
LIVES**

**Just because you can
do something it doesn't
mean you should!**

Enjoy your summer break

Stay Safe!



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