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Headteacher Update

The end of term is almost upon us and despite on going concerns and precautions around COVID it has been a term where we have been essentially back to business as usual. In this issue you will see how our students enjoyed a fantastic Christmas Lunch, have been entertained on theatre trips and by our own Year 10 Drama group in school. On Thursday evening we were entertained by our talented musicians, signers and dancers in the Christmas Concert. Mr Poulston has made these events possible at TMWS for the last 15 years and will be missed as he moves on to a new challenge but we are pleased to welcome Miss Higgs who will be joining us in January as our new music teacher.

There is much uncertainty again around the increase in COVID cases and as a school we have certainly had more than ever to cope with over the past 3 weeks. We have not yet seen the arrival of the omicron variant in the East Riding but we can see the cases rising sharply across the south of the country. As a school we will do all we can to remain open and provide education for our students but there are already some changes you should be aware of from this week. Any student who is identified as a contact will be issued with additional home test kits and asked to test every morning before school. All pupils should test during the holidays before visiting family or friends and before returning to school. On their return all students with permission to test in school will be given one test as they return to try to reduce the chances of COVID spreading in school. As a result of these tests we will again welcome students back throughout the first week back which was already starting with a bank holiday and a staff training day. Now the students will return as follows:

Wednesday 5th January 2022 Year 11, Year 7 and Year 8

Thursday 6th January 2022 Year 10 and Year 9

I will write with the full details over the holidays of when each group should arrive, with those using school transport arriving at the start of the day and those who walk joining throughout the day.

If the situation changes over the holidays as it did last year, I will write to you again.

I would like to thank you all for supporting our Christmas Appeal again this year by collecting food items for the local food bank, The Peoples Pantry. They were over joyed to collect such a large amount of food which will all go to support local people who are struggling this Christmas. Our students truly embody our school values and we see so many examples of their compassion for others in how they act and behave.

We are also celebrating some great work in this issue with the highlight being our Year 10 drama group's performance of Snow White which they re-wrote themselves along with putting the whole production together with a little help from Mrs O'Malley.

At the end of this term in addition to saying goodbye to Mr Poulston, we are also sending our best wishes to Marg Lamb, our Duke of Edinburgh Leader, who is retiring and Mrs Bree, a member of our Teaching Assistant Team, who is also leaving us. I hope you all have a great Christmas with friends and family, and stay COVID free! Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to welcoming all our students back to school in 2022!

Richard Harrison
Headteacher



#TeamTMWS Christmas Appeal for Peoples Pantry 2021

Thinking of others at Christmas

Karen Berry and Tina Morrison of The Peoples Pantry called in to collect all the food collected by our students for this local appeal.



The People's Pantry was established in March 2018, to fight food poverty and reduce food waste in Market Weighton, Pocklington and the surrounding areas of the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Their aim is to help support local individuals and families who are struggling to put food on their table and, at the same time, reduce the amount of surplus food going to waste.

Run by volunteers, they rely on the kindness and generosity of local residents, businesses and other local charitable organisations for donations of food, toiletries and cleaning products, for which they are most grateful.

If you are struggling financially or are self-isolating and can't get to the shops and need some help please contact us:

Market Weighton 07495 303538 or
Pocklington 07740 998581

Ours students have really done themselves proud again this year and demonstrated the TMWS values of Compassion and Respect for others less fortunate than themselves.

Staying warm this winter

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 high street/on line retailer.

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.

The requirement to have all rooms well ventilated will mean it is colder than usual in school this winter.



Christmas Jumpers & Lunch 15 December 2021 HO HO HO





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The Ballad of Snow White by Class 7S

Snow White her hair as dead as night,
Her beauty beyond twilight,
Her lips as bright as moonlight,
The prettiest of them all.
Snow White, her heart as warm as fire,
For you she would never tire
The sweetest of them all.
The evil queen, Snow White hates,
Her jealousy will shape Snow's fate,
The evil queen will make Snow late.
The wickedest of all.
With jet black hair and piercing eyes
Her heart is full of evil lies
Her conscience is so small.
Snow White is the prettiest girl,
She also has the best twirl,
Her dress glows just like a pearl
The sweetest of them all.
The evil queen wants Snow White dead
She wants to chop off Snow White's head
And hang it on the wall.
She sends the woodsman for her life
But he cannot lift up the knife
For he wants to make her his wife
The loveliest of all
He lets her go among the trees
Snow White from the evil queen he frees
For help she now does call.
She can sing to birds and a bee
And the cute squirrels in the tree
She can sing high, low, mid or all three
The greatest of them all.
Walks for a long time and finds a hut
Walks in and closes the door shut
The door it was so small.
Into the cottage Snow White

walked,
Seven pairs of eyes appear on stalks
To her they all want to talk
The shortest of them all
To all the dwarves she gave a wave
Snow White they will all try to save
Even though they are small.
Coming closer to Snow White
Bashful got an awful fright,
While Grumpy shouted for a fight
The grumpiest of all.
Happy gave the sweetest smile
While Doc was thinking all the while:
"Why am I very small?"
The other three I'll list for you
Sneezy arrives with an "achoo!"
Sleepy snores the whole day through
The laziest of all.
Dopey doesn't know his own name
But he will always take the blame
And all he does is fall.
The evil queen knocks on the door
In her hand is an apple core
And a basket filled with more
The evillest of them all
Snow picks one up and takes a bite
And sees an evil smile of spite
She then started to fall.
Snow White lay in harmony and peace
The dwarves thought her to be deceased
They started at her in awful grief
The saddest of them all
A prince he rode into the wood
A handsome man and very good
And over six feet tall.
She was such a beautiful sight

He knew he had to make it right
He approached her with all his might
The bravest of them all
He puckered up for true love's kiss
He knew her lips he must not miss
Her eyes like crystal balls
The mirror, mirror in the room,
Said "Snow White will be your doom."
She will defeat you in this room
The deadliest of all
Your killer walks now through the gate
She is the one you truly hate
Revenge with men so small.
Mother, you wanted my demise
But now you see I do arise
And stand here before your eyes
The strongest of them all.
Why mother I am so kind and true
It is the gates of hell for you
Into the fire you'll fall.
Arriving in their gold carriage
Ready for their happy marriage
The happy couple packed their baggage
The happiest of them all.
It's time for Snow White's honeymoon
Her and the prince will be back soon
With seven men so small.

Year 10—Snow White December 2021



Year 10 GCSE Drama put on a fantastic production of Snow White . Students performed the show around the original ideas of Snow White to give them an understanding of what running a theatre production is really like.

Students took on the responsibilities of backstage jobs such as costumes, make up, lighting, sound, the set, advertising and ticket sales as well as performing.

A big thank you goes out to all those involved—

Polly, Cayden, Lucy, Oliver, Declan, Heidi, William, Elliot, Poppy, Ashleigh, Courtney, Lexus, Lucifer, Hannah, Ella, Lucy, Molly and Ivy.

Thank you to Mr Poulston and Mrs O'Malley for helping the students put on the production.

COVID-19 Update

We have seen a high level of infection in school over the past 3 weeks, particularly in Year 7. This has reduced to a handful of cases this week but with the arrival of the new more contagious variant it is clear there will be challenges ahead.

We had a high uptake of the vaccination but many Year 7 pupils were still under 12 years of age so were unable to have the vaccine. I have been assured that the vaccine team will return to TMWS in the new year to offer it again to any who missed out the first time and to offer boosters to those who have already had it. In the meantime you can take them to a walk in Vaccination Centre if you wish.

There is now a new policy for those identified as contacts regardless of vaccination status to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days. If your child is identified as a contact you will receive a letter informing you of this and your child will be issued with additional tests.

All students will continue to test twice a week next term, please encourage them to do this and report the results on the NHS website. You only need notify the school of positive results via E-Praise to myself or by emailing or calling the school office.

If your child has any symptoms they must stay at home and you should book a PCR test. If the test is negative they can return to school but should continue to use lateral flow home tests each day.

If any member of your household has a positive test the rest of the household should book a PCR test and remain at home pending the results. Even if they are negative those members should continue to take daily lateral flow tests for 7 days as we have had cases of infection spreading after a negative PCR test and siblings being in school and potentially spreading the virus further.

Face coverings must be worn on school transport unless your child is exempt and they are required in school by all students when walking around the building, in social areas or the canteen queue. If your child is exempt please communicate this with their Head of Year so that all staff can be made aware. Please ensure they have a face covering each day. We have a limited number in school but as you can imagine this is an additional expense we could avoid and is bad for the environment if we are using hundreds of disposable face coverings every day.

If your child is off school and well enough to complete school work we have almost all lessons now available on Google Classroom. Students can communicate with their teachers using E-Praise so they know exactly what they need to do. Live lessons would resume if a full class were asked to isolate.

With the arrival of the new variant it is again uncertain as to what might happen over the coming weeks. If there are changes to government advice we all find out at the same time when the announcement is made. We will then respond as quickly as possible to do whatever we need to do to maintain learning for our students.

We must keep on protecting each other.



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Christmas Concert 2022

Students put on a fabulous show, the final one under the guidance of Mr Poulston who is leaving us for pastures new.

Thank you to the following for their wonderful performances—

William, Ethan, Harvie, Jack, Matthew on drum solo's.

Jamie & Oliver for a drum & bass ensemble.

Amber, David, Grace, Poppy & Hannah for their vocal performances.

Riley & Cameron, guitar solo.

Emily for keyboard solo.

Our choir members;

Alexus, Alfi, Amber, Amelia, Amy, Ava, Ben, Elliott, Emma, Grace, Hannah, Isaac, Jamie, Jonah, Katherine, Lilliana, Maddie, Madison, Megan, Oliver, Pippa, Poppy, Ray & Verity.

And last but not least the dance troupe comprising; Alecia, Alice, Amelia, Amy, Ashleigh, Ava, Chelsey, Gabi, Hallie, Hannah, Heidi, Kirsten, Laura, Louisa, Lucy, Maria, Milly, Poppy, and Summer.



Good Bye Mr Poulston, thank you for all the shows





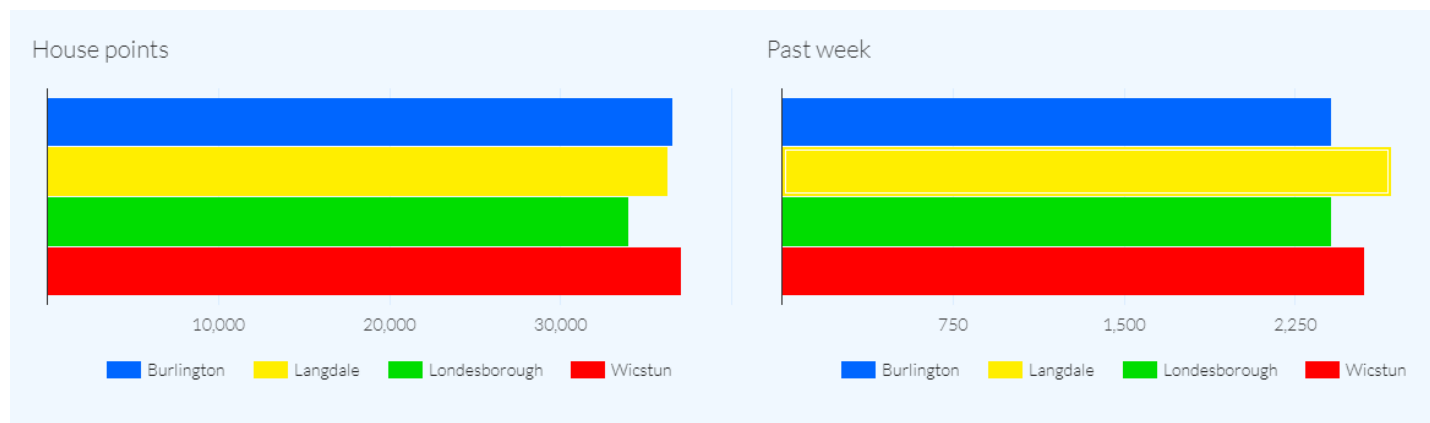


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<https://www.themarketweightonschool.co.uk/more/vacancies/>

House Points December 2022



Nearly neck and neck as we reach the end of the Autumn term. Wicstun are out in front but only by a small margin of 516 points.

Top student during the last week of term was Azra with a total of 74 points awarded.

Best tutor group is 7AOM on 10175 points with 7RDM not far behind

Emily in the lead with 631 points & Phoebe hot on her tail!

Keep earning those points.....

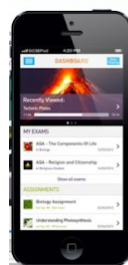
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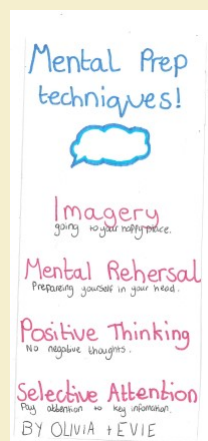
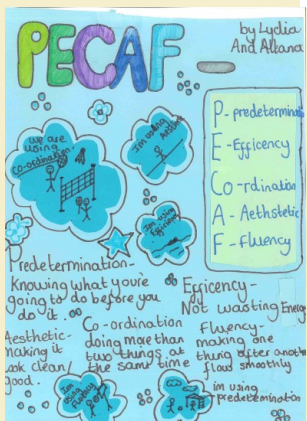
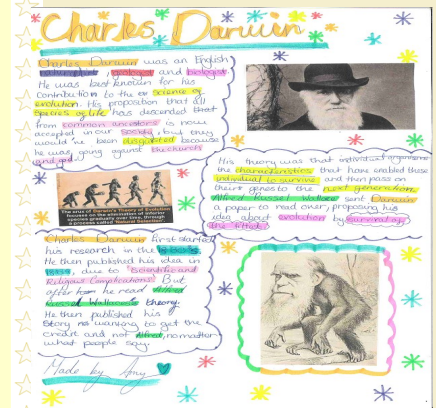
The award winning school rewards system

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. Below are a selection of the works that were chosen.

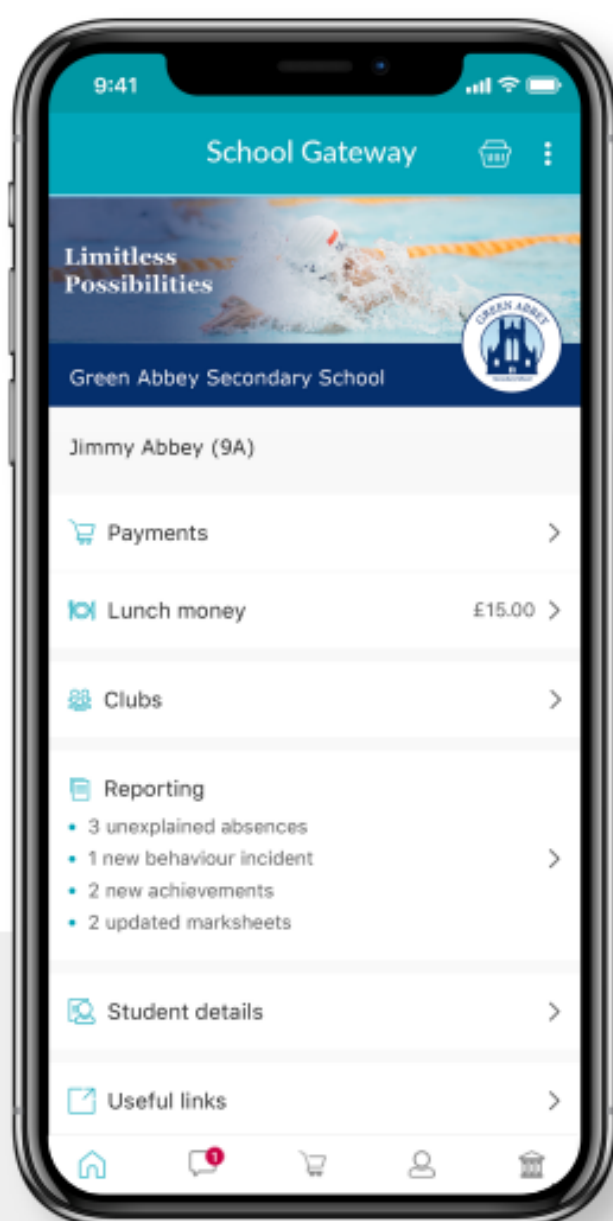


Amy Dennis
George Gatherum
Ethan Craven
Abbie Swallow
Keane Curtis
Olivia Haxby
Evie Taylor
Charlotte Scaum
Hannah Perry
Lily Thurlow-Rai
Lauren Wilson
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

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>)	Tuesday 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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