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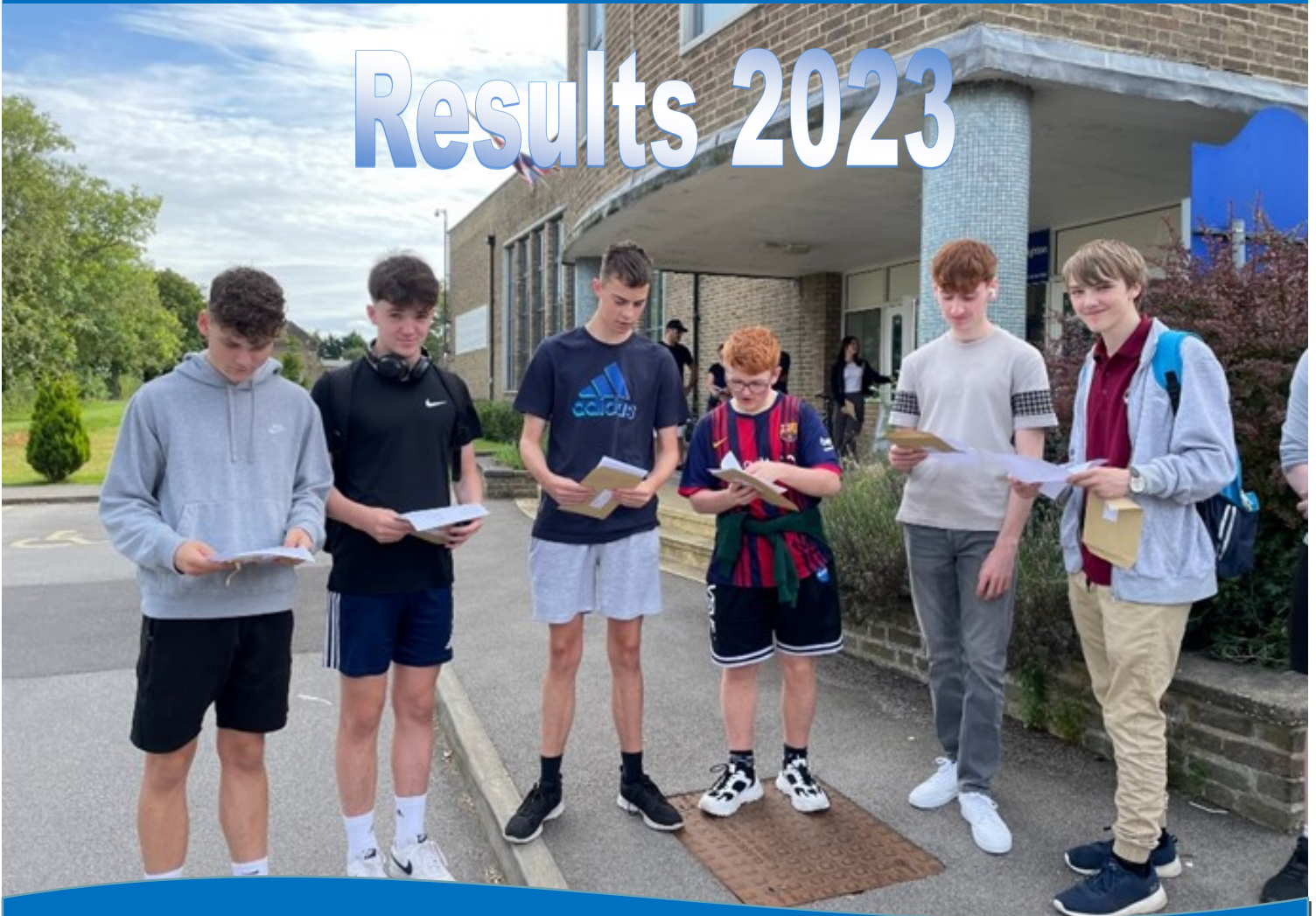
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Headteacher Update

As we return to school after the summer break it is always a pleasure to welcome students back to school.

We are always seeking to improve as a school and the focus of the staff training day before students return is always how we can get even better results, attendance and standards of behaviour, as well as how we can give our students an even richer curriculum with activities that develop personal skills and character as well as learning content to pass GCSE exams. As always your children have risen to the challenge and returned with renewed enthusiasm for learning and a desire to try to make their best better by improving their attendance, behaviour and quality of work if the atmosphere in school over the first few days is an indication of what is to come throughout the year.

We welcome a number of new staff to TMWS this term including Mr McConnell in maths, Miss McRae and Mrs Argo-Bennett in English, and five staff joining our dedicated team of Teaching Assistants; Miss Hall, Mrs Wood, Miss Smith, Mr Hardcastle and Miss Davies. Our student population continues to increase with 137 students joining us in Year 7 along with several across other year groups giving us 618 students in total. We remain a small secondary school but this is a significant increase on the 442 on roll in 2015.

It is almost a year since Ofsted visited TMWS and gave us a glowing report which was highly complimentary about our inclusive ethos, excellent curriculum and well behaved and polite students. It described the school as being at the heart of the community based on feedback from students and parents. It is a great responsibility to lead such a fantastic school and therefore it is not without considerable thought that we have entered into conversations with Wyke College, Market Weighton Infant School and Mount Pleasant Juniors to consider forming a new Academy Trust. As most of our students who progress to study A levels attend Wyke College it makes sense that we explore strengthening this partnership. It is vital however that the schools in Market Weighton remain at the heart of the community and continue to work together for the benefit of all our children and young people. The vision is that we can be part of an organization that is responsible for the education of your children from age 3 to 18 and one that will be large enough to achieve economies of scale so that the financial position of all our schools is secured. The conversations are at a relatively early stage and there will be a full public consultation before any decisions are made. Governors of all three schools in Market Weighton have agreed that we progress the project so that we can realise the potential and make informed decisions on if this is the right move going forward for our schools. The earliest any school would convert to an Academy would be September 2024. Baysgarth secondary school in Barton on Humber and Castledyke Primary school are also involved in these conversations. Other schools across the region and locally will be kept informed should they wish to join us. I have included the agreed joint statement and some more details in the Newsletter. It is important that parents are kept fully informed and we will make sure updates are given throughout the year in our Newsletters.

In this Newsletter we are celebrating another great set of GCSE results that were broadly in line with 2019 results as was the trend nationally after increased outcomes during the years of teacher assessed grades and modifications due to COVID. It is always pleasing to see students achieving the top grades but some of the most gratifying results often come from those who have overcome great challenges and achieved excellent results. Many of our students progress to Wyke College to study A levels but we have students going to a wide range of colleges and apprentice providers across the region. Our current Year 11 students can meet all these providers on Tuesday 3rd October at our Post 16 Event and Subject Teacher Meeting. The Post 16 event is open from 4:30pm to 6:00pm with our staff available for appointments through to 7:30pm.

We have challenged our Year 11 students to make a positive start to the term by attending period 6 and lunchtime revision sessions from this week. Clubs also start this week and I draw your attention to the wide range of activities we have on offer again this year. Please encourage your child to get involved and take up these opportunities. The other big event this half term is our annual school walk which will take place this year on Friday 29th September.

Thank you for your support as we start another exciting year at TMWS.

Richard Harrison

Headteacher



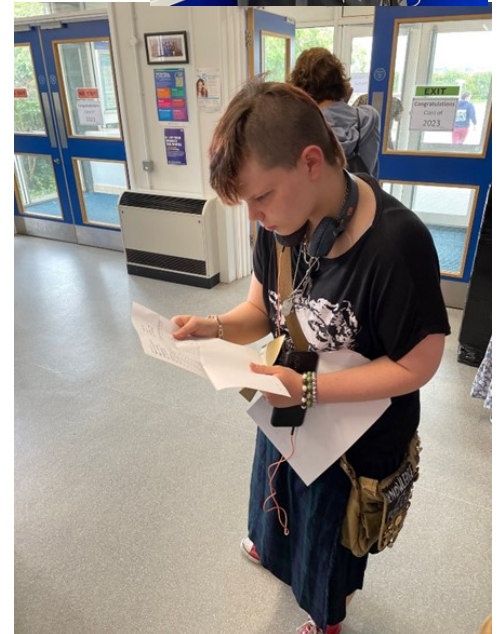
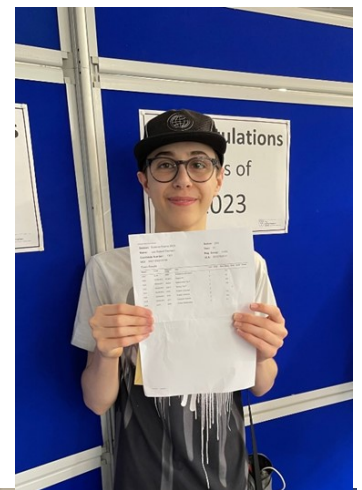
Examination results summer 2023

As always many of our students were celebrating the top GCSE grades on results day. These are the images that always make the media as everyone is happy with a grade 9!



For teachers and parents though we are equally pleased to see students who have overcome personal challenges achieve great results. Sometimes that could be a grade 2 for a student who was not expected to sit any GCSEs or getting 2 grades above target in maths despite suffering with tremendous anxiety and only accessing school part time using our Wellbeing Centre. We had a number of students who had experienced the tragic bereavement of a parent during their years at TMWS and all achieved results they should be proud of.

One student who is happy that we share his story is Leo who faces the challenges of autism and benefited from our enhanced resource provision. In Year 7 Leo could not cope with large groups and attended lessons in our smaller foundation learning groups, by Year 11 he was confidently attending almost all lessons and working with our teaching assistants one to one when needed. Leo achieved grade 7 in maths and computing, a grade 6 in English Literature and grade 5s in biology, history, further maths and English Language. Leo is progressing to York or Selby College to study A levels in maths, further maths and computing. His success is a product of his determination, dedication from our staff and the hard work, patience and perseverance of his mum.



Uniform, Equipment and Attendance

Uniform and equipment

As we leave the summer holidays are behind us and blazers no longer fit or shoes are worn through here are a few key reminders for buying new uniform:

- A tie must be worn every day
- Skirts must be just above the knee and lycra, tight skirts are not permitted
- Shoes must be all black
- School shorts must be tailored fit
- No leggings or jeans
- Discreet make up and no fake eyelashes
- No nail varnish or acrylic nails
- Only 2 studs in each ear no hoops and **no other jewellery permitted**
- No hoodies or jumpers allowed in school- **these will be confiscated**. If your child needs an extra layer they can wear a grey v neck sweatshirt
- All students are required to have plastic studded football boots for PE lessons

We do have a "Worn but not worn through" preloved shop at school. To access please contact reception at officeuser@tmws.co.uk

For our full uniform information and how to order see <https://www.themarketweightschool.co.uk/uniform>

All **banned uniform items will be confiscated and will be available for parents to collect from reception** from September. They will not be returned to students.

Please also ensure your child is fully equipped with pen, pencil, ruler and scientific calculator. Students will be issued a C3 if they do not have the correct equipment for the day. Your child should also have a reading book at all times for form time reading and reading at the start of English lessons and at other times of the school day and at home.

Attendance

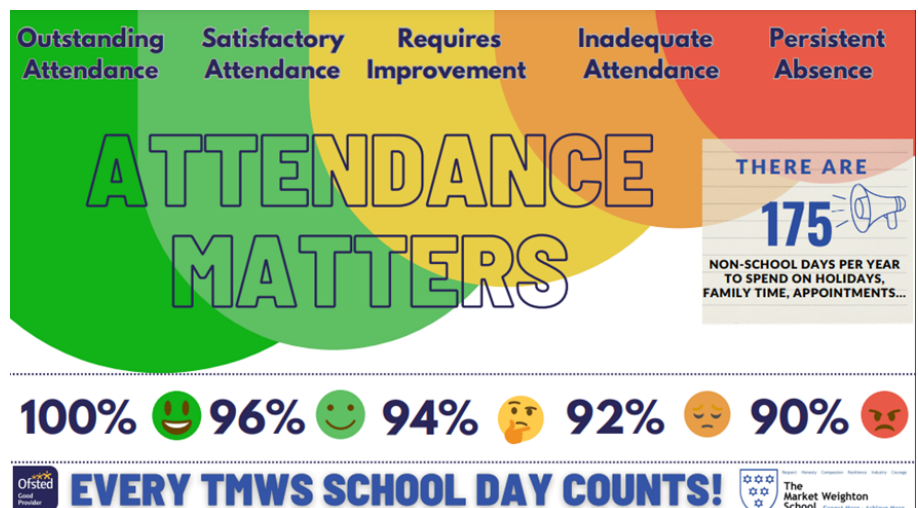
Attendance at school is key to success and outcomes. Please see below the link to the NHS and East riding schools absence advice.

<https://www.themarketweightschool.co.uk/parents/school-absence-advice/>

Please try to arrange appointments where possible outside of school time.

After 3 consecutive days of absence from school we do require medical evidence.

If your child is absent please call through to reception ASAP stating the specific reason for absence.



Why create a Multi Academy Trust (MAT)

Nationally over half of schools are now Academies and are run by Multi Academy Trusts rather than the Local Authority. Academies were the brainchild of the Labour Party and began in areas with high levels of deprivation in an effort to raise educational outcomes for young people in those areas. The policy was adopted by the Conservative Party and is now the preferred model of school organisation. In the East Riding of the 18 Secondary schools 13 are already academies or have plans to convert. There are several local trusts that we could join or we could join a larger national trust. As an academy local governing bodies hand over some authority to the Multi Academy Trust board.

What is being proposed here is that we help form and create a new trust that we will then all join. In this way we believe we can explore the potential advantages to each school and aim to create an organisation that shares our values.

Conversations are at the early stages and we are not yet at the point of being able to give you any specific details. As Headteachers we all believe it is important that parents are kept fully informed and we will update you throughout the year and hold meetings to fully consult if governors believe this is the right plan for our school.



Website Statement

Education settings from Hull, East Riding and North Lincolnshire are in discussions about forming a new Multi Academy Trust to provide exceptional education for children aged 3-18 across the Region. The initial partners engaged in the proposed project are: The Riverview Family of Schools comprising of Baysgarth School and Castledyke Primary School in Barton upon Humber; The Market Weighton School, Mount Pleasant C of E Junior School and Market Weighton Infant School in Market Weighton; and Wyke Sixth Form College in Hull.

Conversations are at an early stage, but all partners are committed to fully understanding the potential benefits of working together. Following this, settings may start the process of applying to convert to academy status and forming the new Multi Academy Trust. Before this goes ahead, there will be a full consultation process for all who may be affected. It is not expected that there will be any changes to any organisation's status until September 2024 at the earliest.

TMWS Year 11 Progression Event on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 from 4.30-6.00 in the School Hall.

This is an annual event which is very successful in providing our Year 11 pupils/parents with access to IAG (Information, Advice and Guidance) from Post-16 providers across the region. The aim of the event is to provide the necessary information to enable our current Year 11 pupils to make informed decisions about their direction from September 2024. The application process begins in earnest over the next 2 months and as such this is a very important event.

The following providers have already confirmed their intention to host a stall in our main Hall area during this event and also in attendance will be our Careers Adviser Sue Tunstall (Purple Patch Careers), the log on, move on team, Head of Year 11 (Ms Joshi) and members of the school's Senior Leadership Team:

- East Riding College
- York College
- Beverley Joint Sixth Form
- Selby College
- Hull College
- Army, Navy and RAF
- HETA
- Wyke College
- St Mary's College, Hull
- Bishop Burton College
- Pocklington School Sixth Form
- Woldgate College Sixth Form
- Apprenticeships



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



Autumn Winter Uniform—V Neck Jumper/Sweatshirt

Uniform has been extended to include an optional sweatshirt for colder weather following a request from TMWS Student Council. Sweatshirts **must** have a V neck. Students not conforming to uniform rules will be asked to remove their jumpers/tops.

Sweatshirts and Jumpers are both available from Price and Buckland on-line or other high street shops and supermarkets.



Social Media



TMWS now has both Twitter and Facebook pages, please like and follow us to get our web updates straight to your phone.



Keep up to date with events in school and the achievements of our students.

After school and lunchtime clubs

- Sign up on E-Praise or just turn up
- Late bus Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday
- Clubs start Monday 11th September

DAY	LUNCH	YEAR	VENUE	AFTER SCHOOL	YEAR	VENUE
MONDAY	Choir	all	Music Room	Gardening Club	all	The UK Map
	French Pen Pal & Film	all	C2	Jam Club	all	Music Room
	Cricket	Y7 & Y8	Sports Hall	GCSE Dance	GCSE group	Gym
TUESDAY	Fitness Suite	all	Sports Centre			
	Dance & Basketball	all	Gym			
	Basketball	Y9,10,11	Sports Hall	Brass Club	all	Music Room
	Fitness Suite	all	Sports Hall	Board Game Club	al (Week 2)	C7
	Dance & Basketball	all	Gym	Homework Club	all	Library
	Musical Theatre	all	Drama room	DofE Silver	Y9 - 11	Library
WEDNESDAY				Chinese Club	Y9-Y11	C1
				Chinese Club - Beginner	all	C2
				Bike Club	all	Outside
				Tennis	all	Outside
				Rounders	all	Outside
THURSDAY	A cappella	all	Music Room	DofE Bronze	Y9-10	Library
	Makaton Club	all	IT2	Homework Club	all	Library
	Chess Club	all	Library	Chess Club	all	A13
	Fitness Suite	all	Sports Hall	Athletics	all	Outside
	KNitting club	all	Sports Hall	Rounders	all	Outside
	Dance & Basketball	all	Gym	Latin and Ballroom Dance	all	Drama Room
FRIDAY				Rugby	all	Outside

Year 11 Intervention and Revision from Monday 11th September 2023

Week 1					Week 2					
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
Lunch time					Lunch time					
Drama	Food	Biology F <u>NG_in S3</u>	Chemistry LSV JLI single	Biology <u>H_SO</u>	Drama	Food	Biology F <u>NG_in S3</u>	Chemistry LSV JLI single	Biology <u>H_SO</u>	
	Period 6					Period 6				
	Maths	Option Q Art French PE Spanish Sociology	Option P Business <u>Geog PS</u> <u>Comp</u> History Child Care			Option S PE History RJE DT	Option R RE H&SC ICT BTEC <u>Music</u> <u>Geog CBR</u> Art	Science	Physics	

E-praise House Points and Charities

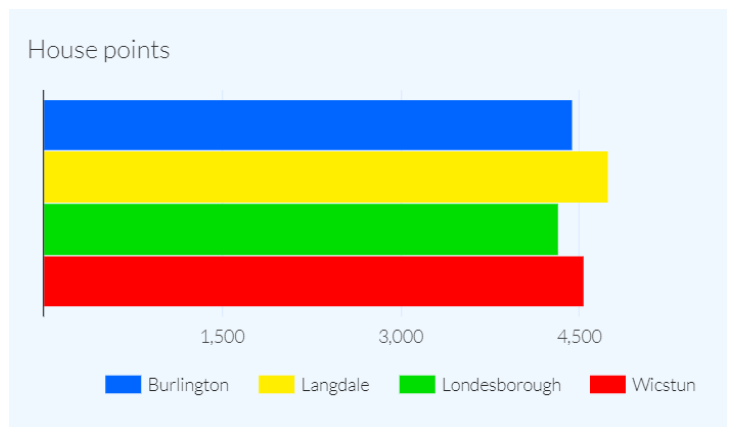
As we start the new academic year all points totals reset to zero for competition purposes but students still have previous year's points in the 'bank' to spend or donate. There are still a few days to donate to last year's House charities before we choose new ones for 2023/24. Students are making suggestions this week and new charities will be revealed in a House Assembly on Friday 15th September. The School Walk is the main fundraising event of the year and takes place on Friday 29th September this year weather permitting. The following Friday is always held as a reserve but hopefully we will continue to experience great late summer weather.

We have again set a target of achieving 750 points to all students in order to take part in the end of year reward trips. This year Mr Savage will be sending home regular updates on progress towards this target along with attendance percentages and other key data.

As ever all our students have started the year with renewed enthusiasm and after the a short first week the points totals are shown below with Langdale taking an early lead.

Remember you can see all the points your child achieves using the E-Praise App or by logging on using a PC or tablet. If you need any help with your E-praise account or access please contact us so we can help you get involved.

Other rewards your child can work towards are termly subject awards, annual awards evening prizes, and getting their work recognized on the Wall of Excellence in reception.



In July we presented more students with school colours ties which are earned for exceptional academic performance or representing the school at county or national level.

Interested in joining the staff at #TeamTMWS?

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

If you are interested in invigilating 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/>

TravelWise Week

16-22
September
2023



Planned Educational Visits

Date	Destination	Trip Leader	Number of students	Year Group
23 Sept 2023	DofE Bronze Qualifier	AA	16	Y9
26 Sept 2023	Peoples Pantry Visit	LG	8	Y7 Y8
4 Oct 2023	WME	PO	30	Y9 Y10 Y11
11 October 2023	Kings College Visit	TBC	30	Y10 Y11
19 Oct 2023	Foundations Live 2023	PO	50	Y10 Y11
25 Oct 2023	Flamingoland Reward Trip	TBC	80	Y11
22 Nov 2023	Bishop Burton Visit	PO	45	Y10 Y11
14 Dec 2023	Toad on the Wolds - ERT	AWA	100	Y7 Y8
8 Feb 2024	Poetry Live	AWA	46	Y11
22 - 29 Mar 2024	Ski Trip	CBR	52	Y8 Y9 Y10

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term	4 September to 22 December
Staff Training Day (<i>Students not in</i>)	Monday 4 September
Half Term	30 October to 3 November
Christmas Holiday	25 December to 5 January
Spring Term	8 January to 22 March
Staff Training Day (<i>Students not in</i>)	Monday 8 January
Half Term	12 February to 16 February
Easter Holiday	25 March to 5 April
Summer Term	8 April to 19 July
Staff Training Day (<i>Students not in</i>)	8 April
Half Term	27 May to 31 May
Staff Training (<i>Students not in</i>)	22 July

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023 - 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR



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

SPRING TERM 2024		January	February	March	April
Monday		1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday		2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday		3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday		4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday		5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	1 8 15 22	29 5 12 19 26
Saturday		6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday		7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28

Autumn	40	75	195
	35		
Spring	25	50	
	25		
Summer	34	70	
	36		
	School Holiday		
	Bank Holiday		

SUMMER TERM 2024		May	June	July
Monday		6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday		7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday		1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Thursday		2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Friday		3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Saturday		4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Sunday		5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28

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