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## Parent Newsletter

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## Headteacher Update

As we reach the end of February and return to school after the half term break we look forward to spring and look back at a busy half term in our February newsletter.

Firstly the rules on weekly testing and self isolation have changed and this is now no longer a requirement in law. However it seems sensible to continue for at least the next few weeks with testing whilst you have test kits at home. Please encourage your child to test if they have any symptoms and test at least once a week so we can limit the spread of infection in school. If your child does catch COVID it is likely that they will be ill and need to take time off school disrupting their education. Similarly staff absence also creates disruption and we need to keep this to a minimum after the already significant disruption of the past 2 years. In school we will be maintaining our handwashing routines, regular cleaning, ventilation and making sanitiser available throughout the building. I am also expecting a further visit from the school immunisations team at some point to offer COVID vaccinations to those who could not take part previously due to having recently had the virus. We have certainly not seen the last of COVID and need to maintain sensible precautions to minimise the risks of further disruption. We have a limited stock of test kits in school and will keep these available for those students who want them via the main reception.

This newsletter features several activities from our recent student Personal Development (PD) Day. Year 9 students took part in a 'Talk the Talk' challenge where they had to prepare a short speech to their class on a topic of their choice. Many students find this a real challenge and really benefit from this time dedicated to develop their confidence and speaking skills. When I visited English lessons the following week the gains in confidence were evident, as students were speaking fluently without notes, with their peers giving constructive feedback and asking engaging questions.

We are promoting sustainable and active travel in partnership with East Riding of Yorkshire Council and will have a visit from a cycle powered smoothie maker this week to reward and encourage those who cycle to school regularly. We have recently had a new bike shelter built and next month we are having a 'repair station' installed. We are also offering any student who does not have a bike the opportunity to borrow one from the Revolutions Bike Library which will be visiting TMWS on Wednesday 16th March. See inside this newsletter for more details of how your son/daughter can take part.

Our Year 11 students are about to start their second set of trial exams now that we know exactly what content will be assessed in the summer. This year exams are going ahead almost as normal with some adjustments to content to reflect the time lost due to disruptions over the past 2 years. The next few weeks will pass very quickly and we need to give our Year 11 students every support in succeeding in these exams. Staff are offering a full 'period 6' timetable of revision after school and sessions will run over the Easter holidays, as they have over this half term break.

We will also see the return of Comic Relief, new after school clubs and Inter House Sport, almost a normal spring and summer term to look forward to!

**Richard Harrison**  
Headteacher



## Student Personal Development Day 2

Personal development days are when we cover the personal, social and health education content of the curriculum. This also includes relationships and sex education, personal finance and careers education. Students participated in a wide range of different activities across the day which will enrich their experiences. Year 7 focused on family life, the difference between wanting something and needing it along with their aspirations and building self esteem.

Year 8 spent time on budgeting, and personal finances followed by the dangers of smoking.

Our year 9 students spent the day with "Talk the Talk" learning how to have self confidence and stand and speak confidently in front of others.

Year 10 students started to look at post 10 applications using the Log On Move On platform

and learnt about good interview skills ahead of a 1 to 1 interview with a local employer on our next PD Day in May. Other sessions looked at the role of the media and the phenomenon of fake news and how we can be influenced by it.



Some students worked on a producing a song from the musical 'The Greatest Showman' with the aim of improving confidence, self esteem and inter-personal skills.

Year 11 learnt about personal finance and pensions and studied some serious world issues around peace and weapons of mass destruction. The world peace activity was based on making an origami crane which will form part of a display in school.



## Cycle Maintenance Workshops

As part of our drive to encourage sustainable travel and increase the numbers of students cycling to school safely we were lucky to have the East Riding Council Road Safety team back in school to deliver some free bike maintenance workshops.

The students who took part learnt how to mend a puncture and keep a bike well lubricated. They also left with free tools and a puncture repair kit so they will have all they need to keep their bike on the road. One student needed to use their kit the next day after picking up a puncture on the way to school!

We are currently looking for students who are keen to promote sustainability, care about the environment or just enjoy cycling to become Youth Travel Ambassadors to promote future events in school and across the East Riding.



The next event planned is a sustainable cycling breakfast for all those who cycle to school on Wednesday 2nd March, when we will be making fresh smoothies using pedal power!

We have also been offered the opportunity for students to borrow a bike, for free for a year! If you want your child to take part make sure they return the consent form, available from reception, by Thursday 3rd March.



28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear parents and guardians,

**Bike Library – Take a Bike Home for Free for One Year!**

I am pleased to inform you that The Market Weighton School has been selected for a project aimed at encouraging people to take up cycling.

A 'Bike Library' has been funded for 30 bikes for your children to take and use for **FREE for one year**. The project is run by the local charity R-evolution, who also train cycle mechanics and sell affordable bikes at Trinity Market in Hull City Centre.

**R-evolution will be at the school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at 9am to launch the project and give out 30 bikes to the pupils

A range of cycles will be available on the day along with helmets and advice, the bikes will be maintained by R-evolution at various stages throughout the year.

If you wish to be a part of the scheme, please register your interest by completing the slip on the Loan agreement sheet which is available from the school reception and **returning it to the school by 3<sup>rd</sup> March**.

**Bike Donations**

R-evolution are also trying to collect as many unwanted cycles as possible in an effort to extend the Bike Library and enable more people to enjoy cycling. If you have any unwanted bikes cluttering up your shed or garage, then we would be delighted if you could bring them along and donate them on the day. These bikes will then be refurbished and safety checked before being added to the library.

We are looking forward to meeting you then.

Yours faithfully,

John Marshall



*We believe that the whole community benefits when everybody and everything has a purpose and is cared for.*



# COVID-19 Update

The only thing that has changed over the holidays is that it is no longer a **legal requirement** to self isolate and we no longer **have to** test twice a week.

The guidance on self isolation remains exactly the same, if you have symptoms get a PCR test, if you test positive stay at home for a minimum of 5 days up to a maximum of 10 days, see the graphic below.

As a school we have a reasonable stock of test kits, certainly enough to allow students to continue testing for another few weeks. Students who access our Enhanced Resource Provision and work 1 to 1 with teaching assistants are advised to continue testing twice a week and we will continue to provide tests as required for these students.

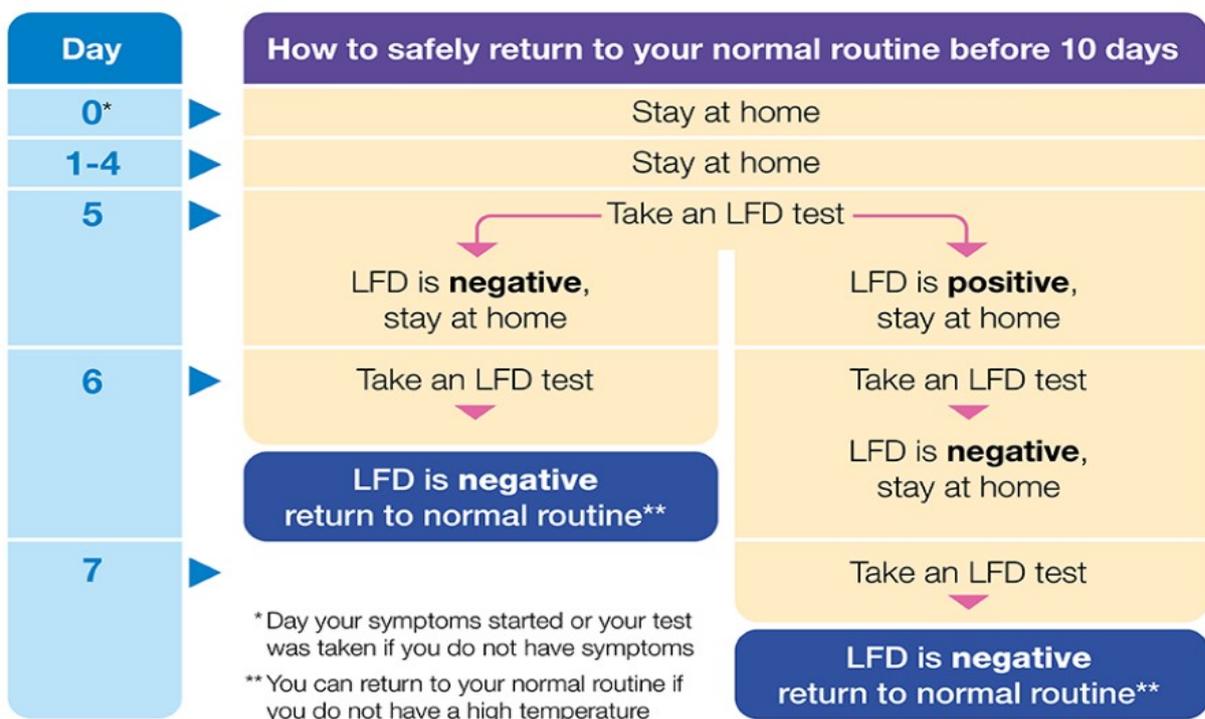
If your child tests positive they should stay at home. If they have symptoms please book a PCR test while they are still available free of charge until 1st April. If your child presents with symptoms at school we will offer them a lateral flow test and if positive contact you to arrange for them to come home to isolate. Staff will continue to make work available on Google Classroom for any students who are not able to attend school but are well enough to complete school work.

As a school we are also required to continue with other procedures to reduce the risk of infection:

- Regular hand washing and sanitising
- Regular cleaning or frequently touched surfaces
- Maintain good ventilation (balance with temperature)

See the government guidance document below for full details.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>



## Sports News and Artificial Pitch Update

It has been great to see inter school sport taking place after almost 2 years of disruption. Our netball teams have been in action throughout the term and our Year 11 team recently came 3rd in the end of season East Riding tournament.

Our Year 7 and 8 girls have also been in football action and are excited about the prospect of TMWS having it's own full size FA quality artificial pitch. We have had overwhelming support for our bid to bring this state of the art facility to Market Weighton for the use of local clubs, our school and local community. We are awaiting the final assessment of our bid by the Football Foundation who will fund the majority of the project if it gains their approval. If planning permission is granted next month we should be ready to start the build this spring with completion expected by September 2022.



The pitch will be the same as the one which has recently been constructed at Beverley Leisure Centre and similar to those at South Hunsley School and Bishop Burton College below.



# #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.themarketweightschool.co.uk/more/vacancies/>

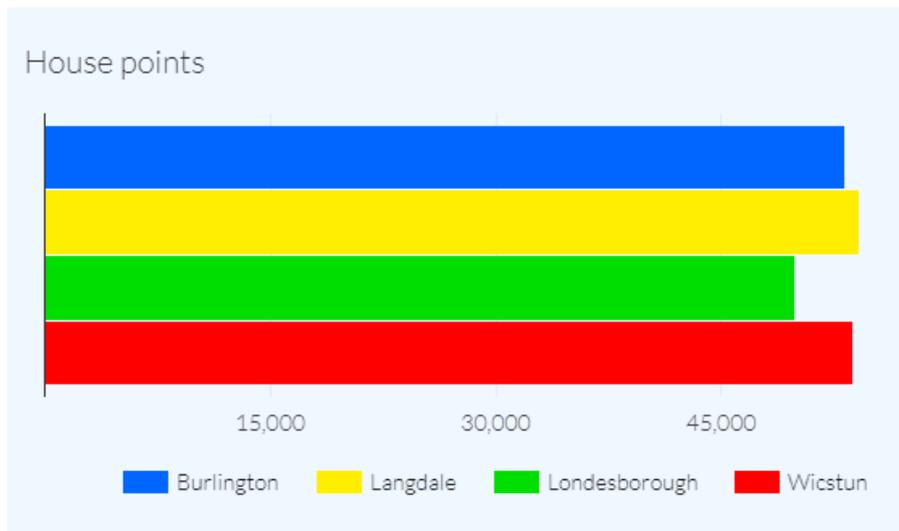
## House Points @ 28th February 2022

Langdale have taken the lead with 54,236 points from Wicstun with 53,773

Top student last week was Abigail with a total of 39 points awarded. Ruth, Lucia, Lily and Coen made up the top 5!

Best tutor group is still 7RDM on 15, 033 points with 7AOM dropping into second place.

Emily is still in the lead with 865 points with Phoebe, Lilliana, Emma, Lillie and Dylan not far behind!



Students earn E-Praise points for completing all work in lessons, completing homework and making a positive contribution to learning. Points can also be awarded to students who demonstrate each of our school values and for regular attendance at school.

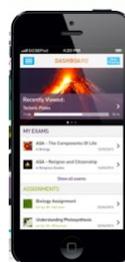
## Learning remotely; tools available for our students



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# Cycle to School Breakfast

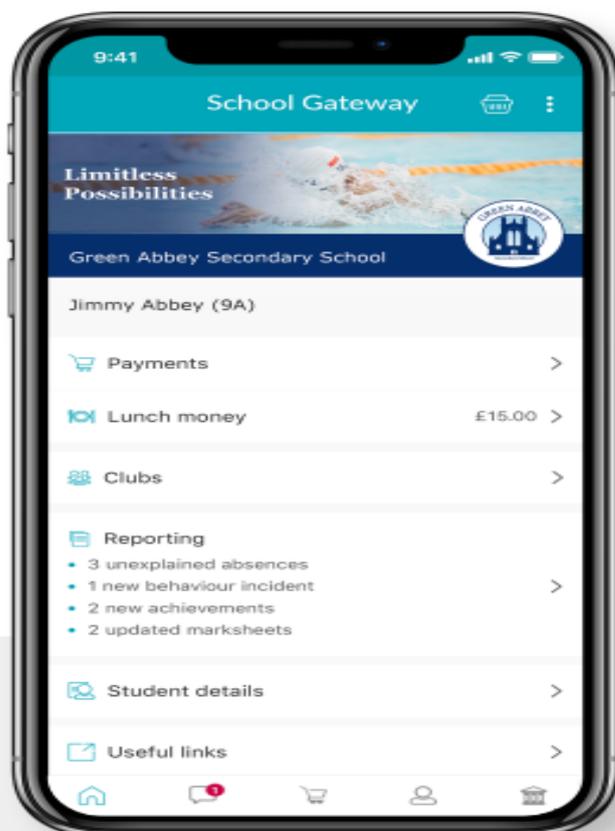
- Cycle to school on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** and get a free breakfast smoothie
- You will need to power the smoothie maker with pedal power!
- Sustainable Travel and Sustainable breakfast!



Outside the Wellbeing Centre from 8:30am

## Schoolgateway

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[schoolgateway.co.uk](https://schoolgateway.co.uk)

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

## Term Dates 2021-2022

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.

### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022 - 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR



AUTUMN TERM 2022					
	August	September	October	November	December
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25

SPRING TERM 2023				
	January	February	March	April
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Tuesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Thursday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Friday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Saturday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30

Autumn	35	70	195
	35		
Spring	29	59	
	30		
Summer	29	66	
	37		
School Holiday			
Bank Holiday			

SUMMER TERM 2023			
	May	June	July
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Saturday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30

These term dates are for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in East Riding of Yorkshire.

Schools can set five non-contact days when the school will be closed to pupils.

5 - Non Contact Days

## 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.



**Even better than a pot of gold, last week you might have been lucky enough to see TMWS at the end of the rainbow!**

Thanks to Lindsey Cox for the sharing photograph.