



TDMS

Wednesday 13 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Our first TDMS Appreciation Week is upon us! This is an opportunity for our staff to recognise the hard work and progress that our students have made since starting back in September. We are also asking our students to show appreciation to those who have supported them over the past half term. Students will be asked to write two postcards of thanks to staff, other students or someone at home. Certificates of appreciation and student postcards will be given out during Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 October. We hope this will be a positive way to end an excellent half term.

School Council

We received over 90 applications from students in Years 6 to Year 11 to join the School Council. We have been very impressed by the range of ideas presented within the letters and these have all been documented ready for discussion at our meetings. Those students who were successful will receive a letter welcoming them onto the School Council. We will also be creating leadership opportunities for students who applied; this will involve sub-councils and more details will follow about this after half term.

Student Voice

Throughout the final week of this half term, our Heads of Learning will be undertaking a student voice. This has been designed to collate student opinion about teaching and learning strategies, the behaviour system and presents an opportunity for students to raise any other queries or concerns they may have. For our Year 11 and Year 13 students, it will allow us to assess the impact of the revision technique work that has been taking place through tutor time, supported in lessons by subject teachers, and review any additional support which is currently needed. Student voice will be completed on a half termly basis with every year group moving forward.

SHARP reporting tool

This week we are pleased to be launching our Sharp reporting tool in tutor time. The tool provides students with a confidential way to report concerns or ask for support. It is found on the top toolbar on the school website or via the link below:

<https://tdms.thesharpsystem.com/>

Students are able to send anonymous messages or ask for direct support through an email. The Safeguarding team will then respond to named emails within 3 days. We feel it is important that students are able to have open access to a tool to help them keep themselves safe and report worries when they are ready. Please note this is not an emergency service and students are made aware that information cannot be kept confidential if someone is being harmed or at risk of harm.

Letter from the Secretaries of State for Education and Health

The Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care have written a [joint letter](#) to parents about the vaccination of children aged 12 to 15 and the importance of continuing with twice-weekly COVID-19 testing and reporting. The letter provides information on COVID-19 testing and advises that, in response to potential outbreaks, local health teams may advise additional testing and isolation protocols at your school or college. Alongside the letter are some [frequently answered questions for parents](#), from Dr Mary Ramsay, Head of Immunisation.

Year 8 - Alter Ego

On Thursday we are pleased to announce that Year 8 students will be attending a drama performance by well renowned drama company Alter Ego. This performance will explore the theme of exploitation of children, making the students more aware of the risks and how to get help. The performance is designed for students in Year 8 and will tackle this issues in a frank and honest way, whilst ensuring that the content is age appropriate. It would be helpful if parents and carers would discuss the performance with their child, to help reinforce the learning from the drama.

Parent/carers questionnaire

Thank you to all who have filled in the parent questionnaire. We are monitoring it on a weekly basis to help us inform our school improvement plans. We will be leaving it open for another couple of weeks to allow as many parents as possible to complete the form. The questionnaire can be access via the QR code below or via the link.



<https://forms.office.com/r/5t1X8YrWB0>

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended last week's parent/carers forum. The next meeting will be on 17 November at 6:30pm. Fiona Lovecy will be presenting on supporting students. Please email me at parent@tdms.worcs.sch.uk if you would like to attend and let me know what you would like to discuss.

Vacancies

- Academic tutors (£18 per hour)

In order to further support our students, we are looking to employ academic tutors to work with identified students in small groups of 1 to 3 students. Sessions may be face to face or virtual. All training, session materials and resources will be provided. Candidates could be current or retired teachers, but must have the necessary subject knowledge and qualifications as well as pass the necessary safeguarding checks. If you know of any suitable candidates, please ask them to contact us on parent@tdms.worcs.sch.uk .

- Design and Technology technician vacancy

With the removal of some restrictions, students can now take part in practical technology lessons. To aid this, we are looking for a part time technician to prepare the necessary materials and support in lessons. Do you know anyone suitable?

- Governors clerk

We have a vacancy for a part time clerk to support our local governing body. Do you know anyone suitable?

Adverts can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.tdms.worcs.sch.uk/?page=genericpage&pageid=26>

Quick reminders!

- Don't forget, Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) should be completed on a Sunday and Wednesday evening and results communicated to the NHS.

Letters

We have listened to parent/carer feedback and our letters can be found via the individual links below and on the school website. We are currently researching a new parent app so letters can be accessed with ease.

- [Eplatform Year 6, 7 and 8](#)
- [E-Safety](#)
- [Food Preparation Year 7 and 8](#)
- [Sixth Form Open Evening](#)

Keeping you up to date

Did you know we use social media as another way of keeping you up to date with what's going on? We post updates, reminders and regular messages praising and showcasing the work of our students' amazing efforts. Follow us on Twitter: [@TDMS_Evesham](#), Facebook: [@TDMS.evesham](#) and Instagram: [@tdms.evesham](#)

Thank you again for all of your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on parents@tdms.worcs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely



Ruth Allen
Headteacher

School calendar for the next two weeks:

Tuesday 19 Oct – Year 11 Drama Final Exam, Year 9 & Year 10 Exam Performance Evening

Wednesday 20 Oct – School closed for students

Thursday 21 Oct – School closed for students

Friday 22 Oct – School closed for students

Monday 25 – Friday 29 Oct – Half Term

Monday 1 Nov - First day of November GCSE examination series, GCSE 8700/1 English Lang exam

Tuesday 2 Nov - GCSE 8300/1 Maths exam

Wednesday 3 Nov - GCSE 800/2 English Lang exam

Thursday 4 Nov - GCSE 8300/2 Maths exam, Year 11 parents' evening 4.30pm – 7.30pm

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<https://www.tdms.worcs.sch.uk/index.php?page=letterstoparents>