

The Market Weighton School Expect More - Achieve More

Parent Newsletter

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Headteacher Update

As ever we end the first month of the school year with our annual school walk, always a highlight of the year for me. It is a real challenge that many students find difficult but almost all set out with the determination to complete the whole 13 mile route, helping develop resilience and despite some aching legs and sore feet most do indeed complete the full walk. Some students complete a slightly shorter route and some set their own challenge to complete part of the walk, but all students take part and support each other demonstrating another of our school values, compassion. Individuals show great courage, honesty and respect throughout the walk. Thank you to all who have sponsored our students to help raise money for this year's House Charities and School Fund. I have shared the final totals raised for last year's charities in this Newsletter, this includes money from the school walk and points donated by students on E-Praise and converted at 1point = 1p.

Throughout this term we have had a steady number of staff and students off with COVID symptoms/testing positive for COVID. We still have some testing kits available in school to collect from reception, but if your child has COVID symptoms, particularly a high temperature they should remain at home for 3 days to reduce the risk of spreading the virus to others. Please encourage your child to wash their hands, especially before eating. We are continuing to clean high frequency touch points in school throughout the day and have wipes and sanitizer available. With colder weather imminent and students spending less time outside the risk of spreading the virus will only increase and we need to take all sensible precautions to keep as many students and staff in school as possible to reduce any disruption to learning.

Earlier this term we have elected our Head student and Deputy to lead our Student Council and bring ideas to the senior staff for improvements to life at TMWS. In previous years this has resulted in having shorts as an option for school uniform, including a V neck grey sweatshirt along with the jumper and introducing a range of after school clubs previously not on offer. One big idea last year was that all our students should have the opportunity to speak to an adult in school on a one to one basis, not just those who go and seek that support, as all may have things they want to share. As a result we have introduced additional staff to cover Form Tutors so they can meet with students individually, giving all the opportunity to share any concerns or just talk about what they are enjoying in school. You can also read about the investment in upgrading our student toilets which has been a recuring request for several years.

Another great opportunity for develop and demonstrate our school values and leadership skills is to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. I have included some details about the Award in this Newsletter as we are launching it with Year 9 this week with a parent's meeting on Wednesday 25th October at 6:00pm. We are a Licensed Centre for delivering The DofE Award and have a growing team of experienced and qualified staff to lead the expedition section. Our aim is to encourage as many students as possible to take part.

We marked National Mental Health Week by encouraging our staff and students to take the time to talk to each other. We have secured the support of a mental health mentor from Hull and East Yorkshire MIND to work in school every Tuesday throughout the academic year. We have also contracted with Tigers Trust to deliver their Premier League Inspires Programme with Year 8, 9 and 10 students. Both of these activities have been partially funded with generous donations received to support mental wellbeing at TMWS through various fundraising activities last year such as the Snow Ball and 70th Anniversary Celebrations.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many Year 5 and 6 students and parents earlier this term to our annual showcase open evening. Applications for a place in Year 7 for September 2024 should be made via the ERYC website by 31st October 2023. If any parent would like to visit the school during the day to see us in operation please contact reception or e-mail offce@tmws.co.uk to make an appointment. We have more students joining us every week and our Year 9 and 11 cohorts are now full with no spaces.

Our Year 11 students attended a busy post-16 choices evening with over 15 providers of post-16 education and training in the school hall at the beginning on October. Providers will be presenting in assemblies and holding their own open days over the coming weeks. We encourage our Year 11 students to attend and make early applications over the next few weeks.

Richard Harrison

House Charities 2022/23

Students can raise money for each House Charity by collecting sponsors for completing the school walk and by donating E-Praise points earnt for good work, behaviour and attendance. The final totals for last year are displayed below:



House Points to Date

Students have been working very hard since returning from the summer, please remind them that points mean prizes. Students need a minimum of 750 points to participate in next summers' reward trips.

There are lots of things students can buy from the Epraise shop with their points, mini bags, black tights, hair bobbles, wristbands, keyrings, money off trips, water bottles, glue sticks, basketballs, netballs. Students can also cash them in for money off trips and donate them to the House Charities.



TMWS School Walk 2023

This September we completed the 48th annual school walk! Mr Wilson devised the route back in 1976 and has been out on every walk since! These days he meets us at Londesborough rather than completing the whole walk. Year 11 complete their last school walk in fancy dress and did not disappoint this year with some very inventive costumes and the usual array of dinosaurs and super heros! The Chuckle Brothers gave the biggest laugh. A group of girls dressed as Disney Princesses and carried a photograph of Eden Street as this had been her idea for her Year 11 School Walk. The 13 mile route over the hills of the Yorkshire Wolds is a real challenge for all but especially Year 7. This year we have chosen another 4 House Charities based on nominations from staff and students. Half the money raised from sponsorship goes to these charities ad half goes to school fund to support our wider curriculum and student wellbeing at TMWS. Please support your child to collect their sponsors and send the cash into school or pay in via the School Gateway. Thank You to all who have sponsored our students and to TESCO Market Weighton for supplying some bottles of water and oranges for those struggling to make the









E-praise House Points and Charities

Charities chosen by our students this year are—

Wicstun





With your support, we save lives at sea.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the RNLI is ready to save lives. Powered by courage, determination and the support of generous people like you.

Our volunteer lifeboat crews provide a 24-hour rescue service in the UK and Ireland, and our seasonal lifeguards look after people on busy beaches. RNLI crews and lifeguards have saved over 142,700 lives since 1824 but we're more than just a rescue service.

Click here to find out more

Londesborough





What we do

We are working to overcome the social and educational barriers that hold deaf children and young people back

What we do

We give expert support on childhood deafness, raise awareness and campaign for deaf children's rights, so they have the same opportunities as everyone else

Click here to find out more

Langdale



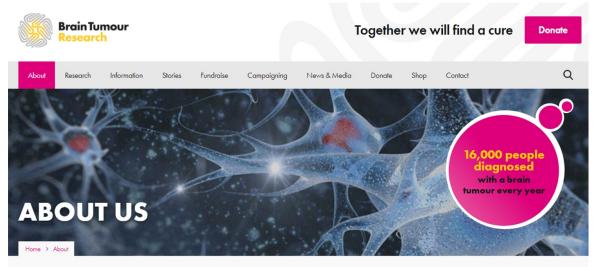


How you can help

Your support powers our life saving research. You are our heroes. The money you raise, the items you donate and the time you volunteer helps protect the people you love. Your children, parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents and closest friends.

Click here to find out more

Burlington



Brain tumours are indiscriminate; they can affect anyone at any age. What's more, they kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer... yet historically just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this devastating disease.

Click here to find out more

Year 10 students complete their Bronze D of E Assessed

Expedition

15 Year 10 students successfully completed their assessed expedition as part of The Duke of Edinburgh Award in the third week of September walking a circular route from Sheriff Hutton to Castle Howard and back. Participants plan the 20 mile route and navigate themselves in unfamiliar countryside to their campsite where they pitch their tents and cook an evening meal. All equipment and food must be carried so keeping the weight to a minimum is essential! It is the weight of the rucksack that makes the expedition such a challenge and one that requires courage and resilience.



BRONZ

What is the DofE?

The DofE is a life-changing adventure you don't want to miss.

It's about going the extra mile – learning new skills for work and life, getting fitter, helping others and exploring the countryside.

Millions of young people in the UK have already done their DofE.

Year 9 Now it's your turn. Year 10 can start at Silver without doing Bronze

Sign up Session 1 Year 9 Bronze 3:10pm Tuesday 17 October

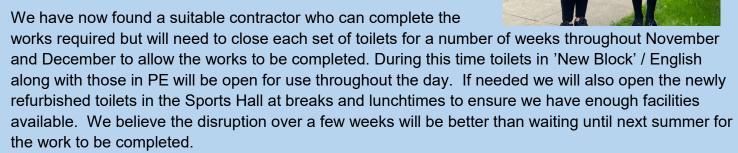
Parent meeting 6:00pm Wednesday 25th October



Student Leadership at TMWS: Making a difference

Following hustings and an election Hallie Jones has been elected as Head Student with Isabelle Buckle in second place taking up the post of Deputy Head Student. Emily Richardson will hand over her responsibilities over the rest of this term as Hallie and Isabelle take on the role of leading our Student Council. Over the past few years the student council have been proactive in influencing school policy, increasing the amount of support for mental wellbeing in school and increasing the number of trips, clubs and activities.

One big issue that has been raised repeatedly is the condition of the main school toilets that have not been improved for many years and are in need of a complete refurbishment. We have been able to make the necessary funds available but were not able to find a contractor to undertake the work over the summer holidays.



Once completed the toilets will be similar to those in the images below and with the total costs being £85,000 it will be vital that the space is respected and well looked after. Generally our students respect our building and acts of vandalism are rare. The number of students attempting to vape and congregate in the toilets has reduced this term and with this investment we are aiming to create a safe and welcoming space for all our students.





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





Autumn Winter Uniform—V Neck Jumper/Sweatshirt/Cardigan

Uniform has been extended to include an optional sweatshirt or cardigan 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, cardigans and jumpers are un-branded and all available from Price and Buckland on-line or other high street shops and supermarkets.

Hoodies, other sweatshirts and tracksuit tops are NOT allowed as part of school uniform and will be confiscated and retained at reception for parents to collect.







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 or our students.









sja.org.uk

Reach your potential with NHS Cadets and learn the skills you need to support vital healthcare teams across the country.

NHS Cadets is a brand-new scheme created by St John Ambulance in partnership with the NHS. It's designed to provide you with the opportunity to explore roles in healthcare.

The programme consists of two pathways: Foundation (for 14–16-year-olds) and Advanced (for 16–18-year-olds). You'll learn about a range of exciting healthcare topics, develop your leadership and communication skills, and gain insight into volunteering within the NHS.

It is a free programme consisting of 2-hour weekly sessions over 11 months. You'll be supported throughout your volunteering journey by our NHS Cadets Team.

Who can get involved?

Our Cadets come from a diverse range of backgrounds - there is no 'typical' NHS Cadet. If you identify with one or more of these statements, our programme would be a good match for you.

I'm from a minority ethnic group

I consider myself part of the LGBTQI+ community, or I'm questioning

I'm not in education, employment or training, or I'm at risk of this

I'm struggling with my progress at school or college

I live in care, or I've recently left care

I provide regular care or support for someone

I receive free school meals

I have mental health concerns

I consider myself to have a disability or impairment

I consider myself neurodivergent, or I have special educational needs

I am seeking asylum, or I'm a refugee

You can find more information about these statements <u>here</u>. If you're unsure, don't hesitate to <u>email our friendly team</u>.

How do I get involved?

New groups will be opening from September 2023.

To learn more, find your local programme and apply, please visit https://nhscadets.sja.org.uk/jointoday/.

LOOK AHEAD

for parent carers of children and people (0-25 years) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

LOOK AHEAD is delivered by Families Information Service Hub

By joining LOOK AHEAD parent carers can receive or apply for:

- FREE termly newsletter
- Fortnightly bulletins about activities, services or events
- Invitations to parent carer events and workshops
- Shop & Save discount card
- Passport to leisure cards



FISH is a free impartial service children, young people and parent carers and the people who support them.

- a listening ear and signposting to help and support in your area
- up-to-date information about local and national services and activities

You do not need to join LOOK AHEAD to access this information.

The East Riding of Yorkshire local offer is a website full of information for parents of children (0-25yrs) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

www.eastridinglocaloffer.org.uk



Planned Edu	ıcational Visits			
Date	Destination	Trip Leader	Number of students	Year Group
26 Sept 2023	Peoples Pantry Visit	LG	8	Y7 Y8
27 Sept 2023	Allerthorpe Lakeside Park	SJH	4	Y10 Y11
27 Sept 2023	Dalby Forest Mountain Bike	AWA	12	All
29 Sept 2023	SchoolWalk	RH	All	All
4 Oct 2023	WIME	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
24 Oct 2023	Bishop Burton Visit		15	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	SkiTrip	CBR	52	Y9 Y10 Y11

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/

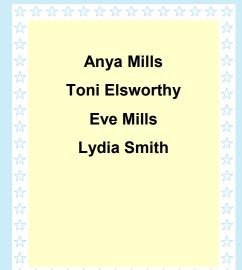
Wall of Excellence - Rewarding 'Industry'

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

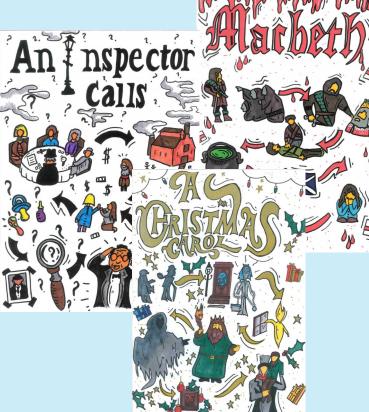


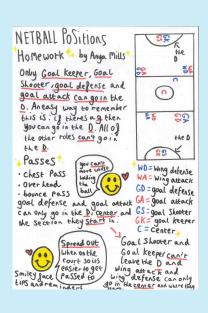














Britain Get Talking at your School

Get your school involved

This World Mental Health Day, 10th October 2023, ITV's Britain Get Talking and YoungMinds' #HelloYellow are collaborating to help children across the country open up. Together with teachers and a clinical psychologist, we've created a piece of homework like no other. A conversation starter for children to take home, designed to help them talk about the hardest subjects on their minds with their parents or trusted adults. Because sharing worries can help ease stress and reduce

If you think the power of a proper chat could benefit the students in your school, download our homework task today here.





Click link to Ant and Dec video

https://www.itv.com/britaingettalking/schools.html

A different kind of homework

Mental Health has declined in almost 40% of school children (NHS Survey). That's why Britain Get Talking is setting the nation a different kind of homework. It's designed to help ease our stress and reduce our anxiety by asking what's on our minds. Have a chat tonight or take part in our national homework exercise this World Mental Health Day, 10th October. You don't need a pen or paper, but if you're unsure where to start, download our task and try writing or drawing your worries on the

Holme Rovers & Market Weighton Town FC PAN DISABILI & ALL PLAY FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITES OR LOW ABILITY Age 4-16 year old Boys & Girls Mondays 5.30pm- 6.30pm 3G Market Weighton School ALL PLAY for more details visit our facebook page -Holme Rovers Juniors & Mini Soccer or contact one of our coaches Rich 07368 392112 - email holmerovers@gmail.com





Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term	4 September to 22 December
Staff Training Day (Students not in)	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 (Students not in)	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 (Students not in)	8 April
Half Term	27 May to 31 May
Staff Training (Students not in)	22 July

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023 - 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR



AUTUMN TE	ERM 20	23																								
	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
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SPRING TERM 2024																							
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Spring	25	30	193
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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