

The Market Weighton School Expect More - Achieve More

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Headteacher Update

As we approach the half term break we can look back on a very successful few weeks. We have elected new senior students and House Captains, raised lots of money for our House charities and met all our new Year 7 student's parents. In our last Newsletter I was able to thank parents for your positive comments during our Ofsted inspection but was unable to say more as the report had not been published. Now we can celebrate receiving a Good judgement and the recognition all the staff and students deserve. I hope you have read the report; it is really positive and I believe the inspection team really did see what we are aiming to achieve at TMWS. The opening line, describing us being at the heart of the community, was the impression the team had been given from talking to staff, students and parents. We are very proud of the report and will do all we can to live up to that description of our school.

Our all-weather pitch project brings a £1.14 million investment in sports facilities to Market Weighton. The Sports Hall changing rooms, reception, upstairs studio space and the old pavilion gym have been totally refurbished. We are making the finishing touches over the next few weeks and the facilities are open for school and community use. The pitch is making excellent progress with a realistic completion date in the week of 12th December. A steering group is being set up with representatives from local partner football clubs to oversee the operation of the pitch and promote the development of football in our community.

Our social media output has been busy reporting on after school sport, trips and visits. Our wider curriculum and commitment to developing our students as responsible citizens was recognised by Ofsted and students have been enjoying being able to get out of school and put their learning in context once more. We have however seen COVID cases increase again in school, with both staff and students testing positive or having to take time off with symptoms. We do have test kits still available in school which can be collected from reception and we all need to take sensible precautions as the weather worsens and we all spend more time indoors. We won't be leaving doors and windows open this winter as like many families we simply can't afford to have the heating on full all day!. I would suggest having a jumper for this winter will be essential. We have introduced plain V neck jumpers and sweatshirts available from Price and Buckland or any uniform supplier. We are being very clear with students that hoodies are not part of our school uniform and ask for parent's support in keeping these at home.

In October we ran a successful session for Year 7 parents on making the best use of E-Praise which is a fantastic tool to keep you involved and informed about your child's education. We are going to offer this session again to all parents as we believe some of you still rely on your children to access E-Praise rather than have your own account. However we have perhaps created an impression that staff will respond immediately to any messages and I would respectfully remind parents that we do not expect staff to reply to E-Praise messages outside working hours and please consider they may be teaching or have other commitments during the day. You can expect a response within 48 hours and we encourage you to communicate with us if you have any concerns or questions that can't be answered from the information on our website.

When we return after the break we have more trips and a visit to Spain to look forward to. We are already anticipating Year 11 GCSE mock exams. (yes it is time to start revising!) and Christmas will be just around the corner! As a school we will be getting a fantastic new sports facility from Santa but supporting those with very little will be even more important this year. All families with children on free school meals will receive a £10 shopping voucher per child for the holiday week from ERYC.

Have a great half term break!

Richard Harrison

Headteacher



Ofsted visited TMWS on 14 and 15 September 2022

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good



What is it like to attend The Market Weighton School?

The Market Weighton School is on the edge of the town, but for many it is in the heart of the community. It is a caring school that has values of 'respect, honesty, compassion, resilience, industry and courage'. Inspired pupils are happy to demonstrate these qualities because they understand their importance.

Pupils take pleasure in the broad offer of subjects and spoke to inspectors confidently about what they have learned. Teachers with expertise support pupils in achieving objectives that go beyond the academic curriculum. Many extra-curricular activities are available and well attended.

Regardless of pupils' starting places, leaders have made it a top priority to offer an ambitious curriculum to all. Pupils respond to the high expectations of teachers. Pupils appreciate the support their teachers give them and know that teachers want the best for them.

Pupils feel safe and secure at school. Staff deal with bullying when it occurs and is reported. The school is calm, caring and purposeful. Respectful conduct and good relationships are seen both in lessons and social time. If pupils need support or advice, they know who to contact.

Since the report was published we have received dozens of messages of congratulations from parents, ex-staff members, other local schools and the Local Authority. Staff are rightly proud of what has been achieved and we would like to thank parents and students for the supportive comments given during the inspection. We can now focus on what we believe is important to make our school even better!

Read the full report by following the link below: https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/118076

Personal Development Day 1

Students across all year groups had a day learning about life skills and information that can help them become well rounded and well informed adults. Subjects are age appropriate and as students progress through the years at TMWS they will learn about different topics each session. Our teachers regularly review the content to ensure that it is current and that we are not omitting a subject that the students need to be aware of.

Year 7 worked on team building, strengthening their relationships with their peers and their personal values. Students in Year 8 focused on the impact that certain things can have on our bodies; caffeine, drugs, alcohol, and lack of sleep. They also learnt some basic first aid and resuscitation. Our Year 9 students covered life after school, with interview skills, housing, taxes and consumer rights. Year 10 students worked on healthy relationships, consent, sexual health, FGM and crime avoidance. Finally Year 11 are entering the final stages and preparing for life post 16 and covered revision, target setting, interview techniques, college applications and employability skills, with a journalist and broadcaster, Serena Farrow, talking to them about working in the media and improving oracy.



Senior Students Elections 2022—2023

Our Senior Students are elected by their peers to lead the student council and bring ideas and issues to the Senior Leadership Team. After the first Student Council meeting of the year students have asked for more footballs and other equipment to be available at lunchtime, suggested more fundraising activities for each House, gave ideas to help the flow of students around the building, and requested a wider range of items to be included in the E-Praise shop. We have already agreed to act on all these suggestions and look forward to working with our new Senior Students to make the student experience at TMWS even better!



Curtis Hussey Year 11 Head Boy



Emily Richardson Year 9 Head Girl



Charlotte Willicombe Year 10 Deputy Head Girl



Federico Gomez Colantonio Year 10 Deputy Head Boy

Introducing- Mr Warner

Deputy Headteacher—Quality of Education

This is my 18th year as a qualified teacher, having spent the first nine years working in Scarborough, and the second half of my career here at TMWS. I can honestly say I love working at this school and am constantly reminded how lucky I am to be part of such a wonderful team. I have to admit that the glowing feedback we received from Ofsted last month was quite emotional for me as it finally recognised all the hard work we've put in over the last few years, confirming what a fantastic school this is.

I began my career as an English teacher in Scarborough in 2005, but by 2014 I was ready for a change. I saw the advert for "Director of Faculty of Communication" at TMWS and went for it, securing the job the following week. My main



selling point at the interview was that I am a firm advocate of "evidence-based education" and that I would be sure to champion this in my new role, employing efficient and effective teaching and leadership strategies to ensure the Faculty of Communication (at that time consisting of English and MFL) was the best it could be. I still hold firm to those ideals and feel very lucky to now be able to apply this at the whole school level.

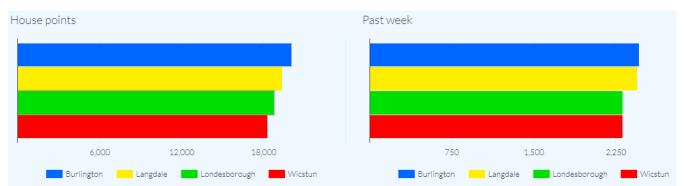
I look back on that interview fondly. I remember being shown around the school by some lovely, articulate, and enthusiastic young people, and teaching an English lesson on creative writing to thirty highly intelligent and highly motivated Year 9 students. They were a joy to teach and I remember asking the then Deputy Head, Cliff Smith, if all the children here were like that. I knew throughout that day that this was a special place where I really wanted to work, and when the phone call came later that evening offering me the job I was thrilled.

The following year Mr Harrison arrived and restructured the leadership team, inviting me to apply for the role of Assistant Headteacher responsible for Teaching and Learning. This essentially meant overseeing the staff development programme and building a culture of excellence among our teachers, ensuring we constantly reflect on our practice so that we can improve and be the best we can be.

Securing my new role as Deputy Headteacher responsible for the Quality of Education is both an honour and a challenge. I now have the remit to oversee every aspect of the curriculum that we deliver for your children, ensuring they receive a broad and rich diet from a range of subjects and areas that will prepare them for their next steps and support them to become inquisitive, curious, and active citizens that are prepared to get involved, have their say, and make a difference. I meet regularly with all our Curriculum Leaders to discuss their curriculum intent and implementation and to support them to make regular changes that will lead to improvement. Having a little more non-teaching time also gives me the opportunity to get into lots of lessons to see how teachers are delivering the curriculum and to discuss ways to improve this.

I believe that the central job of every school is to deliver a curriculum that challenges and engages students, regardless of their starting points. We are already really good at this, but I want to ensure that we continue to get even better so that the children of Market Weighton become the best they can be. I look forward to working with you over the coming years on this incredibly important project.

Epraise House Points and Charities



There has been very little change this month in House Points with all houses remaining in a similar position.

Emily remains in front for most points with a change in second place to Lucy. Top boy is Ethan in 5th place. Miss Higgs form are currently in the lead from all the tutor groups.

At the Senior Leadership Meeting this week our Head Boy, Curtis, was representing our students and asked if more choice could be available for students to purchase with their Epraise points.

Suggestions put forward were queue jump passes, water bottles and glue sticks. Curtis has been asked for other ideas as well so we can make a wider range of items available.

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See our Facebook and Twitter pages for more great photographs from our recent trip to Paris to enrich the curriculum for those students studying French at GCSE

Parent Governor— Vacancies

The Market Weighton School currently has vacancies for 2 parents to join our Board of Governors.

Our governors annually undertake a skills audit and we would welcome expressions of interest from parents with a background in educational finance, legal or human resources.

There are circumstances which disqualify parents from standing for election to the governing body, but not from proposing or voting for candidates. In brief these are where a person has been adjudged bankrupt or has been convicted of a criminal offence during the last five years for which a prison sentence (suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months, without the option of a fine, was imposed. In addition, if a parent is employed to work at the school for more than 500 hours per year, then they are not eligible to stand for election or appointment as a parent governor.

For the purpose of proposing candidates, a nomination slip should be completed and returned to the school by Monday 31 October 2022. Those parents nominated and seconded and who have indicated their willingness to stand for election by signing the nomination slip may submit brief biographical details (maximum of between 70 and 100 words) for circulation with ballot papers.

On the closing date for receipt of nominations, if the number of candidates is the same as, or fewer than, the number of vacancies, then all candidates will be duly elected unopposed. If, however, there are more candidates than vacancies an election by secret ballot will be held.

Ballot papers will be sent to parents eligible to vote for completion and return to me within seven days of their despatch. The completed ballot papers should be returned via your child, mail, or in person, in a sealed envelope and will be placed, unopened in a ballot box positioned outside the school office.

Each parent has one ballot paper irrespective of the number of children at school.

The date and time for the count will be 12 noon on Monday 14 November 2022 and candidates are invited to attend the opening of the ballot box and subsequent count. An independent scrutiniser who will be a parent of a child at the school not seeking election will be present during the count.

The parent(s) polling the highest number of votes will be declared duly elected to the governing body.

The result of the election (or if any election was not necessary, the names of the nominee(s)) will be circulated to all parents as soon as possible after the count. The result will also be displayed in the main entrance of the school premises for seven days.

Nomination slips or further details can be requested from the Clerk to The Board of Governors, Mrs Sarah Florence. <u>sflorence@tmws.co.uk</u>

Coal Mining Museum Visit

Over two Fridays in October all 148 Year 8 students have visited the National Coal Mining Museum to enrich their learning in History. See our Facebook and Twitter accounts for more pictures of trips and visits as they happen.



Sports Hall and Pitch update

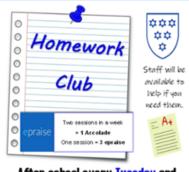
The Sports Hall refurbishment is complete with minor snagging and finishing touches progressing over half term. As you can see below the upstairs room has been transformed into a multi-use performance studio space which will be used for Drama lessons but will also be available for dance and other PE activities. The original school Sports Pavilion has more recently been used as a store cupboard for the Sports Hall, it is now a fitness suite which we believe was how it was used many years ago. The changing rooms have been completely refitted and the whole building re-wired. We even will even have a new long jump ready for summer.



Library news—Miss Theakstone

Hello, I am the new Librarian at #TeamTMWS. I have been a keen reader since I was a child and I am delighted that I now have a whole library to develop and look after. I believe books are hugely important because they allow the reader to discover different people, places, and points of view. They open minds to interests and opportunities which might otherwise never be considered. Libraries are a fantastic resource because the books are free to use so everyone can enjoy them.





After school every Tuesday and Wednesday in the library.

All year groups welcome!



The library now has an

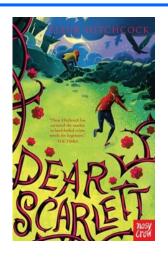
electronic management system and we have started the process of adding all the books to the electronic catalogue. So far there are over 700 books on the system but there are several thousand more to be added. Students are still getting used to remembering that they need to check books in and out rather than just taking/replacing them on the shelves but it will soon become habit. As well as allowing us to keep track of where books are the new system will make it easy to determine the most borrowed titles, authors, and genres so that we can buy the most suitable new stock.

The library is open during break, lunch and after school. Students can browse books, use the computers, do homework, or just enjoy a peaceful space within the school. There is also a Homework Club in the library after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays where additional staff are available to provide help

Book review: Dear Scarlett by Fleur Hitchcock

Scarlett's dad has been dead for 5 years when his solicitor delivers her a parcel. Amongst the parcel's mysterious contents are his tools and a warning not to trust just anyone. Her dad was a notorious jewel thief and unsavoury characters are now after Scarlett to find out what she knows.

This book is a great introduction to the mystery and thriller genre. As her dad's true actions are revealed Scarlett has to deal with threats to her family and her changing view of her dad, all whilst figuring out the clues he left her and evading her pursuers.





With Halloween on the horizon we have been celebrating the horror genre in the library. Students can see how much of a scare they can handle using the Spook-o-meter. On the lower shelves are *slightly chilling* books and if they can handle that the next level are *fearfully frightening*. The top shelf are the nightmare-worthy *utterly terrifying* tales.



By the time you read this Year 7s will each have received a book of their very own as part of Bookbuzz, run by BookTrust. This scheme allows students to choose a book



from a list of 17 titles, curated by industry experts. There are more copies of the books in the library so students have the opportunity to read them all, as well as complete the Bookbuzz Challenge 2022. Students from all years are welcome to do so.

#TeamTMWS also provided the Year 7s with a copy of The Trials of Apollo by Rick Riordan as part of the transition from Year 6. This means that each of them will own at least two books and have made a start on a library of their own.

European Day of Languages—Mrs Guilbert

Monday 26 September is the European Day of Languages

To mark the occasion the Language Department invited Y7 and Y8 to take part in a baking contest and complete a quiz about languages.

Students baked and decorated buns or a cake to celebrate the <u>plurilingualism</u> in the whole of Europe. They were asked to either: use a typical recipe from another country or decorate it using words from a different language.

At the start of lunch time they presented their cake to our judges who selected a winner and a runner up for the best tasting bake and another winner for the best design.

They were presented with prizes - gift vouchers; generously donated by Langland's garden centre.

Winning entries were by Isla Lucia and Katelyn, thank you for entering.







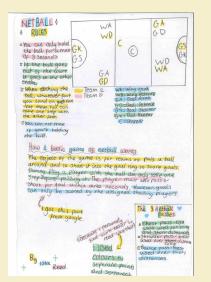




Wall of Excellence - Rewarding 'Industry'

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.





Isla Read Lily Constable Abbie Shooter Phoebe Craven Emma Young Elizabeth Hart





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#TeamTMWS Success—Congratulations

Congratulations go out to our 3 apprentice Teaching Assistants who have all passed with a distinction.

Mrs Brooke, Mrs Cooper & Miss Holland, all joined our TA team back in September 2020 as apprentices, they have all worked to attain their apprenticeships alongside supporting our students.

As well as the training that the apprenticeship offered them they have all done ERYC employee training and specialised training within the SEN department. All three ladies have been successful in securing permanent positions within the school.

If you are interested in joining our team please keep an eye on our vacancies page on the website.

Congratulations ladies.



Educational Visits

With the relaxation of Covid restrictions school visits are now taking place again to support our curriculum and develop students understanding of their subjects. As part of our ongoing work on the website, a new page is being developed to give you more in-depth information on what we are planning for our students. The new page is now live, please look out for the updates online. Click here to find out more—<u>VISITS</u>

Planned Educatio	nal Visits			
Date	Destination	Trip Leader	Number of Pupils	Year Group
7-11 Nov 2022	South of Spain 2022	CGH	33	Y10 Y11
7 Dec 2022	Hull Truck–Christmas Carol	AWA	ТВС	ТВС
10 Jan 2023	Thackray Museum	RJE	ТВС	ТВС
1 Feb 2023	Poetry Live	AWA	ТВС	Y11
10 Feb 2023	An Inspector Calls—York Opera	AWA	ТВС	ТВС
May 2023	Watersports Trip	KWT	40	Y9 Y10
10-13 July 2023	Belgium WW1 Battlefields	PF	40	Y9 Y10
22—29 March 2024	Ski Trip Italy	CBR	52	Y8 Y9 Y10

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Dear Mr Harrison

Thank You

On behalf of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA) we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the students for their kind donation of £519.00 raised by taking part in a 13 mile sponsored walk and donating their merit points.

It costs £12,000 a day to keep both of Yorkshire's Air Ambulances in the air, and as an independent Charity we rely on the generosity of people like yourself to help save lives 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Your donation helps us to:

- Provide a life-saving rapid response emergency service in Yorkshire to 5 million people across 4 million acres and attend over 1,300 incidents a year
- Deliver specialist treatment on-scene or fly patients to the most relevant major trauma treatment centre for their injuries or medical issue, in the quickest time possible

Like many charities across the UK, we have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic and it is donations such as yours that have kept our service running, and enabled us to provide urgent medical care to those who need us. Thank you for thinking of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

We would love to keep you updated with occasional information. To receive our emails, please visit the 'Update Your Preferences' page on our website or get in touch.

Yours Sincerely

Jøanne Wells Yorkshire Air Ambulance

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14 October 2022

Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your recent kind donation of £959.00 which was raised through the Langdale House students of the Market Weighton School! We are sincerely grateful for your generosity and support.

It is fantastic to hear that the students were able to take part in a 13 mile sponsored walk to raise these incredible funds! The amount that the students have raised could fund a wheelchair ramp, allowing someone with MND to continue to enjoy their garden and access their local community, which could be life-changing for someone in need.

Your gift will help us to improve care and support for people with MND, their families and carers, across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It will also help us fund and promote research, and to campaign and raise awareness so the needs of those affected by the disease are addressed by wider society.

We are so determined to achieve our vision of a world free from MND and your support helps us to make a real difference. You can keep up to date with our work and stay involved with us by visiting our website www.mndassociation.org

Please note that if you have an online fundraising page, those donations will be acknowledged when your page closes.

Thank you once again for being part of our fight for a world free from MND. Please let us know if we can help you in any way, we will always be delighted to hear from you. Simply call 01604 611860 or email fundraising@mndassociation.org

Yours sincerely

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Tayla Osborne Supporter Care

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term	5 September to 31 December
Staff Training Day (Students not in)	5 September
Half Term	24 October to 28 October
Christmas Holiday	19 December to 2 January
Spring Term	2 January to 16 April
Staff Training Day (Students not in)	3 January
Half Term	13 February to 17 February
Easter Holiday	3 April to 14 April
Summer Term	17 April to 25 July
Staff Training Day (Students not in)	17 April
Half Term	29 May to 2 June
Staff Training (Staff and Students not in, disagg days)	24 & 25 July

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

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022 - 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

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 School Holiday
 Bank Holiday

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

