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# The Market Weighton School *Expect More - Achieve More*

## Parent Newsletter

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## Headteacher Update

The build up to Christmas in school is always a great 2 weeks with so many activities and opportunities for our students to take part in. In this bumper December Newsletter you can read about our Christmas events and see how valuable they are for our students. We encourage our students to consider others less fortunate at this time of the giving and receiving of gifts by holding an annual charity appeal, this year supporting The People's Pantry Food Bank. Developing a sense of compassion in our students is a key value at TMWS and contributing to charity events is just one way we can encourage this. We take all our students in Years 7 to 10 to church to be reminded of the meaning of Christmas and reflect on how fortunate we are whilst listening to readings and music. The 9 lessons services mark the start of our Christmas events and this year the addition of the Spanish choir was the highlight for me: singing 'Feliz Navidad' seemed to put a smile on everyone's face.

Christmas is also a chance to have fun in school! Sometimes fun is not given the importance it deserves but happy children want to come to school, want to get involved in positive activities and want to learn! The Year 10 Drama group pantomime production of Aladdin was certainly a great example of a group of students having fun and working together to achieve a first class performance that was enjoyed by all who saw it. Our Christmas Dinner must be one of the best in the country! Clare Narborough and our catering team do an amazing job and this year served a record 300 Christmas lunches! We have had to increase prices this year due to food inflation but we still give great value with a full dinner, choice of pudding and cracker. With many students wearing Christmas jumpers it all contributes to create a fantastic atmosphere where all can enjoy the day.

The week ends with more musical performances with the choir signing at Northgate House and our students proving TMWS has got talent and performing for parents and students. Ending the term with an hour of entertainment from students to students in the Hall is another activity that allows the students to have fun and celebrate with friends. We have had a long term and I would like to thank all our staff for making all these activities possible and all our parents for the support and encouragement you give your children to perform and get involved.

In between all these activities our students are working hard in lessons and producing some excellent work, some of which we highlight in each monthly Newsletter and place on the Wall of Excellence in our reception area. Our Year 11 students have completed 2 weeks of mock exams in December and we welcomed back the class of 2023 to receive their GCSE certificates. It is always good to welcome past students back into school and hear how they are doing at College, University and in employment.

As we break for the holidays and reflect on 2023 when we celebrated 70 years of The Market Weighton School we are looking forward to the future and plans to work more closely with our local Primary schools and Wyke College in a new Multi Academy Trust. We have been moving these ideas forward with governors over the past few months and will be holding a number of consultation events in the New Year for parents and the wider community to gather your views and ideas. Securing the next 70 years of the best possible education for our students, their children and grandchildren is the intention with this project. This change will be the most significant in the history of the school and one we must get right. I am keen to hear your views, ideas and hopefully encourage some of you to get involved as trustees of the new organisation that will be created. For this and many other reasons 2024 will be an exciting year, although the timescales involved in such a conversion to an Academy mean that if we do make the decision to proceed, it will be 2025 before any formal changes take place. The main advantage of creating a Multi Academy Trust rather than join an existing trust means we can ensure TMWS and our local Primary Schools remain at the heart of the community we serve.

Thank you for your support for all we have achieved in 2023. I hope you enjoy the Newsletter and wish you a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

**Richard Harrison**

Headteacher





# New—Friends of the Market Weighton School Launch

The school has not had an active PTA or Friends of TMWS, since 2015 and we are looking at re-establishing this group in order to:

**Support the school** Friends of TMWS is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised will enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better.

**Make lasting friendships** Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.

**Be better connected** Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the Friends of TMWS is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

**Because it's FUN!** Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

**Change school for the better** Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

**Learn new skills** Everyone has something they can bring to the Friends of TMWS, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.

**Improve your child's learning** Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the Friends of TMWS shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them thrive.

**Create lasting memories** Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold.

**All welcome** Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have a wide variety of our community involved with the many skills that they bring.

**It's totally flexible** Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

*If you feel that this is something that you would like to be involved with please contact Clare Breen, Deputy Headteacher at The Market Weighton School [cbreen@tmws.co.uk](mailto:cbreen@tmws.co.uk).*

*We will aim to have an initial interest meeting Wednesday 31st January 2024 in School 5.30pm – 6.30pm, all interested parties very welcome.*





## 9 Lessons of Christmas Celebration of Readings and Carols

This event is always a great opportunity for our music students to showcase their talents. This year was no exception with some excellent performances at All Saint's Church on the Monday evening and again the following morning when all our students in Years 7 to 10 walk down to church for a slightly shorter version of the 9 lessons service. Thanks to Revd Caroline Pinchbeck for welcoming us to our beautiful church in Market Weighton and helping to remind students of the meaning of Christmas.

If you would like your child to have additional instrumental lessons in school please contact our music teacher Miss Higgs. Each year at the end of the celebration a collection is made to support music and performing arts at TMWS and along with other fundraising events at this time of year help us to continue to offer music to all.

This year the staff choir performed but the highlight for many was the addition of the Spanish choir lead by Miss Garcia, performing Feliz Navidad! Like all our events all our students are encouraged to take part and this is a real credit to our staff who help make all events so successful.

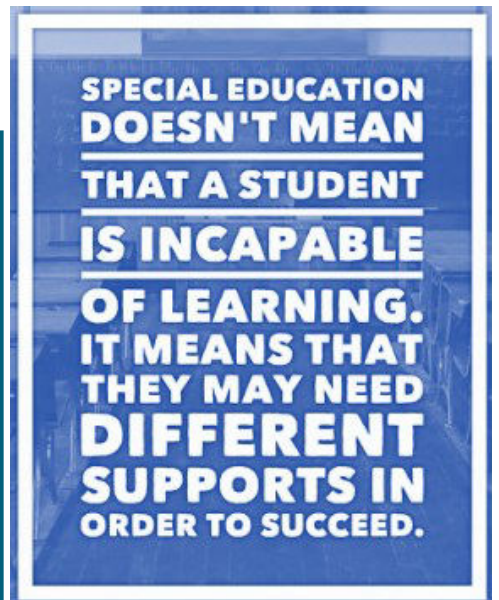




## SENCO Message:

It is always this time of year where the SEND team is at its busiest. With Year 5 and 6 students touring frequently and annual reviews for Year 11 students due during the Christmas period, staff illness, our routine mock examinations and Christmas events. You will see recently across social media that despite the challenges faced, inclusivity continues to be at the heart of our ethos and school and it is this reason why we have been experiencing an influx of new students wanting to join our wonderful community school. This is the reason why we will be recruiting again for teaching assistants to continue the excellent and widespread work that is already in place.

Mrs KI Woodhead



## Did you know?

Parents can gain advice and support from:

[The SEND Local Offer](#)



[The East Riding Parent, Carer forum](#)



## Key dates to have in the diary

Thursday  
18th  
January  
2024

**Year 11 Parents Evening**— Do you require a meeting with the SEND Team?

Thursday  
1st  
February  
2024

**Year 9 Options evening.** Feel free to book to meet with the SENCO and Key Stage 4 Lead

Tuesday  
6th  
February  
2024

**PD Day 2**  
Please prepare your children for a change to our usual routine.

Thank you as always for your continued parental support, engagement and positive communication.



## YOU'RE INVITED!

### PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD, TRANSITION AND POST 16 EVENT.



Wednesday  
24 January, 2024

ARRIVE: 4:45pm  
END TIME: 7:00PM

## SEND EVENT

Join us at The Market Weighton School for an evening to support your child's future plans of transition to Post 16.

East Riding stall holders will be present to provide information on how your child can be supported Post 16.



## FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

of children with EHCPs, SEND Support or existing needs who may require additional support from year 9 onwards.

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A student on the Special Educational Needs and Disability register may be allocated a keyworker. This member of staff will be a key contact for you and your child along with their form tutor and Head of Year. If you would like to know more about our internal team processes, please visit our school website's policies section.

Here you will find The Market Weighton School's SEND Policy and SEND Information Report

We wish all of our wonderful families a Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming Students back on Tuesday 9th of January.  
Happy Holidays!



## Resources for families

Advice and guidance for parents and carers to help them support a child or young person experiencing poor mental health or wellbeing.

### Self-care for parents and carers

Guidance on the importance of self-care for parents and carers

[Read more](#) →

### Parents and carers in conflict or separating

Our clinical team at the Centre has put together some tips for parents and carers experiencing conflict, and advice on reducing the impact of conflict between parents and carers on child...

[Read more](#) →

### Adoptive parents, special guardians, kinship carers and foster carers

As an adoptive parent, special guardian, kinship carer or foster carer, you play a vital role in supporting a child or young person who has had a unique start in life.

[Read more](#) →

### Turning things around

A resource capturing the lived experience of families who have faced exclusion, with the hope that it may support other parents and carers.

[Read more](#) →

### Further resources for families

A collection of resources for families.

[Read more](#) →

[For families | Anna Freud](#)

Within the support systems for special educational needs, mental health and wider wellbeing support we frequently use free resources available from the Anna Freud Website.

This is available at [www.annafreud.org.uk](http://www.annafreud.org.uk) where there a handful of articles to help parents and carers navigate difficult, emotional situations within the home.

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## HOW TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH? WIDER COMMUNITY SESSION



Tuesday  
6 February, 2024



ARRIVE: 4:00pm  
END TIME: 5:30PM

## MENTAL HEALTH EVENT

### FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

of children in Years 7-11 who wish to learn more about mental health services and support available locally. An opportunity to learn in our Parent Workshop.

Led by Mind in the East Riding to share what Mental Health services parents can access in their area and considerations for parental mental health support.

Presentation from Laura Bushnell  
HeyMind.



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## Year 10 Drama Production of Aladdin

As part of the GCSE Drama course students need to stage their own production. This year they wrote and produced their version of Aladdin, think Disney with East Yorkshire teenager humour! All 28 students have a role. You do not have to perform to take GCSE Drama, you can design the set, costumes, make up or work on the technical bits of lighting and sound! This group had it all covered under the expert guidance of Mrs O'Malley. The students had limited rehearsal time in the Hall as GCSE mock exams had only finished the day before. With a performance to Year 7 in the afternoon followed by the evening performance to friends and relatives. The Hall was packed and as you can see from the pictures and feedback on Facebook it was a fantastic show!



This message from a parent says it all:

*Hello.*

*I just wanted to say how absolutely amazing last night's pantomime was. Each and every pupil was exceptional both on the stage and behind the scenes. It is clear the bond they all have with one another and how they willed each other to do well. The hard work was clear to see from all of them and yourself. We are so grateful you are able to give our daughter these wonderful opportunities, you make such a difference to her both with performances and just daily classes. Thank you for all you do. We had family from all over attend last night and everyone was so impressed and glad they came.*

*Parent of Year 10 student (message edited to anonymise)*





## Library news

Since the last newsletter the library has been highlighting books connected to Remembrance Day and the Book Buzz books which were handed out for free to every Y7 student. We have also hosted the Scholastic Book Fair in the library. It was lovely to see the students excitedly browsing all the books (and stationery!). Some students were so busy reading their new purchases that they needed to be reminded the bell had gone.



We have been counting down the days to the holiday with a Book Advent Calendar. Each day featured a different seasonal book and was displayed on the screens around school. The books were all available in the library where we also had a Christmas tree made of books.

To encourage reading during the holidays the Christmas Reading Challenge is back for 2023. This year there are 10 different tasks for students to tick off from reading a book set at Christmas to listening to someone else read. They are all aiming to encourage reading, and discussion about reading. It would be lovely if other family members could take part too. Please see over the page for the challenge.

## Accelerated Reader competition news

Since the last newsletter students have earned 30 certificates for reading. There were 24 Bronze awards for reading over 100,000 words and 6 Silvers for reading 500,000 words. Congratulations to all the students reaching those milestones especially Alex Kendle, Daisy Millett, Erin Jackson, Cannelle De Bruyn, Will Clarkson and Lilliana Jeffery for earning their Silver certificates.

Over the past few weeks Year 7 have been especially busy reading and are now 2 million words ahead of their closest rivals, Year 9. Altogether, Y7-9 have read over 20 million words this year. The year group standings may have remained the same but the tutor group standings have seen more change. As we approach the end of the Autumn term this is the current top five:

1. 8JLI
2. 7CEM
3. 7EO
4. 9RDM
5. 9KD



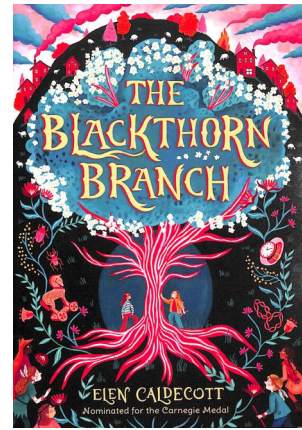
## Book review:

### The Blackthorn Branch—Elen Caldecott

Cassie's older brother has been growing distant from the family after their Grandad's death. He's fallen in with the wrong crowd and it's causing arguments at home. But it's not just teenage angst and grief Byron needs rescuing from - he has been lured in by the Fair Folk.

This is a modern fantasy featuring Welsh mythology. The old story of children being lured away is brought to a present-day setting. Interweaved with this is the story of a family struggling with their grief after losing a family member.

Cassie works together with her book-loving cousin Sian and their Nain (Welsh for grandmother) to find out who has taken Byron, and how they can get him back.



**Visit your local library** - for anyone struggling to heat their home this winter your local library offers a warm space to spend the day. As well as free Wi-Fi there are comfy seats, games, and jigsaws. Plus all the books!

Find out more on the [East Riding Libraries website](https://www.eastridinglibraries.co.uk/).

## Christmas Reading Challenge 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_

How many can you tick off?

Read a book set in winter or at Christmas

Read a book that's an old favourite of yours

Read a book that is older than you

Read a book after watching the film/TV adaptation

Read a library book

Read to someone

Score a book out of 5 and write a review

Listen to someone else read

Listen to an audiobook

Read a non-fiction book

Visit Miss Theakstone in the library after the holidays to share how you got on and receive epraise points for taking part.

You can write down the names of the books you read/listened to (and your book review) on the other side of this sheet.



Don't have the books you need for the challenges? East Riding Libraries lend books, ebooks, audiobooks and more.

Visit their website to learn more: [eastridinglibraries.co.uk](https://www.eastridinglibraries.co.uk)



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## Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumpers for Save the Children

Our amazing catering team served almost 300 Christmas Lunches and there is no compromising on a TMWS Christmas Dinner. Turkey, Pigs in Blankets, Stuffing, mash and roast potatoes, sprouts, carrots, peas, cranberry sauce and gravy! Not to mention the choice of sweets!

Massive thank you to Clare Narborough and her team. As you can see we had lots of happy students!





## Christmas Hamper Collection for The People's Pantry Food Bank



**Tutor groups were very generous with their donations to this year's Peoples Pantry Hampers Appeal. Students and staff have spent the last 4 weeks collecting items to fill the hampers with a wide range of groceries to help those less fortunate than ourselves.**

- ✿ Week 1 students fetched in something savoury, soup, tinned fish or meat, beans, vegetables, pasta or rice
- ✿ Week 2 was something to drink such as tea, coffee or pop
- ✿ Week 3 it was something sweet, tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard, biscuits or cakes
- ✿ Week 4 was a treat such as sweets, toiletries or something special

Above are some of our students seen with Karen Berry who came with some colleagues to collect the donations.

A big thank you goes out to all parents who helped our students support this fantastic cause.





## Weighton Wolds Rotary Club Christmas Hampers



Weighton Angels part of the Weighton Wolds Rotary Club is formed from local business' who contribute £5.00 per month into a community fund. The Rotary Club then consider who would be the most deserving recipients. This year they have chosen to support local families who have, in some way, had a tough year and give a little cheer by way of a hamper. The Weighton Angels approached the school and asked us if we could deliver some hampers to local families. Mrs Breen, our Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Curtis our Safeguarding Officer had the pleasurable job of delivering the 15 hampers to the recipients as a small thank you.

The hampers have a wonderful selection of treats for the families to share.

On behalf of the recipients TMWS would like to very much thank both The Weighton Wolds Rotary Club and the Weighton Angles for their generosity.





## School Lunches — Polite reminder and price increases

Parents are reminded to keep their child's School gateway 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 and in the meantime 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](#)

Despite over a year of high inflation on food costs we have avoided price increases but as prices continue to rise and staff costs also increase we have made some small increases across most of our meals and snacks. We are continuing to offer FREE veg with any meal and will be increasing the Free School Meal allowance to £2.75 to keep pace with these increases. This will be funded by the school as the amount we receive from government remains unchanged at £2:60



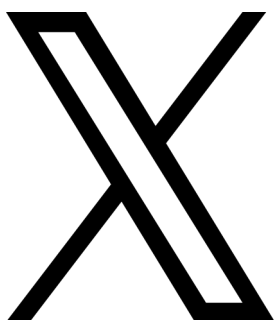
## Autumn Winter Uniform—V Neck Jumper/Sweatshirt/ Cardigan

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 all available from Price and Buckland on-line or other high street shops and supermarkets.



## Social Media



TMWS has both X 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.







## The E-praise Reward Scheme

Our Merits reward scheme recognises students' achievements over the course of the academic year.

Merits are awarded when students are meeting at least the standard of 'good'. This means bringing correct equipment to lesson, being on time, focusing and engaging in the lesson, not disrupting the learning of others so that they can make at least good progress too.

Merits are also rewarded at teachers' discretion for above and beyond efforts, such as excellent contributions in class, exemplary homework, etc.

Students who show really high aspiration regarding their future employability and personal development will also be recognised and awarded extra points. This includes participating in whole school activities such as: team sports, enrichment activities, open nights, community work and extra classes after school.

Attendance is really important and links strongly to academic outcomes. Every student who achieves 100% attendance will be awarded additional Merits on a weekly basis.

## Top students in December

### Year 7

Evan Griffiths 125  
 Reggie Jackson 120  
 Alfie Hyde 118  
 Alf Jenkinson 109  
 Elijah Hodges 104  
 Poppy Watson 104  
 Sam Ellis 103  
 Jake Cragg 101  
 Keeley Owston-Torr 101  
 Darcy Allison 100

### Year 8

Sophie Card 132  
 Laurence Crawford 119  
 Maisie Fenna 116  
 Jake Bramley 113  
 Florence Sammons 112  
 Kai Rigden 101  
 Chloe Martin 100  
 Evan Woodman-Hatfield 100  
 Megan Hensel 99

### Year 9

Lilliana Jeffery 162  
 Toni Elsworthy 144  
 Erin Jackson 129  
 Emily Meyer 117  
 Ava Woods 114  
 Elliott Sperring 113  
 Naomi Chrispin 111  
 Thomas Wood 110  
 Verity Bostwick 107  
 Isaac Sperring 106

### Year 10

Emily Richardson 142  
 Allan Welford 114  
 Isabelle Buckle 110  
 Thomas Fielden 110  
 Hallie Jones 105  
 Abi Shooter 104  
 Emma Young 100  
 Rosie Thompson 98  
 Elizabeth Hart 97  
 Callum Whiting 96

### Year 11

Riley Wilson 101  
 Matthew Aston 96  
 Nathan Davill-Morrison 74  
 Jennifer Wilson 74  
 Penny Vernon 73  
 Katherine Boothroyd 72  
 Ruby Calam 72  
 Olivia Haxby 71  
 Courtney Underwood 71  
 Ella Walker 70



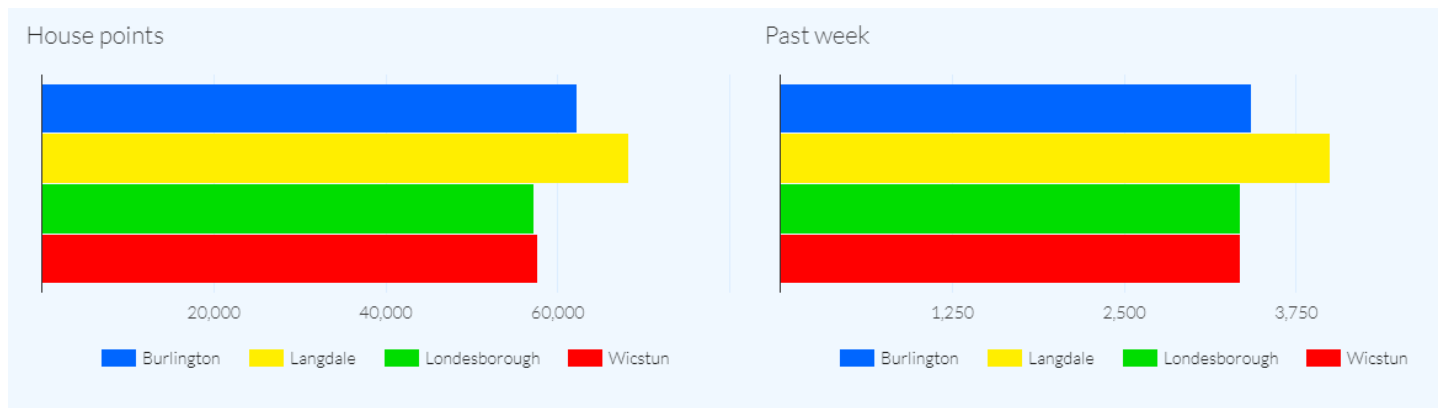
Students in year 9 –11 can improve their revision by watching their subject 'pods' and completing the numerous questions.

Top "podders" this month

1	Emily Ashton	101
2	Cameron Hodson	96
3	Olivia Haxby	91



# E-praise Points December 2023



As we close out 2023 Langdale are racing ahead achieving most house points overall for the year so far and also the most amount of points in the last week, come on everyone you've some catching up to do in the New Year.

Don't forget points mean prizes, you can put them towards trips, purchase items from the rewards shop or donate them to the House Charities.

A reminder to all our students that you are working towards the reward trip at the end of the summer term 2024 and need 750 points to participate.

## Interested in joining the staff at #TeamTMWS?

**TEACHING ASSISTANT – LEVEL 1, 2 or 3, Apprentice Considered (depending on qualifications & experience)**

Scale Point 4 £23,500 at L2 (pro rata) £17,459 (actual) (Total Pay & Reward Review Pending)

32 hours per week, term time only + training days

Required February 2024.

Permanent

Experience with students with physical difficulties and/or Autism preferred

Follow the link below to apply.

If you want to join our team please email [sflorence@tmws.co.uk](mailto:sflorence@tmws.co.uk) for further information.

If you are interested in becoming an **Exam Invigilator** 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/>



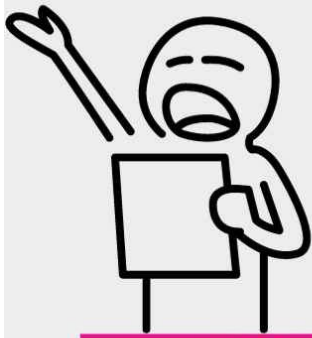
# TMWS's Got Talent Christmas Show

We have concluded our Christmas celebrations with another first, TMWS's Got Talent and we certainly have! We were treated to a range of performances from poetry to comedy with some excellent musical and vocal performances. The winner was Charlie Nelson with a strong vocal performance with Alan Welford in second place after getting the audience on their feet applauding his performance. The judges found it hard to decide the winners and Thomas and Evan shared third place.

All will be performing again for students on Friday afternoon as we end another successful year at The Market Weighton School.







**FUN**

**CREATE**

**& CONNECT**

**DRAMA**

**SESSIONS**

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11-18!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR OUR **FREE** WEEKLY DRAMA GROUP. NO PREVIOUS DRAMA EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. PERFECT FOR ANYONE WHO LIKES TO GET INVOLVED, ANYONE WHO LIKES DRAMA OR ANYONE WHO FANCIES GIVING IT A TRY.

'CREATE & CONNECT' WILL RUN FOR 4 WEEKS BEGINNING 16TH JANUARY 2024.



**DRAMATIC**

[WWW.DRAMATICTHEATRE.CO.UK](http://WWW.DRAMATICTHEATRE.CO.UK)

COME MAKE SOME THEATRE WITH PROFESSIONAL THEATRE MAKERS "DRAMATIC THEATRE" @ MWYAG,  
THE ACORNS, 76 MARKET PLACE  
TUESDAYS - FROM 16TH JANUARY FOR 4 WEEKS - 630-8:30PM  
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN ADVANCE.

TOGETHER WE'LL PLAY GAMES, CREATE CHARACTERS AND STORYLINES BASED ON YOUR IDEAS.



**EAST RIDING**  
OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL



## Year 11 Exam Certificate Presentation Evening

At the end of November we invited the class of 2023 back into school to be presented with their GCSE and vocational subject certificates. We also recognised those who achieved the best results and those who had made the most progress since the start of Year 7. This year we also made awards to students who exemplified each of our school values; Respect, Honesty, Compassion, Resilience, Industry and Courage.



Best results winner Arthur Kidd with friends after receiving awards.



Much is said in the media about the mental health crisis with young people but this Year group had coped with 2 lockdowns, remote learning, bereavement, relationship breakdowns, friendship issues and more but on the whole had just got on with it! Each year we award the Robert Stephenson Cup to a student who exemplifies all of this and achieves great results. This year we chose Finn Bengie as the deserving recipient.

Robert Stephenson Trophy Winner—Finn Bengie

### Planned Educational Visits

Date	Destination	Trip Leader	Number of students	Year Group
11 Jan 2024	Panathalon 2024	LHO	8	Y9
25 Jan 2024	Pocklington School Taster Day	MJ	12	Y11
1 Feb 2024	Bishop Burton College	LHO	12	Y10
8 Feb 2024	Poetry Live	AWA	46	Y11
24 Feb - 1 Mar 2024	French Exchange Visit	JGU	5	Y10
2 Mar 2024	DofE Bronze Walk	AA	TBC	Y9
19 Mar 2024	Elizabethan England GCSE Trip	PF	30	Y11
20 March 2024	Hull Truck - Oh What a Lovely War	VLM	27	Y10
22 March 2024	Leeds Rhinos Netball	KWT	TBC	TBC
22 - 29 Mar 2024	Ski Trip	CBR	52	Y9 Y10 Y11
24 Apr 2024	Bletchley Park	JKI	60	Y10
26 - 28 June 2024	Year 8 Residential	STH	114	Y8
15 July 2024	Costello Stadium	KWT	TBC	TBC

# 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 this month.



Joe Townend  
 Faith Wilson  
 Alexa Lord-Laverick  
 Emily Richardson  
 Emma Young  
 Lydia Smith  
 Abi Shooter  
 Elizabeth Hart  
 Matthew Cooper

## FACTS ABOUT Amoeba!

De Faverest

**KINGDOM: PROTISTA**  
**PHYLUM: PROTOZOA**

Amoeba are single celled organisms. They seem simple but can be very complex. They carry out all 7 life processes.

**Movement**  
**Respiration**  
**Sensitivity**  
**Growth**  
**Reproduction**  
**Excretion**  
**Nutrition**

**FACTS:-**

- You can find Amoeba in fresh water, salt water and soil. You can even find them in animals!
- Amoeba produce false feet called pseudopodia that let it move about. These pseudopodia can surround food and take it inside the cell.

## Amoeba Cells

How and where Amoeba cells live

- Amoeba cells live in warm fresh water, such as lakes and rivers.
- Amoeba cells can live alone or in groups (big and small).
- They live by consuming bacteria and other protists.

**Features and adaptations of a amoeba cell:**

- contractile vacuole (removes water and waste)
- It also contains a food vacuole, a trophic contractile vacuole, a cytoplasm, a water vacuole, a plasma, a plasma, a Pseudopodia and that's all the parts.

**Classification**

They are classified as a protista/protista Kingdom!

An amoeba is adapted to live in fresh water because it has a contractile vacuole. The cytoplasm, plasma membrane and the nucleus can be found in a amoeba cell.

## Multiplication Square

Imagine you have a 15 by 15 multiplication square. If you pick any 2 by 2 square and add the numbers on each diagonal, there will be a difference of 4.

If you pick any 3 by 3 square and add the numbers on each diagonal, there will be a difference of 10.

If you pick any 4 by 4 square and add the numbers on each diagonal, there will be a difference of 20.

**Difference**

$$\frac{1}{6}n^3 = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{3}n$$

You can use this equation to work out the difference between the sum of the diagonal in any n by n square.

## CUBES!

Imagine a large cube made from 27 small red cubes.

Now imagine doing the same with other cubes made from small red cubes.

Made up of  $n^3$  small cubes

What can you say about the number of small cubes with yellow paint on?

$n^3 - (n-2)^3$

It's dipped in yellow paint. The outer sides and the centre piece would stay red.

Number of sides painted	1	2	3
None	1	12	8
1	6	12	8
2	12	12	8
3	8	12	8
4	12	12	8
5	12	12	8
6	8	12	8

## Nutritional Info: 8" pizza

Calories: 680  
 Fat: 24g  
 2 slices per portion

**Protein** - Builds muscle, Healthy

**Beta Carotene** - Food vision, Healthy skin

**Vitamin K1** - Blood and brain, Bleeding problems

**Vitamin B6** - Normal growth, Development

**Vitamin C** - Maintains healthy skin, Helps heal wounds

**Lycopene** - Reduces risk of cancer and heart disease

**Potassium** - Maintains normal level of fluid in our cells

**Iron** - Maintains healthy skin, Helps heal wounds

**Orange juice full of Vitamin C**

**AIEXA L-L**



# Wall of Excellence - Rewarding 'Industry'

**William Russon**  
**Florence Sammons**  
**Alice Russon**



## The Autumn Red – Florence Sammons

Rain poured down from the sky like an angel's tears and the wind violently thrashed the dead trees outside. Betty Clatten rested in her armchair, her eyes drooping as she reluctantly read a report of a missing necklace. Betty felt her mind go blank as her eyes closed as she drifted off. The moon, full of beauty and grace, began to rise. *— lovely line*

Like a bolt of lightning, Harold burst through the door, slamming it into the wall of the apartment. Betty's eyes shot open and she stared around, stunned by what was going on. She grunted, "What?"

"There's been... there's been another murder," Harold Jackson panted, "a young man – about twenty-one – blonde hair, pale skin, 5 foot – not that tall."

"What is he? An albino?" Clatten asked as she rubbed her eyes, still in disbelief.

"Probably. Well come on, the murder isn't going to solve itself!"

Hurriedly, she put on her coat and rushed down the stairs to get in her car. "You're driving," she told her accomplice as she slumped herself into the passenger seat. As the car screamed down the road, she noticed a bottle of Harold's beer. "Give me that!" she snapped and swigged it down.

## The Hollywood Killer

By Will L. Russon

Will North sat in the breakroom; grey bags lay under his eyes: the love child of a bad night's sleep. His mind awash with thoughts of battling his latest foe: the LA Times crossword. Alas this is no great difficulty for one of the most talented detectives the LAPD had ever seen. He sipped his bitter coffee, triumphant yet again.

"North, they've found a body down at Stafford Woods," declared Detective Clark Jones, a detective of great regard in his own right, albeit nowhere near the sheer genius and talent of North.

"Interesting, Very Interesting," responded North, unfazed by Jones' announcement.

"No, not interesting. Sarge wants us down there ASAP."

"Well good for The Sergeant. However, the way I see it, the victim is already dead therefore we have all the time in the world. What's it going to do-get more dead? Jones sliced his hands through his neat chestnut brown hair in frustration, North is a very difficult man.

"Very funny North, Now seriously come on."

The sun shone through the trees, the heat blazing down despite the early hours. The earth was dry underfoot. Rain, a distant memory; it would be months before the Californian summer relinquished its hold, allowing the land some relief in the slightly cooler weather.

North and Jones arrived at the scene, Jones had waived away North's request to drive, insisting instead on living through the journey. The corpse was there slumped beside a majestic tree. North walked over and crouched down next to the deceased. He scoured the body in search of clues. He looked at the blood splattered over the victim's jacket, it's a rustic brown color. North made a mental note, this body had long been dead. He looked towards the wound just above the heart. It's a bullet wound made by a 9mm from point blank range. He looked closer, "By God" he said aloud in astonishment. "Jones take a look at this," North gestured towards the wound in his chest.

"The Bullet it's-it's" stuttered Jones in shock.

"Gone exactly The blood as well is dried. This man was not killed last night, maybe not either the night before."

"I'll call forensics, they'll get the time of death. But Will you don't think it could be?"

"Face the facts, Jones. It matches to a tee the murders of Brooke and Clarkson. They were found with dried blood and a point blank bullet wound, with the absence of the bullet."

"What are you saying?"

North let out a sigh and stared up towards the picturesque blue sky. A rare scene of tranquility in the busy metropolis of Los Angeles. "The Hollywood Killer has struck again."

## Ode to Winter

Like a painting, stockings are hung,  
 Advent calendars opened, surprise in the air,  
 People are decorating; lights are strung,  
 Joy is on the table, family is there,  
 Pop the cracker goes off like a rocket,  
 Mine pie crumbs are found on a chair,  
 Chocolate is slugged into a pocket.

Crunch, snowflakes are destroyed;  
 As people pass by,  
 Snowmen are decorated with a hat,  
 Blizzards and snowstorms occur in the sky,  
 The world is silent, like a bot,  
 People have sun playing in the snow,  
 Roads are wet because the rain spot,  
 People are enjoying life as the wind blows.

Winter is here!

By Alice Russon





# Christmas Card Competition 2023

Students are asked to start and think of ideas at the beginning of October each year to design the school's Christmas Card. The competition is open to all.

The winner of the 2023 Christmas Card competition was won this year by Sophie Barrett and the runner up was Maisie Fenner.

In total there were 25 cards shortlisted from many entries. This is just a small selection of the fabulous designs from our students.





# 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	
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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