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Headteacher's Update

Firstly I would like to congratulate our leavers on their GCSE results. After a week of stress and confusion we got the right decision from government and the students got the grades they had worked so hard for. Overall another improved set of results for the school in line with the improvements in recent years.

In this Newsletter the aim is to explain all the procedures that will be in place from 8th September when the students start to return to school. We are planning a phased return to welcome our new Year 7 students and take more time to explain the new procedures to students on their first day back in school after such a long time away.

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Tuesday 8th September	Year 7 and Year 11 only	
Wednesday 9th September	Year 8 & 10 along with 7 & 11	
Thursday 10th September	Year 9 return along with all other students	

The vast majority of students have been away from school since 23rd March and will hopefully be keen to get back to see friends and continue with their learning. I believe we have made the right decisions in how best to minimize the risks of spreading COVID-19 in school and that it is safe for the students to return.

As a school we have considered all the advice and will keep our procedures under constant review as the situation and advice is likely to change. On face coverings I believe the Scottish Schools have made the most sensible decisions in strongly advising that face coverings are worn on corridors and other spaces where social distancing is difficult. ALL students using school transport must wear a face covering.

The other changes we have made are a balance of limiting risk against continuing to deliver quality teaching and learning for our students. We will be following the full curriculum as far as possible with only minor changes in practical subjects. We do need your support in stressing the importance of following expectations of social distancing, hand washing and wearing of face coverings with your children. We have introduced consequences for those who choose not to follow these new rules for the benefit of all our safety. I am confident however that we can all work together on this and the vast majority will accept the changes and we can get on with our job of teaching again.

The priority will be to identify gaps in learning and fill them especially for the older students.

Richard Harrison
Headteacher



GCSE Results:

Congratulations to the class of 2020

After a week of uncertainty for students over the potential unfairness of moderated GCSE grades we had the welcome decision that the Centre Assessed Grades would be used or the calculated grade if that was higher. This was the right decision after the stress caused with A level results and all our students now have grades they should be proud of and can move on to their post 16 education or training.

Teachers followed a strict process in deciding the grades and had to base them on evidence from mock exams and coursework. The students do deserve the grades they have achieved. All have proved they can perform at the level they have been awarded and today we celebrated some excellent results.



Rachel Telfer topped the tree with 6 grade 9s in biology, chemistry, food and nutrition, geography, drama and physics and hopes to go to Wyke College to study 'A' levels in French, Chemistry, Maths and Drama.



Tom Higham and Phoebe Hood achieved equally high grades overall, each with 5 grade 9s. Both are hoping to go to York College to study 'A' levels.

Libby Ainley needed mum's help to hold all her grade 9s! Libby achieved grade 9s in Art, English Language, English Literature and PE and hopes to go to Wyke to study English Literature, Graphics and Sociology.



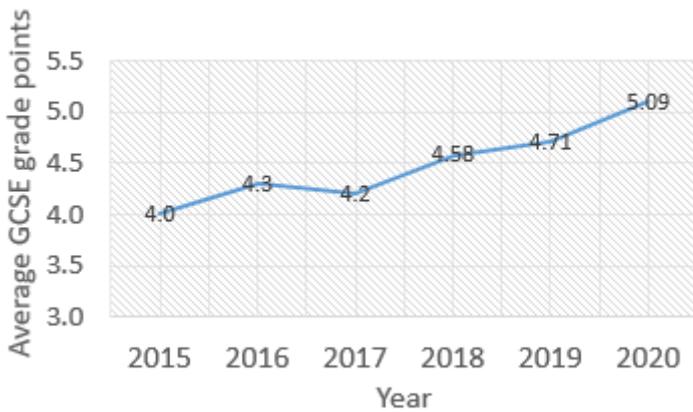


Kian Oxtoby also achieved top grades in all 3 science and intends to study biology, chemistry and maths at York College.

Amy Smith achieved a grade 9 in PE and hopes to continue with her PE at Wyke along with Kacy Webster who hopes to study Drama at Wyke after achieving a grade 9 at GCSE.



Attainment 8 Average Grade



Overall the school's grades have increased again for the 3rd successive year and show a very strong 5 year upward trend. The graph shows the how the average GCSE grade has increased by a full grade since 2015. The percentage of students achieving the grade 4+ benchmark in English and maths increased 8.5% from 2019 to 78.5%. Almost all subjects saw increased grades or maintained the excellent results of previous years.

All in all a great day with all our students celebrating some excellent results. Well done to you all and massive thank you to all the staff at The Market Weighton School for supporting all our students achieve such fantastic results.



Well done to all Year 11s

Good luck and best wishes for the future

Keeping us all safe

Reducing the Risks of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school

The advice on keeping students safe in school is based on prevention and responding effectively to any infection or suspected infection. Public health advice to minimize the risks of COVID-19 outlines essential measures that all schools must follow:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace

and

Formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximize distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimize potential for contamination so far as reasonably practicable. This will be achieved by:

- Grouping students together - we will operate Year Group bubbles
- Avoiding contact between groups - introducing split lunches, year group break areas
- Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks
- Staff maintaining distance from students and other staff as much as possible

The procedures are outlined in an updated Risk Assessment published on the school website and included in this Newsletter. In deciding the steps we are taking, all staff have been consulted and had opportunity to contribute views along with the school based NEU reps and the joint NEU, GMB, Unison and Unite Checklist for September. We believe we have made sensible changes based on reducing risk whilst maintaining high quality curriculum and teaching provision.

If your child has symptoms they must stay at home

Any student who has coronavirus symptoms; a new or continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss/change in your normal sense of taste or smell, should not attend school and you should arrange a test as soon as possible. If you are not able to travel to a test facility we have some home testing kits in school that we can issue.

Your child should remain at home until you have received test results. This also applies if anyone in your household also develop symptoms.

If anyone in school becomes unwell with coronavirus symptoms we will contact you to collect them to go home and arrange a test. Whilst waiting to be collected students will be asked to sit outside if the weather is good or in the school hall on a single chair allowing a 2m distance from others to be maintained. The area will be cleaned thoroughly once the student has left along with any other areas the student has visited including toilets.

Other staff or students who have been in close contact with the individual do not need to go home unless they too develop symptoms.

Arranging a Coronavirus Test

Any member of staff or student with coronavirus symptoms must call 119 and arrange a test on line at:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

You should self isolate along with other members of your household until they receive the test result.

If staff or students subsequently receive a negative test result they can return to school if they feel well enough to do so. Members of the household without symptoms no longer need to isolate.

If a member of staff or student tests positive the school should be informed immediately to allow us to communicate with public health and determine if other staff or students will need to self isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Follow the medical advice on self isolation. Other members of the household need to self isolate for 14 days and get tested if they too develop symptoms.

See the latest government advice at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

What happens to other students when someone tests positive?

If one student or member of staff tests positive the school must be informed and you should cooperate with the NHS test and trace system. We would contact East Riding Public Health who will advise if any other students or staff need to self isolate. This will depend on the close contacts of the individual who has tested positive. Close contact re defined as any person who has been within 1m for any period of time, or those between 1 and 2m for more than 15 minutes.

We will be able to identify all those individuals through seating plans for lessons , school transport and changing rooms. We would also ask the individual who they had spent time with outside of these formal times in school, ie break, lunch and walking to school etc.

Those staff/students sent home to isolate should get a test. If the test is negative they must still self isolate for 14 days in case coronavirus symptoms appear. If the test is positive they should inform the school immediately and isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of symptoms.

Household members of those who are sent home do not need to self isolate unless they too develop symptoms.

Only if schools have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days will a larger number of students / staff be sent home to self isolate. This could be a whole Year Group or the whole school and any such decisions will be taken on the advice of East Riding Public Health.

If we do have a positive case we will communicate this with all parents and staff without naming the individuals involved. This will be for assurance that all precautions have been taken and confirm any actions that should be taken.

Hand washing / sanitising procedures

Increased hand washing facilities and sanitising points have been placed throughout the school and in every classroom. Students are encouraged to carry their own personal sanitiser for convenience.

Students will wash/sanitise their hands as often as possible and as a minimum when they:

- Enter the building
- Before they eat
- After using the toilet
- After using a tissue
- Before they leave a classroom

Students will be supervised washing or sanitising hands on entry to the building and before leaving every lesson.

Students will enter the building and wash hands as follows:

Year 11 - PE door to playground - PE changing rooms

Year 8 - Side doors to main corridor - main girls and boys toilets

Year 7, 9 and 10 - Fire door into canteen quad area - Main hand washing zone

If time does not allow sanitiser can be used. If students prefer to use their own sanitiser this should be done under supervision.

After each lesson students should sanitise or wash hands before leaving. Students can use their own sanitiser. During breaks and lunch students will be able to access toilets and handwashing zone.

Students will be expected to take responsibility for handwashing after using the toilet and before they eat.

Sanitising points are available in the canteen, reception and around the school.

Maintaining good respiratory hygiene:

Catch it, bin it, kill it!

Students should try to avoid touching their face unnecessarily

Coughs and sneezes must be caught in tissues or if none available in hands or arms/elbows. Tissues are available in every room.

Tissues must be disposed of in lidded bins available in each room. Bins will be checked and emptied throughout the day.

Hands should be washed/sanitized after tissue has been used.

If students sneeze or cough over a desk or area spreading droplets the area will be cleaned with anti-viral spray or disinfectant. All rooms will have anti-viral spray, cloths and paper towels for cleaning.



Enhanced cleaning routines

A day time cleaner has been appointed to work throughout the school day cleaning frequently used surfaces and toilets. This includes staff and student areas. Along with caretaking staff this will give increased capacity to respond to cleaning requests throughout the day. All classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned each evening.

Each room has a anti-viral spray, cloth and blue roll. At the end of each lesson staff / students will wipe the desks with antiviral spray along with any other shared equipment. Each practical subject has developed their own routines for shared equipment using technician support to ensure all items are cleaned between lessons.

ICT rooms will have anti-viral wipes in addition to the items above so that students can wipe down keyboards and mice at the end of each lesson.

Student organisation

We are operating a Year Group Bubble system

However in Year 7 and 8 students are almost totally in the same teaching groups for all lessons and half year groups in PE so the group size is smaller in those years most of the time.

We recognise that students will travel to school together and socialise out of school outside of these groups, so what we do in school must be realistic yet minimize the risk of spreading coronavirus as much as practically possible. Briefly passing on the corridor is considered a low risk but this will be further reduced if all staff and students wear face coverings whilst moving around the building during the changeover of lessons.

Year groups will have separate breaks and lunches with areas allocated to use at break and lunchtime

Year 7 and 9 have early break and Lunch, periods 2A and 4A on the timetable

Year 8, 10 and 11 have the later break and lunch, periods 2C and 4C on the timetable

This will be clearly explained to students on their first day back in school together with the areas they should use for breaks.

Students have separate entrances to the school to reduce crowding

We will NOT have bells at the ends of some lessons and ask staff to manage the departure and arrival times by allowing one group out a minute before the scheduled end of a lesson so that the area is clear for the next group's arrival.

Tutors will practice corridor movement with students during the first week in September

Some students will move earlier than others as they do now to reduce their anxiety.

Consequences for failure to follow corridor movement and social distancing expectations will be made clear in assemblies and enforced rigorously by all staff.

At the end of the school day students should leave through their nearest exit to reduce overcrowding.

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. In lessons students will sit in rows facing the front.

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		
8:30am Doors open for hand washing, students to Tutor Group		
Gates Close		Registration 8:45-9:05
Lesson 1 9:05 - 10:05		Lesson 1 9:05 - 10:05
Break A 15mins		
Lesson 2 10:25 - 11:25		Lesson 2 10:05 - 11:05
		Break C 15mins
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

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.

School Transport from September

Updated guidance from ERYC has been placed on the school website explaining that the buses 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.

Once students have arrived they may remove face coverings and should have a plastic bag to keep it clean. We are recommending that all students wear face coverings on the corridor or in public spaces where social distancing is difficult.



Arrival at School

Once students arrive at school they should enter the building, wash their hands and make their way to their Tutor Room.

Each Year group will use a designated entrance to reduce overcrowding and facilitate handwashing.

We have created a new 'Handwashing Zone' by re-opening old toilets in the English / 'New' Block. This will be the main entrance at the start of the school day for the majority of students.

- Year 7 Canteen gate and English block entrance for Handwashing Zone
- Year 8 Side doors from main playground for boys/girls toilets for handwashing
- Year 9 Canteen gate and English block entrance for Handwashing Zone
- Year 10 Canteen gate and English block entrance for Handwashing Zone
- Year 11 PE doors from main playground for handwashing in PE changing toilets.

Once hands are washed students can access lockers and should proceed to Tutor Rooms. They can socialize there until 8:40 when the bell rings and the formal school day starts. Outdoor clothing should be removed after handwashing and placed in lockers or bags.

This will be the system every day, including those days when the students have assemblies as they will be escorted to the Hall in single file by Form Tutors.

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 and 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.

Keeping up to date with events in school

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 coronavirus support information is still accessible if you need to refer to it. It will also have the new school day and routines updated.



Attendance at School

The government have made it clear that all students are expected to attend school from September other than those with medical advice not to attend.

We appreciate however that a few parents and students may be anxious about the return and we are happy to discuss any concerns you may have and suggest a visit to see the procedures in place if you wish. In the first instance please contact your child's Head of Year if you are concerned about them returning to school at the start of term.

I do believe that for the vast majority school is the safest place to be and we will be doing all we can to reduce the risk of infection. This does rely on all our students following our expectations and your help to re-inforce the expectations set out in this Newsletter will be essential. By returning to school we expect that all our students will follow our new COVID-19 risk reduction procedures. If you have concerns about any of the procedures again please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance to discuss the situation.

Normal school uniform and PE kit rules will apply.

Face Coverings

Following the updated advice from the World Health Authority and updated advice from the UK government and English and Scottish Education departments we have decided that it makes sense to encourage students to wear a face covering when moving between lessons and we strongly recommend this particularly where the corridors are tight.

We have introduced a one-way system in the tightest areas and will keep this under constant review.

It is less practical to wear a face covering all day and will inhibit learning to some extent so we are not suggesting students wear face coverings in lessons although if you want them to that will be OK. All students should have a plastic bag in which to place their face covering when not in use so that it can be kept as clean as possible. Hand sanitiser is available throughout the building to be used as required and students are recommended to have their own small bottle for ease of use.

Face coverings must be worn on school transport

Staff will be recommended to wear face coverings where 2m social distancing can't be maintained. This is likely to be when teaching assistants are supporting students for example. Generally teachers will teach from the front with a 2 m distance between them and the students. If a student is having work checked or receiving support from a member of staff it is likely they will be asked to wear their face covering.

ALL students should carry a face covering in school for these reasons.



HM Government

NHS

Get back to school safely.

Stay safe on your journey to school or college, and walk or cycle where you can.
Find out more about returning to school safely at gov.uk/backtoschool

STAY ALERT
CONTROL THE VIRUS
SAVE LIVES

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. We have purchased additional outside tables and cover to keep students dry in wet weather.

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
Team

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to our team!

As we start the new term we welcome several new staff to team TMWS:

Miss A Greenwood	Teacher of English
Miss V Collins	Teacher of English
Mrs J Cooper	Teaching Assistant
Mrs L Holland	Teaching Assistant
Mrs A Brooke	Teaching Assistant
Miss G Metcalfe	Teaching Assistant
Mr B Lavelle	PE Apprentice
Miss M Dale	PE Apprentice
Miss A O'Hagan	Administration Apprentice
Mrs M Bottomley	Day time cleaner
Mrs D Wilkes	Kitchen Assistant

#TeamTMWS

3 Steps To Safety

Prevent. Notice. Act.

Your **East Riding**... creating a **safe place** to **live, work, shop, learn, play, invest** and **visit**



Request a test - nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or call **119**.



Prevent

Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly
Respect social distancing

1



Notice

Be aware of COVID-19 symptoms

2



Act

Get tested ASAP if you have symptoms
Stay home if advised to self-isolate

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Educational Visits: Update

We are unlikely to be able to plan residential visits for some time but we hope that Duke of Edinburgh activities will be able to start again this term. We are also hoping that the annual school walk will be able to go ahead with additional social distancing and hygiene measures in place.

We also hope to hold a Year 11 Prom as soon as large events can resume.

New Senior Students Needed

Due to the school closure we were unable to elect a new Head Boy and Head Girl last term.

We will be asking for nominations when we return with hustings scheduled for the week beginning 29th September and elections on Monday 5th October. Josh and Abbie did a fantastic job last year making a real impact on what happened in school for the benefit of all students. Abbie wanted to give students the chance to take part in a school musical and Josh was an inspiration to all with his enthusiasm for the roll. We also appoint a deputy Head Boy and Girl following the elections.



Senior students receiving a defibrillator after Year 11 students were inspired to raise funds to give something back to the school

We also need nominations for House Captains, an organisation roll for inter house sport competitions and member of the student sports council. Both posts are open to all students.

Additionally each Tutor Group will need to elect new representatives for the Year Group Councils from which the whole School Council is selected. Great opportunities for students to develop leadership skills and make a positive contribution to life at The Market Weighton School.

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.....

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.

GCSE Examinations Summer 2021

We are awaiting final confirmation of the dates of next summer's exams. It has been proposed that they are delayed by 2 weeks to run throughout June and the first week of July. Please keep this in mind if re-arranging or booking summer holidays.



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