



SenCo Update



Hello! This newsletter is for Parents of students who are currently listed on our SEND Register and is a summary and update from our department from the last academic year. Usually, we would update parents with multiple newsletters, however, as you have been provided with many COVID updates throughout the year. We wanted to make it easier for you to stay updated. The normal updates will resume in September 2021.

Returning after a Baby and a Global Pandemic was always going to be a challenge but it certainly feels great to be back. I have met with many parents over the last 6-weeks and school has been as busy as ever. I am still gaining knowledge of your children and any updates I have missed whilst on Maternity leave; I am sure I will become fully updated in the next academic year and look forward to resuming to normality. I would like to thank my colleague Karen Woodhead for the level of support she has provided to the SEND Team, Families and Students in my absence and I am delighted that she will join me as an additional qualified SENCO in September 2022.

This increase in capacity can ensure that as our ever-growing SEND register continues to increase each year that student needs, inclusion and provision are at the forefront of our school ethos. Please be assured as you now make enquiries to our department that Karen and myself will direct this to the most appropriate SENCO for your child.

We would like to remind families of the services provided by the local authority and prompt you to review the support offered on the 'Local Offer' website which you can visit using this link: <http://eastridinglocaloffer.org.uk/>

We hope that this newsletter finds all of our families well and as always, should you need to contact our team, please get in touch via our school website or telephone number.

Kirsty Gemmell- Lead SenCo

Karen Woodhead- Deputy SenCo



It has been a difficult time in school following the tragic death of one of our Year 8 students. Eden was a unique and funny member of our school community and had built many positive relationships within our SEND Community and department. She had deep interests and passions, those who were privileged to see her sketches admired her creativity, she enjoyed poetry and found that Anime spoke 'her language'. As you know, we began the project of a Wellbeing Centre to target, support those with Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties, and has been used to support students for the past 2 years. This, along with the staff working here was a place that Eden found safe, understood and secure. A place she could be herself. Our entire department will miss Eden's bold but quiet character.

"Her parents want to now focus on helping others and have asked that if anyone wants to make donations in Eden's memory they would like to support our Wellbeing Centre and in creating the sensory garden. We are currently developing the garden as a quiet space for students to sit at break and lunchtime. If you would like to make a donation please contact jwood@tmws.co.uk. I am humbled by the words of thanks and generosity from the family at this most difficult time. We will strive to ensure all our students get the support they need."

Mr. R. Harrison





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Walk for Autism 2021

Once again members of our fabulous SEND team took part in Walk for Autism - raising over £1000!!

The team walked 10,000 steps for 8 days from Friday 26th March - Friday 2nd April in support of the Autism Initiatives Group who provide services for autistic individuals of all ages. A big well done to those involved 😊



Noise Academy

Since Easter some of our students have been taking part in an innovative music tutoring program with "The Noise Academy", a company launched with the help of The Princes Trust. They specialise in tailored tutoring for children with SEND, and in their 1:1 sessions students are developing their music production, beatboxing and DJ-ing skills with Mauricio Fenton, which in turn is positively impacting our students' self-esteem, confidence and motivation. Our students have now all passed their Level 1 DJ course, which is a recognised qualification, and are working towards their Level 2.



Sensory Garden

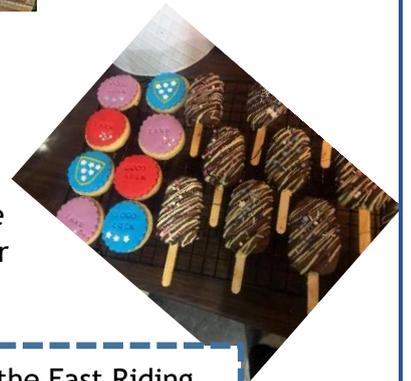
Progress is well underway with our Sensory Garden, with our students being more than willing to get their hands dirty to help dig out the pond and growing plants from seed.

If you can donate any supplies, or know someone who can, please get in touch with the school to help us create a calming but stimulating area in our school which will further enhance the provision we provide our students.



Farewell to our Year 11's

In May we said a fond farewell to our Year 11 foundation learners as they move onto the next stages of their education. They were treated to some amazing handmade treats and Adam very bravely spoke in front of the whole year as a part of the leaving assembly, not leaving a dry eye in the room! For Adam to achieve this is a true credit to his hard work over the years.



Adam is going to be attending North Lindsey college to study animal management, and wanted to say “he is going to miss everyone especially Miss Milnes. Thank you to all my teachers. My favourite memory would be the summer party at the end of year 7 doing limbo. Thank you everyone, goodbye.”

Ellie is going to the East Riding College to study Health and Social Care and Childcare. She said “I would like to thank all of my teachers for helping me, I will really miss Miss Milnes. Goodbye.”

Ray is heading off to Bishop Burton College to get ready for working life! He would like to say “goodbye to all of my teachers. My favourite memory would be stood waiting in the canteen for my lunch and then realising I should be in maths thanks to the changes in time tables because of Covid. Thank you everybody that has helped me.”

Gio is moving onto the East Riding College to do a course on Joinery and had this to say: “I have loved my time at TMWS, I am really going to miss all of my teachers and I would like to say a big thank you to all of them for helping me get ready for my future. I have had a great time, but it’s now farewell”

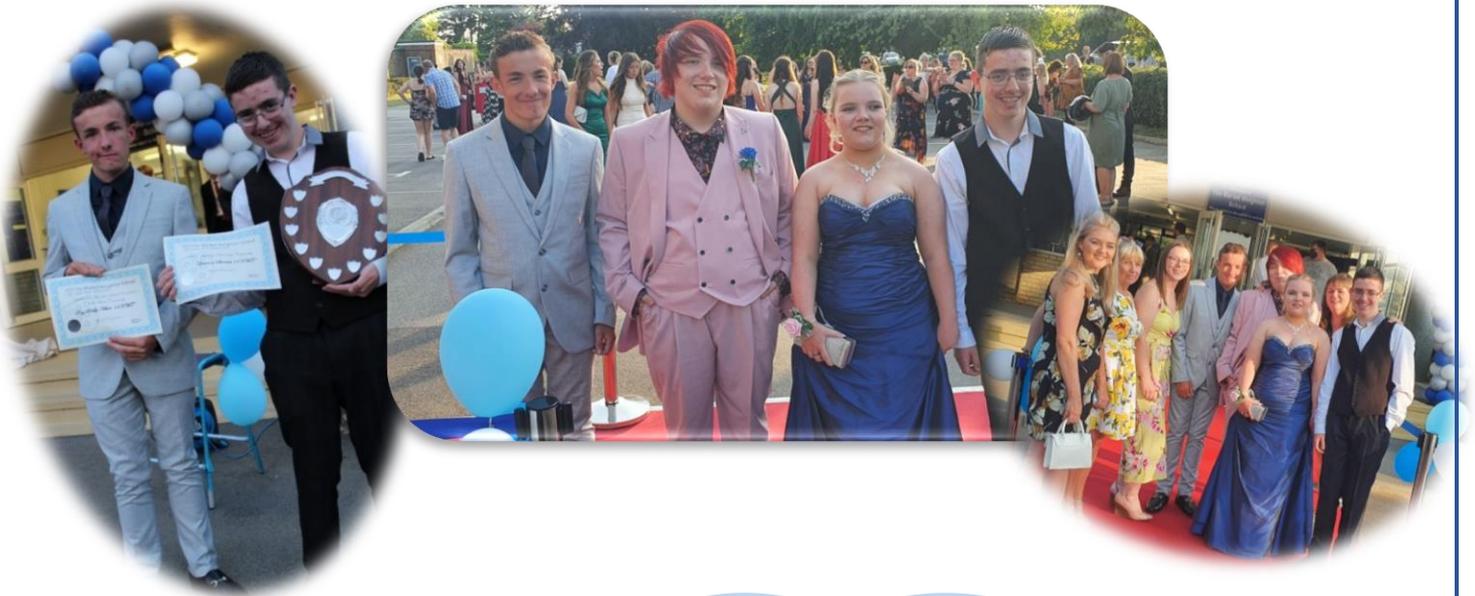
Some of our team who have worked with these students throughout their time at TMWS also wanted to share some messages:



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I look back at the students that first walked through our school doors in 2016 and I can say that you are unrecognisable in the best possible way. You have each taken on challenges, hurdles and personal goals. What you have achieved here is something you will remember and you will always be proud of. We are incredibly proud to have been part of your learning journey and although in life we may not always know where you are, you always know where to find us. Good Luck year 11 and well done for all of your achievements and successes over the last 5 years.



The past three years have been an absolute pleasure supporting the year 11 students. They have all worked so hard to get to where they are now and I am so proud of all that they have achieved. I will miss them all but I am excited to see what they achieve, I wish them all the luck in the world!



Year 11 were the first year group I met when I first started at TMWS. They all made me feel so welcome and settled in a new school. I have loved teaching them Science and see them grow into such amazing adults. You will always have a special place in my heart.





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What have we been up to this year?

2020 might not have been the year any of us would have predicted but it still did not prevent us from making some great memories at TMWS – take a look at some of the snapshots of all the fun we have been having!



PD day might not have been as expected this year but our pupils still made the most of it and had a great time.



Covid-19 could not dampen our Christmas cheer!



Year 7 & 8 have been learning about "San Isidor" in their Language and Culture lessons.



One of our Year 9 pupils deserves a huge round of applause for completing his DoE Bronze practice expedition earlier on this year!



Our Year 7s have really enjoyed learning new practical skills in their DT & Food lessons.



Year 8s had a blast learning survival skill on their trip in June!



Miss Gemmell's Champion

A huge congratulations to Leo Thornton who secured first place in the Mathletics competition for World Maths day. Leo is a very able mathematician and we are hoping next year he can improve his result even further.



Leo has made a fantastic level of progress with his compassion and thoughtfulness towards others and he kindly shared all **SIX** of his caterpillar cakes for his birthday. We had a great party in the LSB! Keep up the great effort in achieving our school values Leo.



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Personal Development Day

This July we held our third personal development (PD) day of the year. This is a day off timetable where our students take part in enrichment activities. Years 7 and 9 took part in Wonder Day. Wonder is a book about a boy who has Treacher Collins Syndrome which affects physical appearance. The book, made into a film in 2017, follows the young man through high school. In the morning we watched the film and then afterwards made props and re-enacted one of the scenes, the children had great fun doing this. Our year 8 students took part in several activities designed to raise awareness to dangers we may face in life. These activities addressed what can sometimes be difficult subjects such as the risks of drugs and alcohol, caffeine problems and the importance of sleep. To break it up a little the year 8 children also had a first aid session where they had great fun wrapping each other in bandages.

End of Term

SEND Community Afternoon

At the end of each term we host a 'community' afternoon where students on our SEND register are invited to take part in a fun-filled afternoon where they can build on their social and communication skills as well as our Six important school values of respect, honesty, compassion, resilience, Industry and courage. This term we focused on sports activities based on team work. Students from years 7-10 can take part and have the opportunity to build relationships with those in other year groups. We certainly enjoyed our final day of term thanks to Ms Reddall and the Team for organising - although staff were a little too competitive. We hope all students have a wonderful summer break and come back eager, ready to learn and excited for academic year 2022!

Sports Day

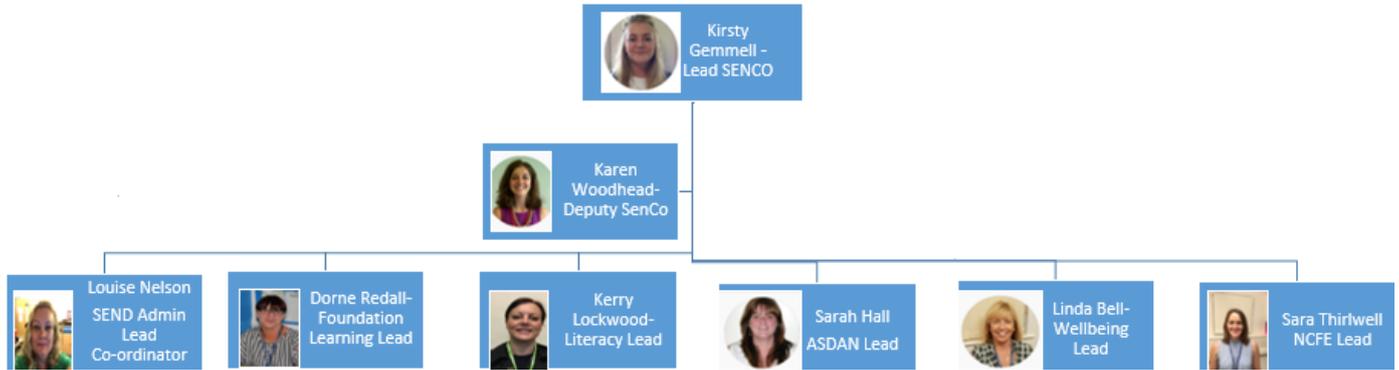
Fortunately, after missing out last year, we were able to hold our annual sports day. We were very lucky with the weather, with the sun shining all day. It was a fantastic day with pupils performing brilliantly. They displayed determination, perseverance, and a great amount of effort. We have a great inclusive ethos at the school not only with the staff but throughout all our students and it was brilliant to see our foundation learners competing in all the events throughout the day. One Student, Joe P, decided he was going to run every athletic race much to Mr Clarke's delight who ran with him to keep him going. As always, the atmosphere was electric with Mr Poulson's all-day DJ set. Mrs Townend ensured there were plenty of Pompoms for our Cheerleaders.





The TMWS SEND team

Please direct pupils to our display board outside of the LSB to see pictures of staff and names. *Depending on the level of your child's needs, they will be allocated a key worker. Please be aware that at times of staff changes, academic year transitions and staff wider-responsibilities this may change at the SenCo's discretion.*



Foundation Learning Classroom Leads.	Teaching Assistants/ SEND Keyworkers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kath Hartington- Science Caroline Hall- KS3 Humanities Kate Harko-Boothroyd-KS3 Languages and Maths intervention. Daniel Clark- Music and ICT Jodie Sutton- KS4 Childcare, Health, and Social Studies. Andrew Sapcote- KS3 Art and Art/Music intervention. 	<p>With Additional Roles...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sophie Milnes- Y6 Transition lead and Maths Support. Adriana Tyreman- SEMH and Speech/Language and communication intervention. Vickie Roydhouse- Apprentice support and Lego Therapy. Mark Jackson- Lexia and Wellbeing Support

Our team continues to grow, please look out for advertisements to join our team on our school website: <http://www.themarketweightonschool.co.uk/>

To go directly to our Vacancy page please follow: <https://www.themarketweightonschool.co.uk/more/vacancies/>



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Important Dates – School calendar

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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We hope to re-introduce our SEND Parent Forum once we are able to do so safely and welcome any suggestions for things you as parents of children with SEND would benefit from. Please pass on your suggestions to our SEND Team. Ultimately, having a network of parents to support one another and help us to continuously improve our levels of support is our goal. Look out for the invitation soon, which will be displayed on our website!

In the past we have welcomed many professionals, provided school updates on what we can offer students and held a POST-16 and careers evening.

Thank you for taking the time to read our SEND Department Newsletter.

Kirsty Gemmell

