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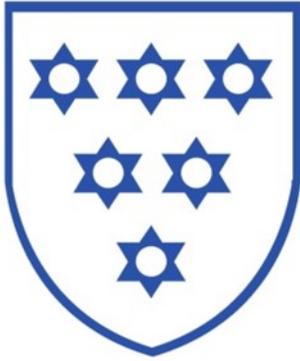
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## Headteacher's Update

Welcome to our November Newsletter. COVID-19 continues to dominate our lives but the government are rightly prioritising children's education and mental health by keeping schools open. Cases are increasing locally and as a result more students and staff are having to work from home. I must stress the importance of students staying at home if anyone in the household has symptoms, or has had a COVID test for any reason. If you or your child are ill and you have any concerns it could be COVID your child must stay at home, get tested and await the results. If we all follow this advice we can limit the need to ask others to self-isolate. If students are off school, for any reason, all the work for each lesson is now available on Google Classroom and if whole groups are isolating staff will offer 'live lessons' in line with the normal school timetable.

COVID-19 is impacting on all we do at present but it was reassuring to receive approval earlier this week for our procedures following a spot check inspection by the national Health and Safety Executive. We regularly review our risk assessment and procedures as the government and scientific guidance changes and remind the students each week of any key changes or where improvements are needed. Wearing face coverings for example is now routine throughout school but many students are not storing their face covering in a clean plastic bag when they remove it to eat or in lessons. As re-useable face coverings are best please make sure your child has a plastic bag in which to store it and make sure it is washed/replaced daily, apply the same rule as socks and pants! (change them every day!)

We are determined to create as much 'normality' in school however and following a delayed election our new student leadership team have taken up their roles. Their first task was to lay a wreath at the Royal British Legion Memorial Institute on Wednesday 11 November following the 2 minute silence in school. Our poppy art installation on the front of the school has received lots of positive feedback on Facebook and will remain in place for another week. If it has inspired you please do make a donation to 'The Poppy Appeal'. We also always support the BBC Children in Need Appeal and raised over £750 this year. We are also launching a Christmas Appeal over the coming week to provide food hampers to struggling local families this Christmas.

Just before half term students spent a day completing a wide range of personal development activities. We are making sure we are catching up on the most important aspects which we missed during the first lockdown including personal interviews from a local employer for all Year 11 students and improving skills in public speaking for all our Year 10 students.

We have two parent's evenings in the coming weeks and will be trialing using Microsoft Teams in conjunction with the E-Praise booking system. Please bear with us with these events as we are expecting the technology to present some challenges! You can communicate with teachers at any time however using the E-praise message facility.

Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times.

**Richard Harrison**  
Headteacher



# Introducing The Market Weighton School Student Leadership Team 2020-21

**Head Girl—Viviana Mayman**



**Head Boy—Joe Green**



**Deputy Head Boy—Rory Pickering**



**Deputy Head Girl—Alex Calvert**



Following speeches in all assemblies and a poster campaign every member of the school community had a vote for Head Boy and one for Head Girl. The results were very close this year and we have 4 fantastic student representatives for the coming year. All the candidates, particularly those from the younger year groups showed real courage in speaking in front of their peers and having the confidence to put themselves forward. Vivi, Rory and Alex have all stood for election before and displayed great resilience in standing a second time. We have already responded to some of the team's requests for additional seating and covered space outside which is even more important this year.

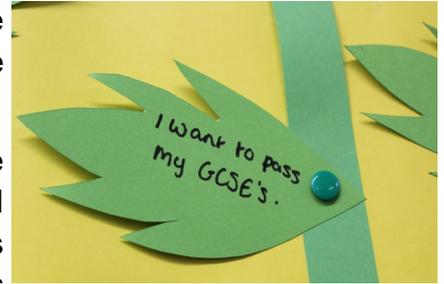
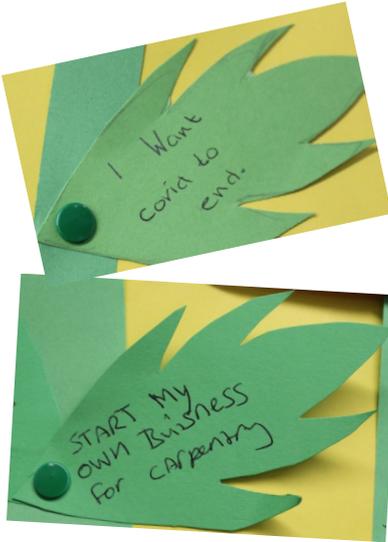
The team will be leading the student council and will meet regularly with senior staff to represent student views. They can make recommendations on how we can spend the school fund raised from the school walk so if you have any ideas for new activities or improvements the team want to hear from you.

**#TeamTMWS**

# Wellbeing Centre Project

During lunchtimes over the last week students have been working together with Mrs Bell and Mrs McCall to produce a display. Student's from all ages have contributed and it has been a great opportunity to share with each other their hopes and dreams for the future while remembering the sacrifice of those who lost theirs during conflict.

Mentoring sessions identified that there was a lot of worries surrounding Covid and the current pandemic so students were asked to focus on their dreams and hopes for the future. It has been lovely to see a variety of students sharing their thoughts and ideas, inspiring each other for the future.



## 3 Steps To Safety

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 Request a test - [nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](https://www.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

**3**

## PD Day October 2020

PD day with a socially distanced difference. Year 11 would normally have completed one-to-one interviews with local businesses, instead they used Teams and held the interviews online. A very good opportunity for them to experience how life in the world of employment is currently working.



Year 10 took part in an oracy workshop “Talk the Talk”, learning strategies to improve confidence in speaking in front of their peers. Many students had to work out of their comfort zones and demonstrated real courage in stepping up to speak for a minute without notes. Feedback cards from students showed they enjoyed using the new techniques learnt, skills that all employers value!

Year 9 had a varied day, learning more detail about Covid and why we need to take care. They moved on to the Black Lives Matter protests of the summer and covered British Values; Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Individual Liberty.

Year 8 along with years 7 & 9 covered Covid in more depth before moving on to learning about value for money and their own Money Personality.

Year 7 learnt about appropriate use of social media and had a session with Mrs Callow on how to cope with stress. All students in Year 7 8 and 9 also had lessons on sex and relationships which will be covered throughout the year on PD days and in Science and Society & Ethics lessons.

Years 7 & 8 completed a wellbeing challenge with Mrs Oldfield and Mrs Greenwood during which they discussed "Wellbeing" and what it meant to them. Students were taught that mental health is just as important as physical health. The teachers highlighted things that students could do to keep healthy, happy and comfortable and also how they could support people around them who may be struggling.

The students were asked to draw an image of themselves and then describe their features. Next, their friend had to do the same thing and then compare the drawings.

The class were asked to watch a video "Dove Real Beauty Sketches, you're more beautiful than you think" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpaOjMXyJGk>

The idea behind this is that your own perception of yourself is often different to how others see you. Individuals are often portrayed in a more positive light than they realise. The video was really moving and the students really understood the concept of what the artist was demonstrating.



## Learn remotely; tools available for our students



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## Armistice Day 11 November 2020



With no Remembrance Sunday Service or Parade this year we had to do things slightly differently. A two minute silence was held in school and then our Head Boy, Head Girl, and their deputies, walked down to the Market Weighton & Arras War Memorial Institute to join Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck to reflect and lay a wreath in memory of those who sacrificed their lives for us.

Once again TMWS has displayed our recycled poppy display on the front of the school entrance, a poignant reminder of the past. We have been collecting for the poppy appeal in school by selling poppies but the Royal British Legion expect to miss out on millions raised by those who have not been able to collect this year so if you can make a donation please do. It is not too late.



<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/popy-appeal>



# A Big Thank you from #teamTMWS

All at The Market Weighton School would like to say a **big thank you** to **Professional Beauty Systems** for their very generous donation.

TMWS received an email from International Sales Manager Nick Brignell who works for Professional Beauty Systems, a haircare, skincare & anti bacterial products manufacturer based in Glasgow, but, we were fortunate that Nick is a local man and thought of TMWS.

Nick offered TMWS a donation of 1000 of their 100ml bottles of hand cleanser for staff and children to help keep everyone protected from Covid.

All their products are strictly tested and they kindly provided all the necessary safety information.

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Since Covid-19 restrictions came into effect along with all the added cleaning and sanitising TMWS has not received any additional funding to cover costs of buying sanitiser, masks or disinfectants.

Any donation is very welcome as we can then spend more of our limited funding on delivering education rather than on cleaning products!

Please do remind students to bring their own masks in and to take care of them. They should have a plastic bag to keep it clean when it is not in use. Re-useable face coverings should be changed each day and washed as you would with other items of clothing.

We can also make use of any empty anti-bac spray bottles or sanitiser bottles as we can re-fill them much more cost effectively than buying replacements.

## Staying warm this winter

As the weather gets colder it is always a challenge keeping the school building warm and this year with the need to keep rooms well ventilated this will be even harder. It is essential that rooms are well ventilated to exchange the air that students breath, limiting the number of air borne droplets that are being breathed in. We are also keeping doors open to reduce the number of high frequency touch points around the school. If your child does not have a school jumper please consider buying one. To reduce the costs we have made the jumper a standard plain grey V-neck jumper with no logos etc. You can purchase from Price and Buckland or any uniform supplier. Please note that sweat shirts and hoodies are NOT allowed. Students should have a coat to wear to and from school in cold weather rather than wearing additional layers under blazers which then get wet. Lockers are available for outdoor clothing.



\*\*\* GREY V NECK JUMPER

# Thinking of others at Christmas

## TMWS Christmas Appeal



fighting food poverty, reducing food waste

**Market  
Weighon,  
Pocklington and  
Holme on**

This year we have decided to support the Peoples Pantry as one of our House Charities. In addition to the funds raised from the school walk we are holding a Christmas Appeal Collection of food items to make up family hampers and contribute to the supplies in the Food Bank.

We are asking each Tutor Group to make up a hamper and any additional items will be given to the foodbank. We are suggesting that over the next 4 week students and staff bring a different item each week from Monday 16th November;

Week 1 Something sweet: eg tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard, biscuits, cakes,

Week 2 Something savoury: eg soup, tinned fish or meat, beans, vegetables, pasta, rice

Week 3 Something to drink: eg tea bags, coffee, pop.

Week 4 Something special, eg. Christmas treats, sweets, toiletries

This will allow the produce to be distributed in the final week of term in time for Christmas.

Please donate if you can and if you know a family who need our help let us know or contact the People's Pantry directly on 07495 303538 or by e-mail [peoplespantry3@gmail.com](mailto:peoplespantry3@gmail.com)

## Year 10 Student Helping the Homeless

Daniel Lanham is completing his Duke of Edinburgh Award and asked if he could raise money for the homeless in Hull for the volunteering section of the Award. Dan is linking with a Nando's charity initiative by collecting suitable warm clothing, hats, gloves, sleeping bags etc which will be given to Nando's in Hull for distribution to local homeless people.



If you have any items to donate they can be left at reception where we will quarantine them in line with COVID guidance.

## Anti-Bullying Week 2020

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United Against Bullying. Anti-Bullying Week will happen from Monday 16th - Friday 20th. In school our Heads of Year will be leading Assemblies all week on this theme encouraging all our students to show compassion, care for others and not tolerate bullying of any kind.

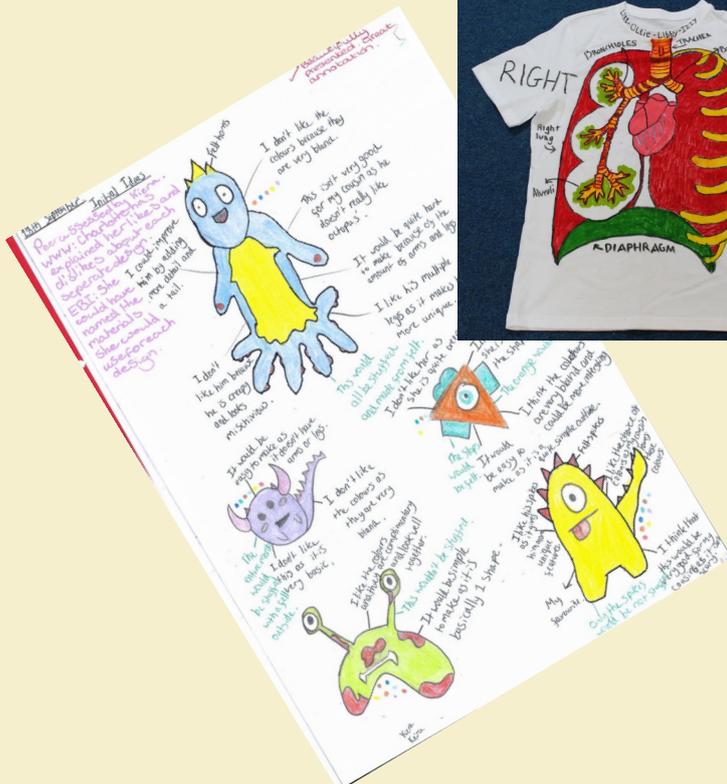
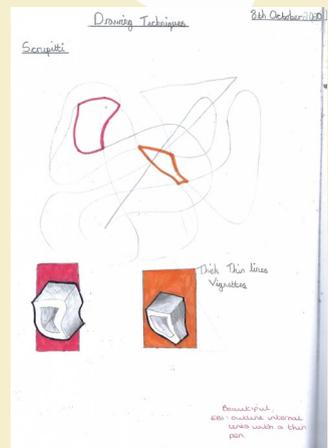


# Wall of Excellence - Rewarding 'Industry'

Students who have had a piece of work chosen for the "wall of excellence" are published in our newsletters. Their work is then displayed on a dedicated noticeboard in school to showcase their achievements. As a reward, these students will be credited with £2.00 on their School Gateway account. Parents receive a letter home to highlight how well they are doing. Please encourage your child to produce their best possible work and hopefully their hard work and industry will be rewarded.



- Bruce Coultrup
- Charlotte Hunter
- Eden Levy
- Eleanor Russell
- Ellie Wilson
- Evie Sykes
- Isabel Bostwick
- Libby Ward
- Luke Holmes
- Oliver Wallace
- Phoebe Hermann
- Sireah Hill
- Tobi Powalisz



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**GAINING NEW SKILLS:** top, from left, Lucy Holland, Amy Brooke and Jo Cooper and below, from left, Maddy Dale, Billy Lavelle, Aimee O'Hagan and Chloe Skinner



## New school year begins with six apprentices

The Market Weighton School believes all schools could benefit from council scheme

By John Edwards [john.edwards@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:john.edwards@eastriding.gov.uk)

**THE** new school year at **The Market Weighton School** has started with six apprentices beginning or continuing to develop their careers.

The school has supported the council's apprenticeship scheme since 2018 and believes it is something which all schools could benefit from.

It values the importance of introducing apprenticeships as part of continuous development of their staff as well as recruiting new apprentices.

All the apprentices have a mentor from within the school community to assist and support them as they work towards their qualifications.

Headteacher Richard Harrison said: "We started around two years ago, recruiting an admin apprentice.

"We wanted to make use of the apprenticeship levy, needed additional administration support and were in a position to help

develop skills of learners' post-16 education.

"The apprenticeships have given opportunities to young people in the local area to gain new skills and provide a route into a new career.

"The apprenticeship programme has also been motivational for the in-school mentors who have seen their apprentices grow and develop.

"We are all learning every day that schools are important learning institutions, and having several apprentices on the staff promotes lifelong learning and they are great role models for our students."

Lucy Holland, Amy Brooke and Jo Cooper are all working as apprentice teaching assistants at The Market Weighton School this year.

Amy said: "I wanted a change in career from what I did before, so having children and learning on the job with an apprenticeship was

an ideal route for me.

"I can fit my studies around my family and work in a job that is teaching me the skills I need to be successful in my course. It's a win-win situation."

Maddy Dale and Billy Lavelle are PE apprentices. Maddy deferred her place at university this year and said the apprenticeship was building her confidence while Billy felt it was a good stepping stone towards a career in teaching.

Also joining the team is Aimee O'Hagan, who is an admin apprentice, and following in the footsteps of Chloe Skinner, who has completed her apprenticeship and stepped up to be the school's exams and data manager.

Chloe said: "Completing an apprenticeship at The Market Weighton School with the council allowed me to completely change my working environment and finally start building a career for myself at the age of 22.

"Since completing my apprenticeship I have taken on the role of the school's exams and data manager, in which I continue to learn and progress each day.

"I am extremely grateful to The Market Weighton School for giving me the biggest opportunity to better and prove myself, and for continuing to present me with opportunities to further my knowledge and career."

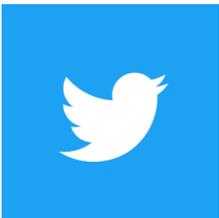
Having worked with 11 apprentices since 2018, headteacher Richard said he hopes to consider more apprentice posts in the future.

"I would recommend apprenticeships to other schools as a way of developing your staff and bringing new staff and skills into your team," he added.

For the further information and advice on apprenticeships contact the dedicated apprenticeship support team or email: [erycapapprenticeshipservice@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:erycapapprenticeshipservice@eastriding.gov.uk)

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## 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.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

### Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term	7 September to 18 December
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.

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