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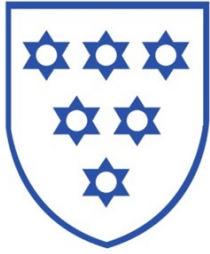
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Headteacher Update

As I write my update this month we have again had another teacher strike day. We again prioritized Year 11 and our more vulnerable students to be in school and apologise for the wider disruption. Hopefully the final two dates that have been announced for 15th and 16th March will be called off if the government make a meaningful offer to enter into negotiations as they have with the nurses.

You may have also been reading of students 'striking' in schools across the country last week. Indeed we did have a few of our students asking about it as it has been widely shared on Tik Tok and Snapchat. We have explained that we have a student council through which concerns should be raised and how at TMWS we have listened and real change has occurred, for example introducing shorts to our uniform along with grey sweatshirts as an alternative to jumpers. It has also served as an opportunity to link with the teacher strikes and explain the negotiation process and laws around ballots and strike action. We have been very clear that any student engaging in disruptive behaviour by refusing to work would be suspended under our behaviour policy. It was shocking to see some of the clips circulating in the media from other schools last week. What is a great concern is the influence social media had in encouraging students to strike—and in some cases riot—in schools across the country in a coordinated way. We genuinely had some students who felt they should join in but did not know what they would strike about! They want to fit in and join in.

We have also seen a number of students bringing PRIME drinks into school, explaining how they have bought them for £10 off friends. This is again influenced by the hype on social media and parents need to be aware that this is happening. We are warning students not be ripped off buying a £2 drink for £10. Also, like all energy drinks PRIME Energy should not be sold to under 18s and would be confiscated if brought into school as it should not be consumed by young children due to the high caffeine content. PRIME Hydration is OK but just a rip off!

Be aware of what your children are viewing on line as we are having to deal repeatedly with issues caused by inappropriate behaviours on line, out of school, but resulting in situations where children feel they can't come into school for fear of repercussions for something they have done online. We warn of this repeatedly in school; please monitor things at home too.

Away from the perils of social media this Newsletter celebrates the great success that was High School Musical. Thank you to all who came to watch, bought raffle tickets (check you numbers for unclaimed prizes) and donated or bought refreshments. All in all a huge success! A massive amount of time and energy goes into staging a big production from staff, students and parents and I thank you all for supporting your children take part.

Miriam Payne has completed her epic row across the Atlantic and will hopefully come into school to share her amazing experiences.

We have seen several other trips out of school and we are approaching a busy time for residential trips after Easter. I would like to thank all the staff who have certainly gone the extra mile this year to ensure we enrich our curriculum and get back to normal after the disruption of COVID.

In order to celebrate the great things we do at TMWS, our fantastic Ofsted Report and 70th year we are producing a new glossy school prospectus which will share with you all once it is complete. We are also holding a number of events to mark our platinum year and have two important dates to share for a parents and ex-students school walk and a summer family day. Parents and ex-students will be invited to meet and reminisce by walking the school walk route on Saturday 24th June 2023. We are holding a Platinum Party on the Pitch on Sunday 11th June with football, music, stalls and entertainment. Please put these dates in your diary and we will share more details nearer the time.

We have a busy half term ahead and look forward to sharing more good news in our March Newsletter.

Richard Harrison

Headteacher



High School Musical

Our talented students played to a packed hall for 3 nights before we broke for half term. This was our first big production since COVID and Hairspray which we performed in the weeks before schools closed for the first lockdown in March 2020. This time we had fundraised to buy our own set which meant first building the panels and then painting them to create the school gym where most of the action takes place. The role of the backstage club was even more crucial with so much more work to do lead by Miss Healy to create the home of the Wildcats basketball team. Putting on such a big production is a huge team effort and would not be possible without our dedicated team of staff. I would particularly like to thank Miss Higgs, Mrs O'Malley, Miss Dawson and Mrs Townend for coordinating, producing, directing, choreographing, coaching and encouraging our students, some of whom had never performed on stage before. The sheer number of students involved was impressive and it was great to see such a range of students taking part from across the school. I know all the younger students are now looking forward to next year and aspiring to have the lead roles in whatever is decided as the next big TMWS show.





RAFFLE PRIZES STILL TO BE CLAIMED

GREY TICKET:

- 49 SOCKS
- 187 SWEETS
- 189 SWEETS
- 198 HOBBY WORLD POTTERY WHEEL
- 226 YOO HOO AND FRIENDS SOFT TOY
- 257 CAKE IN A MUG
- 282 ROSE WINE
- 338 FERRERO ROCHER CHOCOLATES



ORANGE TICKET:

- 80 BIOTHERM
- 130 TY SOFT TOY
- 144 TRAVEL MUG AND GLOVES
- 290 RED WINE

Prizes can be claimed from the main school reception anytime during the school day. 9:00am to 4:00pm

Thank you to all who donated prizes purchased tickets all monies raised will support the development of performing arts at

PURPLE TICKET:

- 69 RED WINE
- 236 RINGTONS CHOCOLATES
- 245 NIVEA MEN SET
- 324 RINGTONS BISCUITS
- 387 GIN LIQUEUR
- 433 ORGANISE YOUR LIFE FILE
- 435 WHITE WINE
- 647 BATH BOMB
- 755 WHISKY BARRELS



Why is vaping becoming so popular with children

Like all schools in the UK we are seeing a continuing trend in more young people vaping. The attraction is to look cool and grown up as it always was with smoking but vaping comes with flavours that seem to be marketed at children. Vaping is much more attractive to young people, they believe it comes without health risks and does not leave the smell and taste of cigarettes. Vapes contain nicotine and were invented to help smokers quit. Vaping is clearly healthier than smoking as vape fluid doesn't contain the harmful, cancer causing chemicals found in cigarettes.

The dangers of vaping are not fully understood however and we are seeing an increasing numbers of young people developing health conditions as a result of continual vaping. The articles below highlight the concerns and are well worth reading to understand the extent of the problem.

<https://inews.co.uk/news/vaping-vape-uk-schools-children-e-cigarettes-harm-2171447>

<https://www.greatyarmouthmercury.co.uk/news/crime/20708595.mums-plea-girl-11-rushed-hospital-vaping/>

It seems that vapes are the new entry 'drug' of choice. Young people are becoming addicted to the nicotine and progressing to cigarettes or vapes that contain cannabis oil, THC and other psychoactive substances. From there it is an easy step to try smoking or other drugs.

At TMWS we see students becoming agitated and aggressive if they have not vaped during the day. Some can't go more than an hour without a vape and are going to great lengths to leave lessons and find somewhere to vape where they will not be found. Many schools, like TMWS, have had to introduce increased supervision of toilets to prevent those that vape making them a no go area for younger students. We have been clear with our students that we will not tolerate such behaviour but we need your support to discourage your children from vaping.

- * Please discuss vaping at home and explain the potential risks.
- * Look out for vapes, many look like highlighter pens.
- * Check if they are spending money, vapes are expensive.

Before the COVID lockdowns catching students smoking in school was rare and vaping was just starting to be a thing with young people. It is now a massive part of teenage culture and we need to work to educate our young people it is not cool nor has any benefits to health and wellbeing.

The recent spate of school protests are in part a response to schools having to tighten rules on toilet use due to vaping. The behaviours we have seen are shocking and would not be tolerated at TMWS. We expect any student to comply with a request to empty pockets and allow staff to check bags and coats. If students refuse we will call parents to come to school and support, or, impose a period of suspension until you can attend to support our expectations.

If we all take clear action we can ensure vaping remains something only a small minority of our students are doing. Thankfully we have a school where the majority of students don't vape and want to have a nice space to use the toilet. We are hoping to invest a considerable sum in refurbishing our student toilets this summer for the benefit of all students.



Former TMWS Student Rows the Atlantic and breaks the previous course record!

We have been following Miriam's progress since she left the Canary Islands on 11th December as she rowed solo across the Atlantic Ocean. On 11th February, Miriam completed her epic journey after 59 days at sea breaking the previous race record for a solo female rower. We are immensely proud of her achievement and hope that she will visit us once she is back in the UK after a well deserved rest in Antigua.

Miriam has done all this to support to charities, Hull and East Yorkshire MIND and Wellbeing of Women. I am sure she would appreciate your support! Use the link below to her webpage where you will find a link to donate.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Concept Care Visit for Students

Students were given an insight into future careers in health and social care and routes to gain qualifications to work in their chosen job role.

Students also took part in some practical tasks, which allowed them to experience life with a disability or impairment. Wearing gloves to reduce dexterity, goggles to create vision impairment and ear defenders to represent deafness.



As well as experiencing the difficulties for themselves students guided a resident who had a visual impairment, assisted a service user who had full sight loss, and talked to a service user with a hearing impairment.

Thank you to all at Concept Care in Market Weighton for the support given to our students.



TMWS Library—Miss Theakstone

We have been celebrating a love of reading in the library this month. We have had a display of books to read for best friends: two copies of the same book so students can read along together. The Student Librarian Assistants have put together a display with the theme 'Blind date with a book.' The books are wrapped up so that they can't be judged by the cover, author or title. Instead there are brief descriptions to encourage readers to try a book they might not have otherwise picked up.



Accelerated Reader competition news

Since the last newsletter we have two more members of the Word Millionaire Club — very well done to Y7 Daniel Coxon and Y8 Lilliana Jeffrey. I have also awarded two more Silver certificates for reading 500,000 to Y7s Daisy Martin, and Christopher Tully along with 18 Bronze certificates for reading 100,000 words.

Year 7 are still in the top spots for word count and books read. However their lead has been reduced because Year 8 have been working hard to catch them. There is still a close rivalry between the tutor groups: 9PF retook the top spot for words read for just one week before 7JLI overtook them again and just this week 7RHI overtook 7JBE for third place. At time of writing the top 5 tutor groups for word count are:

1. 9PF
2. 7JLI
3. 7RHI
4. 7JBE
5. 8RDM

Book review:

The House with Chicken Legs – Sophie Anderson

Marinka lives with her grandmother who holds parties every night full of food, music, and people sharing stories. But Marinka never gets to see the guests again. Her grandmother is a Yaga and it is her job to guide the recently dead through The Gate and on to the next journey. Their house has chicken legs and moves to wherever they are needed so Marinka lives a lonely life.



She desperately tries to gain control of her life and make friends but Marinka's not the only one keeping secrets and her actions end up having huge consequences.

A captivating story which reimagines ancient folklore into a story which also addresses bullying, bereavement and taking control of your future.

Having a clear out? We would welcome donations of books to the library, both fiction and non-fiction. If your children have now outgrown certain books, we would love to have them on the shelves for our students to borrow. Or maybe you have books you've now read and were going to give away. If so, please consider donating them to the library. They would be great for our more able readers.



Can you help with any of these projects?

Before we make purchases, we know that often parents may have items at home that are no longer being used that we could put to good use. Remember we are always in need of uniform items in good condition that we can pass on. Please just drop these off at reception.

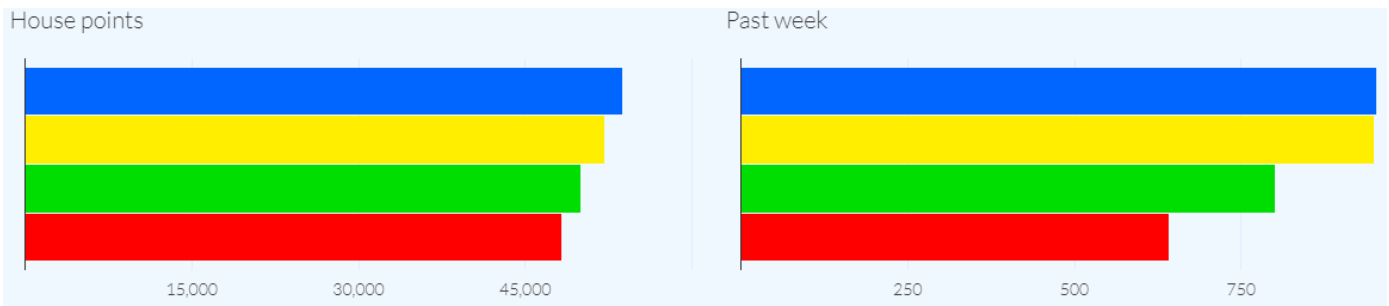
We are working on several projects to promote wellbeing at school and enrich our curriculum. We are planning on having some Guinea Pigs for students to care for as part of their ASDAN Skills course and to support those struggling with anxiety. We need a suitable hutch if anyone has one that may not be being used? Also any of the water bottles or food boxes that may be useful.

We are developing our garden area and have had several generous donations to allow us to buy a poly tunnel which we are busy erecting in time for the growing season. If you are clearing out your shed and have any pots, containers, unwanted tools or indeed plants you are splitting etc we can find a home for them.

If you are able to help with these or other projects please contact the school on office@tmws.co.uk

Epraise House Points and Charities

All change on the Epraise points.....Leo has jumped into the lead and knocked Emily off the top spot! Ethan is a close second place.



Miss Higgs tutor group, 7RHI have a phenomenal lead, at nearly 1000 points ahead of their rivals. Burlington maintain the overall lead with Langdale making up ground in recent weeks.

Students gain House points via E-Praise in lessons, for clubs and excellent conduct around school.

Interested in joining the staff at #TeamTMWS?

If you want to join our team please email sflorencia@tmws.co.uk for further information.

If you are interested in invigilating for us please contact us.

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/>

Sickness - Student Absence Recording

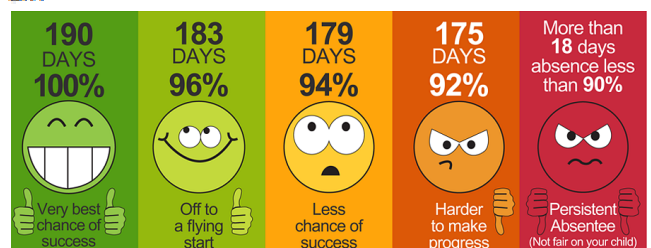
All parents must ring in daily if a student is going to be absent. If we don't get a call we don't know if the student should be back in school or not. This is to safeguard your child.

Full details with updated advice and guidance on student absences in line with East Riding Council and the NHS can be found on our website.

There is no reason to keep your child away from school for minor conditions such as:

- Acne
- Athlete's Foot
- Cold Sores
- Conjunctivitis
- Hand, Foot and Mouth
- Hay Fever
- Head Lice
- Insect Bites/Stings
- Mouth Ulcers
- Musculoskeletal/Period Pain
- Ringworm
- Slapped Cheek
- Sore Throat
- Threadworms
- Tonsillitis
- Warts and Verrucae

Students missing school for any of the reasons below will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

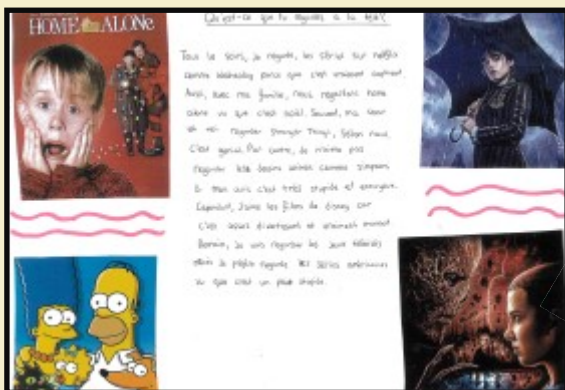
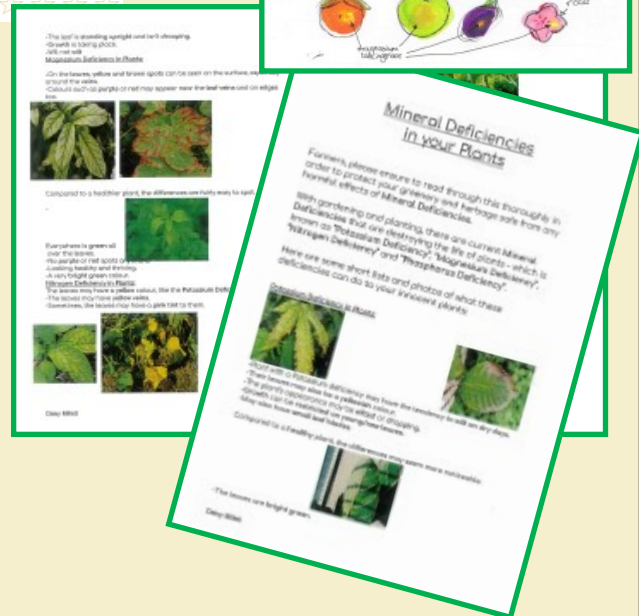
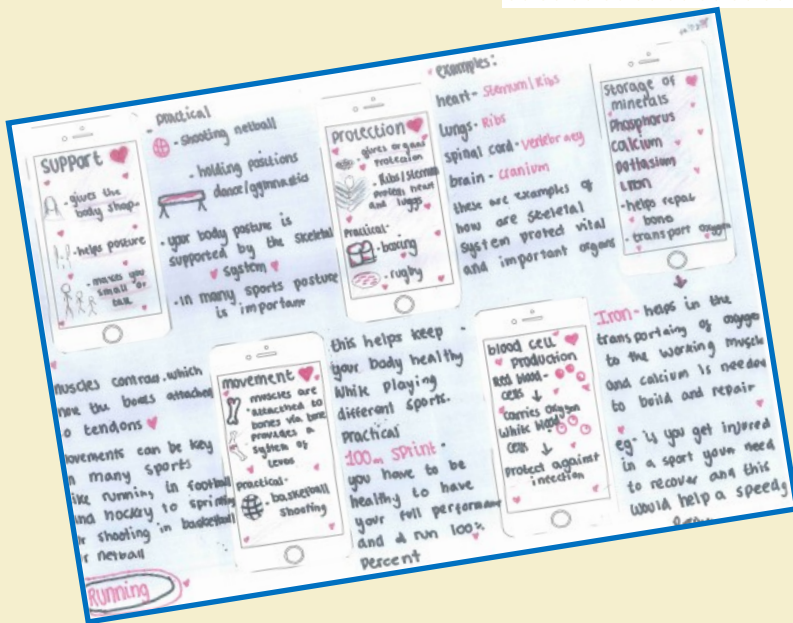
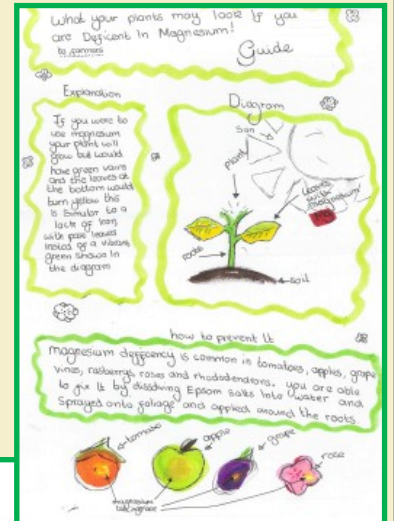


Wall of Excellence - Rewarding 'Industry'

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 dedicated noticeboards in school to showcase their achievements. As a reward, these students will be credited with £2.00 on their School Gateway account and an Epraise Accolade. 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.



Kirsten Mahoney
 Toni Elsworthy
 Daisy Millett
 Max Griffin
 Bella Caves
 Toni Elsworthy
 Isabelle Buckle



School Gateway (Lunches) — Polite Reminder

Parents are reminded to keep their child's Schoolgateway account in credit.

Our canteen staff do not like to refuse service to our students, but, if the account is in debt TMWS is not obliged to provide food for students.

If you are having difficulty clearing a debt please contact our finance department who can discuss this with you.

If you are unable to keep your account in credit please send your child with a packed lunch.

You may be entitled to Free School Meals, please follow the link below to see if you qualify.

[ERYC FREE SCHOOL MEALS](#)

Schoolgateway



Educational Visits

Planned Educational Visits

Date	Destination	Trip Leader	Number of Pupils	Year Group
23 March 2023	Elizabethan England—York	PF	30	Y11
24 March 2023	Hull Uni—Leeds Rhino's Netball	KWT	40	Mixed
20—26 May 2023	Watersports Trip	KWT	40	Y9 Y10
26—28 June 2023	Kingswood Dearne Valley	ABR	130	Y8
10—13 July 2023	Belgium WW1 Battlefields	PF	40	Y9 Y10
4 October 2023	WIME	PO	TBC	TBC
22 Mar—29 Mar 2024	Ski Trip	CBR	52	Y8 Y9 & Y10

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term	5 September to 31 December
Staff Training Day (<i>Students not in</i>)	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 (<i>Students not in</i>)	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 (<i>Students not in</i>)	17 April
Half Term	29 May to 2 June
Staff Training (<i>Staff and Students not in, disagg days</i>)	24 & 25 July

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

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022 - 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR



	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

	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 29	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Thursday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Friday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	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		

	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
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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