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Headteacher Update

As we reach the end of the half term we have seen a significant increase in COVID cases in the last 2 weeks. I wrote to parents last week explaining the need to re-introduce face coverings and I would like to thank you for your response to this with almost all students arriving at school on Monday with a face covering. We will continue this for at least a week when we return after the half term break to give us time to assess if case numbers have dropped. If you are in any doubt that your child may have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, or they are displaying any symptoms, please take them for a PCR test. These tests will pick up COVID-19 with a lower viral load and are therefore more sensitive. Isolating over the half term will then allow students to return after the break and reduce the impact on learning.

It is also vital that students take a lateral flow test on Sunday 31st October before they return to school on Monday 1st November. For those that missed the vaccine in school it has been reported that you will be able to take your child to local drop in vaccination centers from next week.

Please note access to school will be restricted during the half term break whilst Spring Road is being re-surfaced. This will also mean bus bays are re-marked and I ask that parents do not park in these areas at the start and end of the school day. It is becoming increasingly congested with cars outside school at the end of the day. With the increased danger that this brings I ask parents to please park further down Spring Road or wait until 3:20pm when the buses will have departed. When waiting please switch off your engine to limit unnecessary pollution outside the school gates.

In this Newsletter you will read about how we enrich your child's education through personal development days and develop their character through the school walk. In addition to whole school events like our school walk and Sports Day students have 4 Personal Development Days where students cover a wide range of knowledge and skills they need to become responsible young adults able to make a positive contribution to society.

It has been a real pleasure to welcome so many Year 6 students and parents to our school over the past few weeks to see our students hard at work. My presentation to parents was broadcast live on Facebook and is available to view on line. I was joined by Mr Yeadon, in his role of Head of Year 7 and Transition, along with two of our students who were standing for student leadership positions. The standard of husting speeches was excellent this year and I am confident those elected will be striving to make a difference at TMWS. Congratulations to Dan Pickard, Emma Lind, Poppy Norman and Jack Thirlwell.

The plans for our new FA standard all weather pitch are progressing well with the appointment of a contractor following the tender process over the summer. The next stage is to secure planning permission, before the final bid to the Football Foundation is submitted. If all goes to plan the build will be completed by this time next year, giving our students and local clubs access to Premier League standard facilities.

We are looking forward to next half term and hope to run some theatre trips before Christmas. Our poppy installation will be on display as we remember those who have served our country. Things are not quite back to normal however, and your continued support will be crucial in keeping students in school.

Richard Harrison
Headteacher



School Walk 2021

The 45th Market Weighton School Walk was another huge success! The weather threatened to spoil the day but in the end was kind and the sun shone most of the day. With a record number of Year 7 students this year we had over 540 students aiming to complete the 13 mile route first devised by Dick Wilson in 1976. Mr Wilson, who was then a PE teacher at TMWS, joins us for the school walk every year. With his grandchildren now at the school and proud to be taking part in an event that he created 45 years ago.

Students now nominate House Charities to raise funds for and suggest school based projects that would help improve our environment or buy new resources. So far, students have raised £4,360 this year. If you are still collecting your sponsor money please pay this in via the school gateway or hand in at reception, it would be great to reach our £5,000 target.

Special thanks to TESCO Market Weighton for the donation of water and bananas to help fuel our efforts.





Please help our students support our House Charities for 2021/22

Wicstun

<https://aorticdissectioncharitabletrust.org/>



Aortic Dissection occurs when there is a partial tear in the aortic wall. It is a time critical-medical emergency that without diagnosis and treatment, is often fatal.

When diagnosed and treated on time it has a better than 80% survival rate. Those who do survive require specialised follow-up and monitoring.

The Aortic Dissection Charitable Trust aims to improve the diagnosis of aortic dissection and bring consistency of treatment across the whole patient pathway.

Langdale

Motor Neurone Disease is a progressive condition affecting the nervous system. It has no cure and we don't know exactly what causes it. In the UK 6 people die from MND every day. It has recently been given a higher profile by Rugby League player Rob Burrow.



<https://www.mndassociation.org/about-mnd/>

Londesborough

<https://www.yorkshireairambulance.org.uk/>

Yorkshire Air Ambulance is an independent charity providing a lifesaving rapid response emergency service to 5 million people across the whole of Yorkshire. To keep both of our Air Ambulances maintained and in the air, we need to raise £12,000 every single day, which is the equivalent of £4.4m a year. The generosity that we receive really is the life blood of our Charity.



Burlington



It is estimated that around 1 in 10 young people experience poor mental health. Hull and East Yorkshire Mind recognises that it isn't always easy to talk about emotional and mental wellbeing for fear of being laughed at or worrying about what other people might say. Mind can help.

Hull and East Yorkshire

Hull & East Yorkshire Mind was founded in 1976 and has 40 years experience in providing mental health services to people in Hull and East Yorkshire.

<https://www.heyhound.org.uk/who-we-are/about/>

The Market Weighton School's Board of Governors

Parent Governor

With the closing date for nominations past, we are pleased to announce that Jo Smith & Angela Marshall were both nominated for the Parent Governor vacancies, and, will take up post at the next Full Governing Body Meeting on 30 November 2021. As there were only 2 nominations a ballot was not required.

With the resignation of Jason Poulston, Staff Governor, coming up at the end of the autumn term we sent out requests to all our staff and Nicola Bailey has stepped forward to join the Board. Nicola will also be officially in post at the next Full Governing Body Meeting.

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS:- Angela Marshall, Parent Governor

I am a mum of two girls, both of whom have thrived at Market Weighton School. My youngest is currently in Year 8 and my eldest has just started university. I can see how far the school has come over the past 6 years, and am exceptionally proud of our school today. Having previously being a governor at a local primary school, I'm keen to continue supporting our local education system and volunteer at TMWS.

In my professional career I have over 20 years' experience of learning and development, recruitment and HR, as well as being an Executive coach. In my previous governor role, I was chair of the finance committee and attended many finance / governance meetings, and gained a deeper awareness of the financial decisions placed upon the school. I also undertook the role of health and safety governor, carrying out numerous inspections of the school site with recommendations for improvements.

I see the role of a governor to supporting the school to excel, whilst questioning and positively challenging for the good of the school. With my previous experiences I am not afraid to ask those tricky and uncomfortable questions in order to develop the leadership team and ensure the school continues to make good progress.



BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS:- Jo Smith, Parent Governor

Following my career as a manager in local government, for the last 10 years I have been Governor at two Market Weighton schools attended by my children and have enjoyed contributing to education in the area.



As a local Mum, I believe that TMWS provided first class remote education opportunities during lockdown and also developed strong links with the community (eg the visor project).

My re-election as Governor at TMWS would allow my continued involvement in a number of key areas including:

- increasing parental involvement
- improving staff and student well-being
- developing programme for more able students

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS:- Nicola Bailey, Staff Governor

I started working at The Market Weighton School in October 2020. This year I am mostly teaching English with a bit of maths, along with cover and support when required. Qualifying as a secondary English teacher in 2019, I have also worked in various teaching, support and administrative roles in education since 1994. I am currently studying for a Master's in creative writing. Education is my passion.

Additionally I have 11 years of prior experience as a school governor.

I have two children in their late teens, one of whom is autistic. My experiences as a parent have led to an understanding and empathy of SEND in mainstream education.



Personal Development Day 1 —Wednesday 20 October

Students spent the day learning skills that will help them through life.

Year 7 students spent the day team building, getting to know each other better and improving their problem solving skills. They finished the day working on personal values.

Year 8 covered many topics that can have an impact on day to day life;

- Caffeine, the problems
- The effects of drugs
- Importance of sleep
- Alcohol and the risks
- Gaming Addiction

Students in Year 9 spent time on interview skills and discussing budgeting, renting v buying property, what taxes should be spent on and their rights as a consumer, all things that are important as they start to consider their future working lives.

Healthy relationships, teenage pregnancy, consent in sexual relationships, FGM and avoiding crime were topics discussed by our Year 10 students.

Our Year 11's worked on the dangers of smoking, learnt first aid, discussed body image, talked about autism awareness and discussed the importance of goal and target setting for their futures.

Personal development days are designed to give our students the tools they need to make better choices in the future, learn valuable skills and become confident, happy and successful young adults.



#TeamTMWS

If you want to join our dedicated, ambitious and positive staff team we advertise all available positions on our website—. Please follow the link below for details of any current positions.

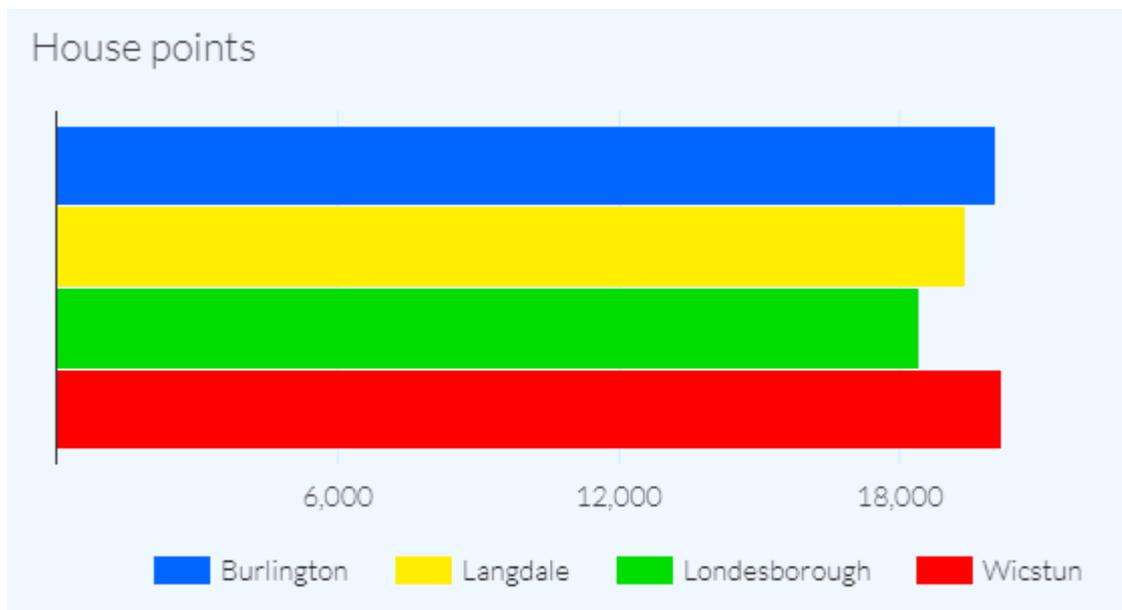
<https://www.themarketweightonschool.co.uk/more/vacancies/>

House Points October 2022

Burlington & Wicstun are nearly neck and neck in the house points for October.

Points are awarded by staff every lesson and for attendance with additional points available for those that demonstrate our school values.

Top student this month is Emily R with 346 points year to date. Well done Emily!



Learning remotely; tools available for our students



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Upcoming Educational Visits for 2021 - 2022

Educational Visits 21				
Date	Destination	Trip Leader	Number Pupils	Year Group
2 nd November	Costello	LH	16	7 8 and 9
8 th November	Wyke College	DR	8	11
8 th December	Hull Truck - The Railway Children	VLO	143	7
15 th December	Beverley Cinema - Aladdin Christmas Panto	KWT	TBC	All

COVID-19 Update

With cases increasing locally we have seen more cases in school in the last three weeks than in the whole of the pandemic. We are no longer required to ask contacts to self isolate, reducing the disruption to education, but if cases continue to spread attendance at school will be severely impacted for many students with learning affected even for those who make every effort to use the resources provided to learn remotely.

Home testing will continue, with the latest test kits now requiring only nasal swabs, using both nostrils rather than the throat swabs we have previously used. Please ensure your child takes a test before they return to school on Sunday 31st October. You should continue to use the lateral flow tests throughout the holidays and report your results to the NHS. If your child tests positive please do report this to the school via phone during office hours or direct to Mr Harrison on E-Praise. We have a duty to report all cases to East Riding Public Health who advise us on the systems and control we have in place in school.



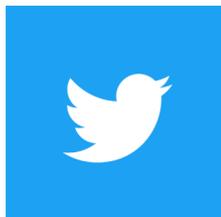
If you are in any doubt about symptoms or contact with someone who has tested positive you should book a PCR test as these are much more sensitive and will help ensure those with COVID are not transmitting it more widely. Several staff have contracted COVID despite being double vaccinated and some have been quite ill. This pandemic is far from over and we all need to work together to limit the disruption to learning for your children.

Attendance Form Winners 7BH

Free Pizza and Chip lunch
96.3% attendance this term
Well done!



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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