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Headteacher Update

As the summer break draws to a close staff are busy planning for the year ahead. We are hoping for a 'back to normal' routine with COVID restrictions relaxed in schools and freedom to organise inter school sport and trips for students once more. You will be aware that schools have been asked by the government to test all students on site using the lateral flow tests as they return from the summer break. You will also appreciate that it makes sense to carry out these tests before all the students mix together in school and therefore we need to organise a phased return of students. As usual Year 7 will start on the first day of term, Tuesday 7th September. All parents of new Year 7 students should have received an e-mail about lateral flow testing along with consent forms which should be returned asap to the school reception or electronically to office@tmws.co.uk More details on testing inside the Newsletter and watch out for letters with full details on each Year Group's return coming out by e-mail this week.

Year 10 and 11 students will return as usual on Wednesday 8th September, again at staggered times throughout the morning as we did in March last year. Year 8 and 9 will then start on Thursday 9th September following a similar staggered arrival to allow all to be tested before mixing more widely in school. Second tests will be completed two days later and all will be issued with more home test kits. If you can test at home before students return please do so and don't send your child back if they test positive. The procedure now is to get a PCR test but other contacts who are double vaccinated will not need to self isolate. The more we can stop the virus spreading in school the better however as we all want to avoid periods of home learning if at all possible!

Some of the procedures we introduced last year will continue in school such as enhanced cleaning throughout the day, increased ventilation and regular hand washing and sanitising. Face coverings can still be worn and will be by staff when working closely with students. They are recommended on transport and in school when in crowded areas. All adult visitors are asked to wear face coverings when coming into the school building.

You can also read about some of the outstanding achievements of our Year 11 students this summer. I have stressed that is reward for 5 years hard work because so many students have worked extremely hard for 5 years and fully deserve these excellent results. We wish all our students well as they progress to the next stage of their education and training.

In recognition of our excellent Careers programme the school was judged to be meeting all the Careers Standards in an assessment in the last week of the summer term. Thanks to Mr Ollett for ensuring we had everything in place to achieve this recognition. Mr Ollett will be continuing to take the lead on Careers in school in 2021/22 but has handed on responsibility for Safeguarding to Mrs Breen and Mrs Townend will be leading on student attendance and behaviour. Along with a new senior team we also welcome several new staff to #TeamTMWS as we build our successful Ofsted report at the end of term and great results this summer. We have 143 Year 7 students joining us this September along with new students in all other Year Groups. We will have more students on site but remain a small school with big ambitions for your children.

Richard Harrison
Headteacher



Time to celebrate 5 Years of hard work!

We are celebrating another year of excellent GCSE results with some amazing individual achievements.



Bethany Petch-Smith achieved a total of 11 GCSEs all at the highest grade 9! Bethany has worked incredibly hard with a relentless focus on achieving the best possible marks in all her exams throughout her 5 years at The Market Weighton School and fully deserves this amazing set of results. Bethany is moving on to study 'A' levels in maths, chemistry and biology at Wyke College.



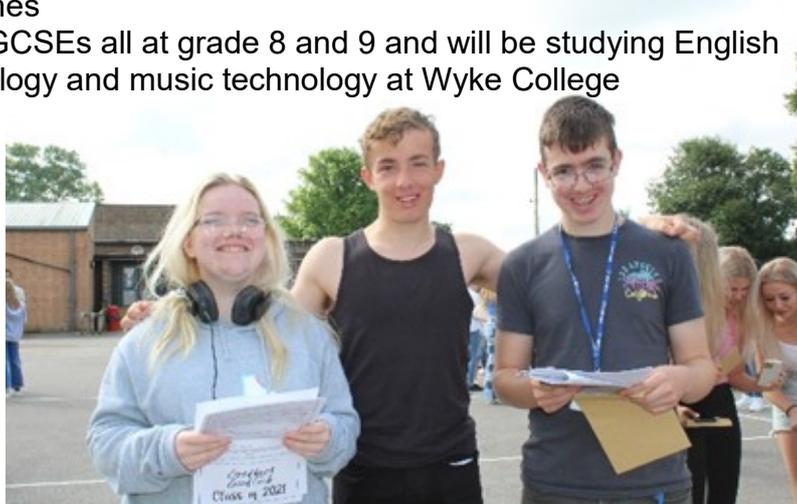
The whole year group have worked incredibly hard over the past 5 years and the results today are testament to that hard work with many more students achieving a high number of top grades. Alex Calvert has achieved 9 grade 9s and 1 grade 8 and will be studying 'A' level biology, chemistry and maths at Beverley Joint Sixth.

Hannah Telfer achieved grade 9s in seven subjects and will be studding biology, chemistry and psychology 'A' levels at Wyke sixth form College.

Ed Huxell has achieved 10 GCSEs all at a grade 4 or above including a grade 7 in DT and has already started his Engineering Ap-
prenticeship at Britcom Engineering in Market Weighton.



Florence Grimes achieved 10 GCSEs all at grade 8 and 9 and will be studying English Literature, biology and music technology at Wyke College



Harry Hawkett's grades were all grade 7 or above including a grade 9 in GCSE PE and a Level 2 Distinction in BTEC ICT. Another student with outstanding results, including 6 grade 9s, is Hannah Clark who will be studying A levels in History, English, Psychology and Religious Studies at York College.



Our Head Girl Viviana Mayman, along with fellow student Emma Gannon, will be taking up a scholarship at Pocklington School and our Head Boy Joe Green is going on to study Engineering at Ron Dearing University Technical College in Hull.



All our students have achieved amazing results in the most challenging of years, and we wish them well as they progress to the next stage of their education and training. I would like to thank all our students, parents and staff for their hard work and support, particularly over the past 18 months. The students have shown great resilience throughout this challenging period and achieved the amazing results we have always known they were capable of achieving. Well done to you all!



Quality in Careers Standard Recognition

Following an external assessment in July this year we have been awarded the Quality in Careers Standard for the second time. This work in school is lead by Mr Ollett who has worked hard, along with the rest of our staff, who all have a role to play in promoting careers linked to each subject or in supporting our students navigate through the wide range of opportunities available to them at age 16.

At The Market Weighton School we work with all the local schools and Colleges and link with several local and regional industry partners. Despite the COVID restrictions last year all Year 10 and 11 students had a personal interview with a local employer.

The Quality in Careers Standard is based on achieving the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks for Careers Education which are:

1. A stable careers programme
2. Learning from career and Labour Market Information
3. Addressing the needs of each pupil
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers
5. Encounters with employers and employees
6. Experiences of workplaces
7. Encounters with further and higher education
8. Personal guidance

The Assessment Report concluded that 'CEIAG is very strong in every area, and The Market Weighton School continues to build on its existing very good practice.

Particular strengths to note are:

- Positive "careers" community in school, embedded and integrated across whole school responsibilities, effective and committed team
- Strategic direction led by proactive senior leadership team and governance, constantly looking for improvements to the programme, value placed on importance of careers related activities
- Excellent careers education programme delivered through tutor led sessions, curriculum subjects or personal development days
- Employability skills developed from year 7, with several high-profile events to promote awareness
- Employer engagement events and links with local area network a considerable strength
- Audit of provision by subject demonstrated how careers built into curriculum
- Professional links developed through Careers Leader Training, integration of new CDI framework into school provision
- Networking with external agencies a key strength, positive feedback from representative college, LMI Network, CEC, Employers, local Hub, external agencies, local authority, professional networks



School Walk 2021

The annual school walk will take place on Friday 1st October. This is a great event and creates a real sense of community at TMWS with students raising funds for the school and charities of their choice. Students will be asked to nominate charities in the first week of term and I am expecting charities who support children's wellbeing to feature heavily this year.

This year the focus on school fundraising is to support our project to bring a FA standard all weather football pitch to Market Weighton. We are currently going out to tender for this and planning consent before the final funding bid is submitted in January for approval by April with the aim of construction starting next May. By this time next year the pitch should be almost complete! As a school and local community we need to show our commitment to the project by fundraising a contribution to the likely £800,000 overall costs.



House Competition 2021/22

As soon as we return the House competition for 2021/22 begins! Last year Wicston were declared as the winners of the House Cup on the final day of term after narrowly beating Burlington following a strong result in the Tokyo House km challenge. This year we hope to be able to hold our usual inter House competition in rugby, football, netball and hockey in addition to athletics.

Parents can keep a track of all E-Praise points awarded using the E-Praise App available from the App Store. This year students will get double points for a full week's attendance as we aim to maximise time in school and make up for the time lost in lockdowns last year.

Staff will award points in all lessons where students complete work to the expected standard and additional points are given for exceptional answers and contributions in lessons demonstrating our school values.

Thanks to all for encouraging students and taking part in House competition.

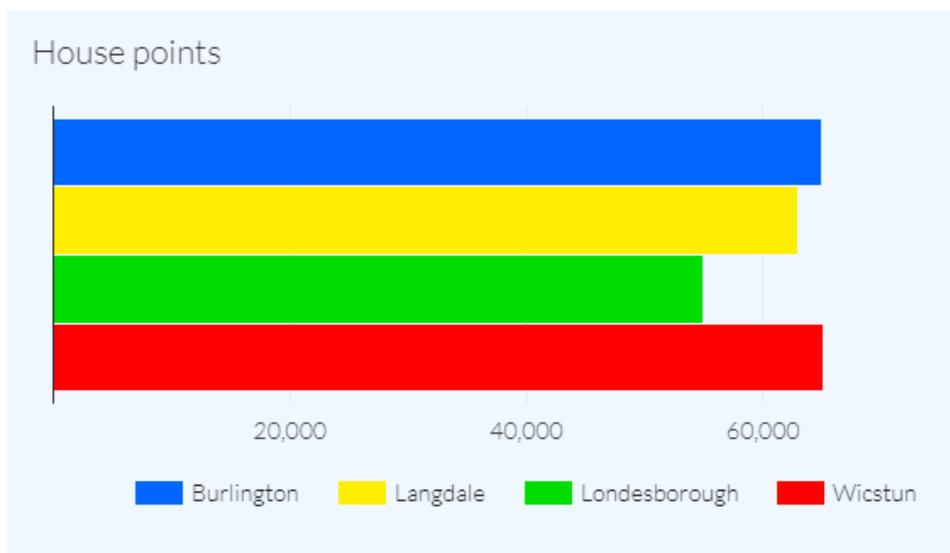
2020/21 House Cup Results

Wicston 65,181

Burlington 64,916

Landale 62,923

Londesborough 54,949



Attendance at School—Mrs Townend

Mrs Townend takes over the responsibility for Attendance & Behaviour from September with the aim for TMWS to increase attendance statistics overall for all students.

Please follow the link to our schools advice and guidance on our website. <https://www.themarketweightonschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-Parent-Information-Leaflet-School-Absences.pdf>

All schools and academies monitor the attendance of their pupils, initially schools and academies will work with children and families to improve attendance. When students hit 96% attendance a letter will be sent home to parents. If attendance does not improve they will then consider a referral to the education welfare service. When a referral is made, an action plan will be devised for those pupils without justified reason for absence and those pupils whose authorised absence appears to be unreasonably extended.

The action taken includes interviewing pupils in schools, telephone contact with parents, interviewing parents in schools, written correspondence and home visits.

[East Riding School Attendance](#)—please follow this link for further information from East Riding Council.

Can I be prosecuted for not sending my child to school?

All children between the ages of 5 and 16 (compulsory school age) are required, by law, to attend the school at which they are registered. Legal action can be taken, if it is considered that a parent or carer is not fulfilling their parental responsibility to ensure their child receives a full time education.

Failure to ensure regular attendance may result in the matter being placed before the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1a) of the Education Act 1996. Penalties can include fines up to £2,500 for each parent, consideration of a parenting order or a period of imprisonment.

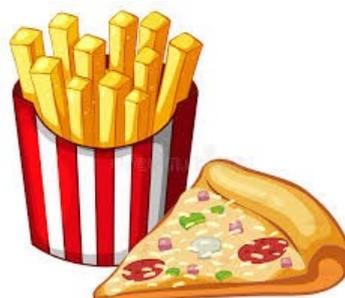
The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 introduced penalty notices as an additional sanction to address the problem of poor school attendance. This means that for pupils with unauthorised absence from school (ie. any absence that the school has not given permission for) their parents or carers may be subject to a fine of up to £60 per parent for each child (increases to £120 if not paid within 21 days).

For those students with good attendance there will be incentives—

Form Competitions, each half term the top form/most improved form for attendance will be rewarded with a pizza & chip lunch on the final Friday of the half term.

Students will be entered into a prize draw during celebration assemblies each term to win a £20 amazon gift card. Students attaining 97% will get one token in the draw, 98% 2 tokens, 99% 3 tokens and 100% attendance will receive 4 tokens.

100% Attendance Club—each term a different prize is available for pupils in the 100% Club.



The Market Weighton School's Board of Governors Vacancy Parent Governor

The term of office for Jo Smith, our current parent governor is due for renewal on 26 October 2021. Whilst Jo would be happy to continue in post we would like to offer the opportunity to any other interested parents.

If you are interested in nominating yourself or another person to join our proactive board please could you send in an expression of interest and your Bio to Sarah Florence, Clerk to the Board. If we have multiple interested parties we will ask our parents to vote on who they would like to be the school representative for parents.

sflorence@tmws.co.uk

What the position entails;

...helping the school run effectively. Governors have 3 core functions:

- Planning the strategic direction of the school
- Overseeing financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well spent
- Holding the headteacher or school leadership to account

The governor role is strategic rather than operational. Governors don't get involved with the day to day running of a school, instead supporting and challenging the school's leadership team to drive school improvement.

Governors usually attend around 6 meetings a year. Being a school governor is a commitment and a responsibility, but offers you the chance to see first-hand the impact you can make in improving education for children in your community.

What will be expected of me?

The average time commitment is five to eight hours per month, although it will vary depending on the needs of the school and the role. This includes meetings, background reading and school visits. As well as full governing board meetings, many schools have various committees and link governor roles which you may like to contribute to – this depends on each individual school.

Like magistrates or members of a jury, school governors have a right to reasonable time off work for their public duties, although this may be unpaid. Your company's HR department will be able to tell you about its policy.

Each school sets a term of office for its governors – this is normally four years. Many people choose to serve multiple terms, however as a volunteer you can resign before your term is finished if your circumstances change.

Each individual governor is a member of a governing board, which is established in law as a corporate body. Individual governors may not act independently of the rest of the governing board; decisions are the joint responsibility of the governing board.

Governance is a voluntary role and therefore it is not paid.

New staff and new responsibilities for #TeamTMWS

As we start the new academic year we welcome several new staff to our team. I am sure you will join me in wishing them well and giving them your full support.

Mr Richard Mattock joins TMWS after many years teaching at South Holderness School as teacher of Computer Science and ICT. Mrs Antonia O'Mullane joins the maths and computing team too, teaching maths, business and some computer science. Mrs Carter widens her responsibilities to lead this newly formed department. We have a new PE teacher, Miss Kelly Dawson, as an ex-student Miss Dawson already knows the school and has regularly volunteered throughout her degree and teacher training at TMWS.

Miss Collins returns as Mrs O'Malley after her wedding over the summer holidays and Mrs Bailey will be teaching English whilst Miss Greenwood is on maternity leave. Congratulations to Miss Greenwood on the birth of her daughter, Miss Savage and Mrs Saltmer also have new additions to their family, we wish them all well with the first few months of motherhood and look forward to welcoming them back to TMWS later in the year.

Mrs Townend has joined the senior leadership team, and as Assistant Headteacher has responsibility for student attendance and behaviour. Mrs Breen will take on the responsibility as Designated Safeguarding Lead within her role as Deputy Head. Miss Gemmell also joins the senior team as SENCO and Mr Savage and Mr Fletcher have additional whole school responsibilities this year and join the senior team. Mrs Woodhead will continue as Assistant SENCO and take on the lead for Looked After and Post Looked After Children in school.

We also welcome Mrs Laura Eddy as cover supervisor, and Miss Elise Ewbank and Mrs Marta Garcia to our team of Teaching Assistants. Mr Oliver Stickney takes on the PE apprentice support role and Mr Tom Sykes joins us as ICT technician apprentice.

If you want to join our dedicated, ambitious and positive staff team we have a number of vacancies at present for a range of roles including PE apprentice, teaching assistants and cleaners. Please see our website for details.

<https://www.themarketweightonschool.co.uk/more/vacancies/>

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Lateral Flow COVID Testing at Home Continues

Students should continue to test at home twice a week. Following the two 'in school' tests we will again be issuing home test kits, each box contains 7 tests so should last 3 weeks. If you need additional tests they are available from the school reception. It is important that all students (or parents) are recording the test results on the NHS site and on the school website.

The results of each test need to be reported to NHS Test and Trace using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

We also need to track results and ask that you record them on the Google Form on the front page of our website.

<https://www.themarketweightonschool.co.uk/>

Your child will be able to do this themselves or you can do it for them.

If you want to take part in testing for the whole family you can order test kits using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

With many of the procedures we had in place last term now relaxed it is even more crucial that positive cases are detected so that students can isolate at home and prevent further spread of infection.

If your child, or anyone in your household, has symptoms (or has tested positive) those individuals must self-isolate for 10 days from the positive test. You should contact the school as soon as possible so we can take action to inform other students to self-isolate/get a PCR test. It is clear that case rates remain high in the local community and we will need to continue to take action if we are to avoid periods of school closure again this year.

If your child does need to self-isolate, or is off school for any other reason, all lessons will be set on Google Classroom as last year. It may not be possible to link into the live lesson but all the materials will be posted so our students can follow the same lessons and complete the same tasks as their peers in school. Teachers will use E-Praise to communicate with your child so they know what they should do for each lesson.

The current guidance is that double vaccinated adults and children under 16 do not need to self isolate if they have been in contact with a positive case BUT should get a PCR test to confirm they are indeed negative. We do know that being double vaccinated does not guarantee protection from infection and that children do spread the virus, so it is important that home testing and PCR testing is used when needed.

Test results

	Control (C)	Test (T)	Negative result
	C	T	Positive results
	C	T	Results void

HOW TO DO YOUR TEST

WHILE THIS IS A SELF-ADMINISTERED TEST, THERE WILL BE A TESTING HELPER WHO WILL OVERSEE THINGS AND PROVIDE HELP IF YOU NEED

- 1** YOUR COVID-19 TEST WILL BE SCHEDULED. IF YOU ARE UNDER 16, YOUR PARENT / CARER WILL HAVE CONSENTED
- 2** YOUR TEST WILL BE FAST AND WHILE IT MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE, IT WON'T HURT YOU
- 3** BLOW YOUR NOSE UP FREQUENTLY, WASH AND DISINFECT YOUR HANDS. REMOVE THE SWAB BEING CAREFUL NOT TO TOUCH THE SOFT PART
- 4** OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDE AND USE A MIRROR TO LOOK AT THE BACK OF YOUR THROAT. THEN USE THE SWAB TO RUB FIRMLY 4 TIMES ON EACH SIDE
- 5** REMOVE THE SWAB CAREFULLY WITHOUT TOUCHING YOUR TEETH, TONGUE OR GUMS
- 6** GENTLY PLACE IT ABOUT 2-2.5 CM INSIDE ONE OF YOUR NOSTRILS. HOLD THE SWAB 4-5 TIMES ALONG THE LINING OF THE NOSTRIL. THIS WILL TAKE 10-15 SECONDS
- 7** AFTER THIS, YOU'RE DONE. GENTLY REMOVE THE SWAB BEING CAREFUL NOT TO LET ANYTHING TOUCH THE TIP
- 8** YOUR SWAB CAN THEN BE PLACED IN A TUBE FOR TESTING. THIS TAKES ABOUT 30 MINUTES
- 9** YOUR SCHOOL / COLLEGE WILL CONTACT YOU OR YOUR PARENT / CARER WITH THE RESULTS AND LET YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's annual nasal flu vaccination is due in the next academic year.

This vaccination program runs every year for all children in Primary schools from Reception upwards. As of September 2021, the annual vaccination has been introduced for all Secondary school students up to and including Year 11. The children's flu vaccine has been clinically proven to be safe and effective. It is administered as a pain-free nasal spray that goes up both nostrils.

As a result of non-pharmaceutical interventions in place for COVID-19 (such as mask-wearing, physical and social distancing, and restricted international travel) influenza activity levels were extremely low globally in 2020 to 2021. As a result, a lower level of population immunity against influenza is expected in 2021 to 2022. It is expected that winter 2021-2022 will be the first winter in the UK when seasonal influenza virus (and other respiratory viruses) will co-circulate alongside COVID-19.

Seasonal influenza and COVID-19 viruses have the potential to add substantially to the winter pressures usually faced by the NHS, particularly if infection waves from both viruses coincide. The timing and magnitude of potential influenza and COVID-19 infection waves for winter 2021-2022 are currently unknown, but mathematical modelling indicates the 2021-2022 influenza season in the UK could be up to 50% larger than typically seen.

Influenza vaccination is therefore an important priority this coming autumn to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with influenza, and to reduce hospitalisations during a time when the NHS and social care may also be managing winter outbreaks of COVID-19.

Flu is caused by a virus which the vaccination helps to immunise children against. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with the potential to lead to serious problems, such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Children spread flu easily and vaccinating them also helps to protect others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people.

When the school year commences in September 2021, your child's school will provide you with the opportunity to give consent online via a website link and inform you of the date when the vaccination session will take place. If this is not your preferred method of consenting, the school can also provide you with a paper consent form to be completed and returned or the phone number to provide consent verbally.

The flu program is strictly an 'opt-in' service and children who have not been given parental consent will not receive the vaccination, so please keep an eye out for the correspondence from school.

If you have any queries, please contact the healthcare team on the number below.

Yours sincerely

The East Riding Immunisation Team

IntraHealth Limited
Annie Reed Road, Beverley, HU17 0LF
Tel: 0333 358 3397 (option 9, option 2)

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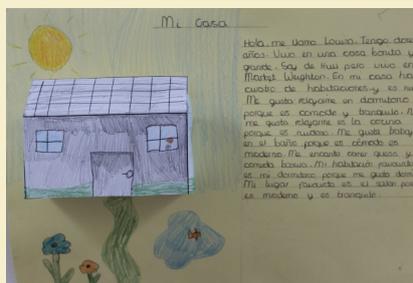
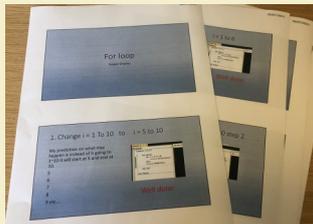
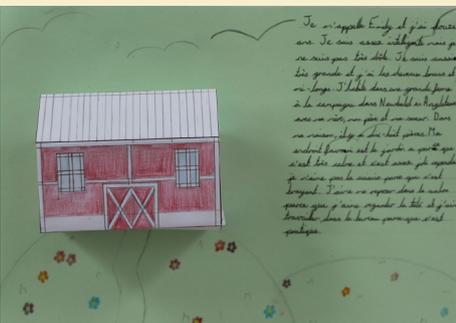
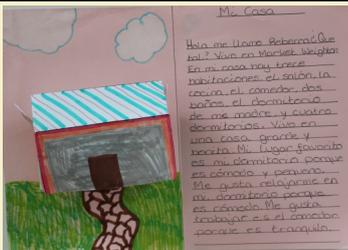
Wall of Excellence - Rewarding 'Industry'

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

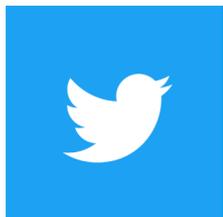


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Social Media Reminder



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 2021-2022

Autumn Term	6 September to 17 December
Staff Training Day (<i>Students not in</i>)	Monday 6 September
Staff Training Day (<i>Students not in</i>)	Friday 22 October
Half Term	25 October to 29 October
Christmas Holiday	20 December to 3 January
Spring Term	4 January to 8 April
Staff Training Day (<i>Students not in</i>)	Monday 4 January
Half Term	21 February to 25 February
Easter Holiday	11 April to 22 April
Summer Term	25 April to 26 July
Staff Training Day	25 April
Half Term	31 May to 3 June
Staff Training (<i>Students not in</i>)	25 July



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

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