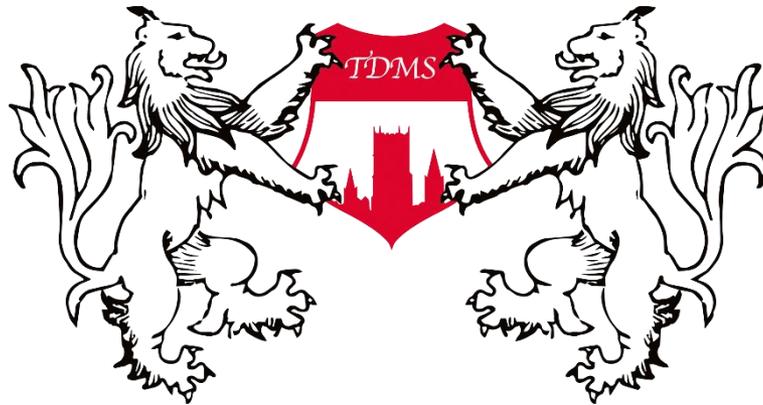
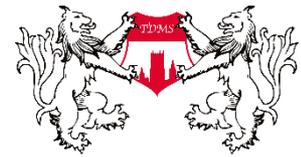


TDMS Sixth Form

Year 13 Information Evening

Thursday 24th September 2020





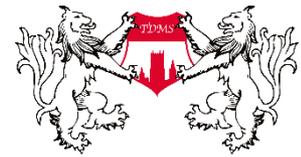
The TDMS Sixth Form in 2020

There is no doubt that TDMS Sixth Form is on a strong upward trajectory.

Our results have improved significantly over the last 2 years. The average grade per subject entry is now a C+, in line with the local and national averages. Our goal for next year will be to increase this to a B- or higher, which our female students are already achieving (2020 results).

Our recruitment has also improved dramatically over the last 2 years. At our low point of around 70 students in 2018, Governors questioned whether our Sixth Form was viable. Now our numbers are up to around 130 and next year our goal is to increase this towards 150.

From surveying our staff and students, we feel that the main factors behind our recent success has been the improvement in results at KS4, the breadth of our curriculum offer and the quality of relationships that we are able to build. We won't compromise on standards and expectations, but we are committed to building a strong sense of community where all our students feel safe and valued.



Sixth Form Leadership Team

The Sixth Form Leadership Team plays an important role in organising the Sixth Form curriculum, planning for development and monitoring standards.

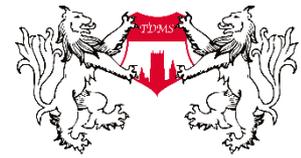
The team has a huge depth of experience and leadership at all levels

Mr Tim Dolan: Deputy Head and Leadership Team link for the Sixth Form; previously a Head of Sixth in a large Birmingham comprehensive.

Ms Elaine Shepperd: Head of Sixth Form.

Mr Jon Hopkins: Associate Assistant Head, Head of Maths and Head of Year 12; previously a Sixth Form student at Evesham High School!

Mr Lee Lungley: Associate Assistant Head, Head of Science and Head of Year 13; previously Head of Sixth Form at Evesham High School!



The TDMS Sixth Form Tutors

Our form tutors are all experienced Sixth Form teachers and represent subjects from right across the curriculum. Tutors play a critical role in providing day to day pastoral support and guidance for our students.

Mr Lee Lungley

Form Tutor for 13 LL, Head of Year 13 and Head of the Science Faculty

Mrs Charlotte Walden

Form Tutor for 13 CWA, 2nd in Faculty for PE and Performing Arts Faculty

Mrs Catherine Dolan

Co-Form Tutor for 13 CD, Teacher of Art

Ms Suzie Harris

Co-Form Tutor for 13 CD, Leader of SE, Teacher of Art and Health and Social Care



The TDMS Sixth Form Curriculum

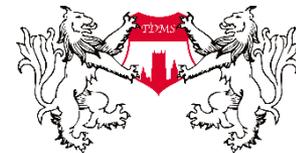
The TDMS Sixth Form Curriculum has a very broad range of subjects.

This year we are offering a complete set of traditional **Maths and Science** subjects (Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Computer Science A-levels).

We continue to broaden our popular range of **Humanities and pseudo-science** subjects (History, Geography, Philosophy, Sociology, Business and Psychology A-levels).

We have a broad repertoire of **Sporting, Expressive and Creative** options as well (Art, Media, English, Product Design, Physical Education A-levels).

We also have an exciting and diverse range of **BTEC and vocational** courses (Music Technology, Music Production, Criminology, Sport, Travel and Tourism and Health and Social Care).

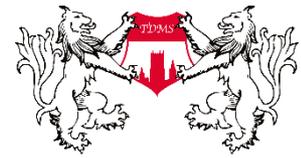


Sixth Form Timetables for 2020-21

The TDMS Sixth Form timetable is very different this year.

To ensure that our site and our Sixth Form bubble is as secure as possible, to minimise movement while at the same time as providing access to specialist facilities and the expertise of our teachers, we have introduced a number of changes:

- We have extended the school day for Sixth Form students so that we now have lessons 7&8 after school until 4.30pm
- All lessons are now double length, as in the rest of the school, to reduce movement around the site
- We have increased the number of timetabled lessons for Year 13 so that they have 6 lessons per week. This has been introduced to make up for lost learning in Year 12 during lockdown.
- We have introduced fixed seating plans into every lesson and classroom to comply with public health and local authority guidance.

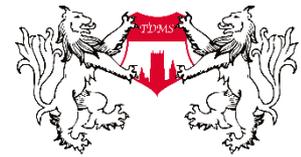


Registration and Attendance

The changes that we have made to the Sixth Form timetable have had a knock-on effect on our registration and attendance arrangements this year.

With an elongated timetable stretching until 4.30pm every day, and always mindful of the need to reduce footfall and thereby reduce the risk of transmission, we have adopted a more flexible approach to registration:

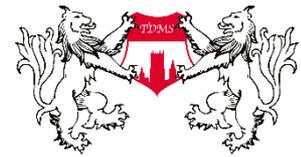
- Students are required to see their form tutors at least 3 times each week and must have the requisite number of Private Study periods on their timetables.
- However, within these parameters we are allowing students to work at home if they have no lessons on a given day.
- We are also allowing students to arrive at lunchtime if they only have lessons in the afternoon and to leave at lunchtime if they only have lessons in the morning.
- All students have been issued with swipe cards, which they use to swipe in and swipe out when they enter and exit the site. This ensures that our registers are kept up to date to comply with our safeguarding and emergency policies.



Homework and Google classroom

This year we are making extensive use of Google classroom. These are some of the main features:

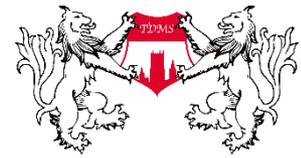
- This is an online system that enables staff to create virtual classrooms which can be populated with instructions and resources and provide digital methods for students to submit work or communicate with their teachers.
- All subjects have a Google classroom and staff are using this to set assignments either for homework, for extension or for completion during Private Study.
- Should we have to move into a partial or full lockdown situation, teachers can also set up virtual lessons through the Meet feature of the Google suite of tools
- Staff have been directed to set students a steadily increasing amount of homework. As a rough rule of thumb, for every 1 hour of classwork students should be doing 1 hour of work outside the lesson – as private study or homework.



Resources and Equipment

This year we have given very explicit advice to parents and students on how they need to be properly equipped for effective study on Advanced Level courses.

- Subject- and Board-specific Textbooks are extremely important as they allow students to read ahead and to have access to the detailed information they need to access the highest grades.
- We keep our reading list updated and this will be available soon on our the new Sixth Form page of the TDMS website. We will shortly be setting up a facility on Parent Pay so that textbooks can be purchased through the school.
- We strongly advise all students to have a laptop or Chromebook that they can use at home, in Private Study and in class. This fits in with our vision of all classes being supported by Google classroom and for students to be submitting work electronically to their teachers and receiving feedback in the same way.
- Where students do not have their own Chromebooks, we have loaned them out so that no child is disadvantaged.
- If your child needs a device to support their studies, please contact Mr Dolan tdolan@tdms.worcs.sch.uk



Zoning & COVID security

In the Sixth Form, we have followed exactly the same zoning and COVID security principles as the rest of the school. Given the higher transmission rates associated within the 16-25 age range, we have also introduced further measures to reduce transmissibility:

- Like the rest of the school, the whole Sixth Form exists in a bubble, which is zoned in the PS rooms.
- All the Sixth Form tutor groups are in PS rooms and most lessons, apart from those requiring specialist facilities, are also in PS rooms.
- Sixth Form students are expected to wear face coverings in communal areas, including Private Study rooms, the Sixth Form Common Room and in corridors between lessons and break times. There is a small stock of washable face coverings in the Sixth Form Office, which we are happy to give out when students forget their own.
- Sanitising stations have been sited outside every Sixth Form classroom or facility.
- Lunch arrangements have been changed: Sixth Form students may not leave the site once they are in school so must bring a packed lunch with them.



UCAS and Next-Step support

One of our key goals in Year 13 is to ensure that all students have made firm arrangements for their next-step once they leave TDMS Sixth Form:

- The majority of our students leave the Sixth Form to continue their education at degree level. All students begin an application through UCAS so that they begin the process of thinking about their next step.
- Students from TDMS have gone on to make successful applications for Medicine, Oxbridge and Russell Group institutions.
- Our Sixth Form tutors, and Mr Lungley in particular, have many years experience in helping students to write strong personal statements and in offering guidance and insight on appropriate university courses.
- We recognise that an increasing number of students take an apprenticeship route to further education training. We work closely with Mrs Gwinnett, the school's Careers Advisor to support students through this process.

For further information on UCAS applications, please contact Mr Lungley llungley@tdms.worcs.sch.uk

For further information on apprenticeships or careers advice, please contact Mrs Gwinnett agwinnett@tdms.worcs.sch.uk

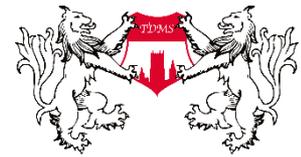


Parental Support

Parental support is absolutely vital at all stages of a child's education, including the Sixth Form.

- If you would like to support your son or daughter by being able to view the work that has been set for them on Google Classroom, then you can become a **Google Guardian**.
- Every time a new assignment is set you will be sent an email notification outlining what needs to be done and by when.
- Where students are struggling to manage their workload, we may request your support to become a Google Guardian

For further information or to implement this facility, please contact Mr Dolan tdolan@tdms.worcs.sch.uk



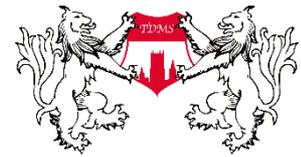
Further Information

Please look at the Sixth Form page on the TDMS website, which we are currently redeveloping:

<https://www.tdms.worcs.sch.uk/index.php?page=genericpage&pageid=13>

Not only does this page encapsulate our vision for the Sixth Form, but it will also contain resources that you may find interesting:

- Our up to date reading list for all of our courses
- The Sixth Form Handbook, revised for 2020-21
- Copies of recent letters that have been sent out to parents
- The Sixth Form Options booklet for 2021 applications
- Google classroom codes for all Post-16 courses
- Learning Plans for all Post-16 courses, summarising the topics that will be studied each term



Follow up action

If you would like to ask any further questions, please contact us using the email addresses below.

For general issues relating to the Sixth Form including curriculum, teaching etc...

- Mr Tim Dolan tdolan@tdms.worcs.sch.uk

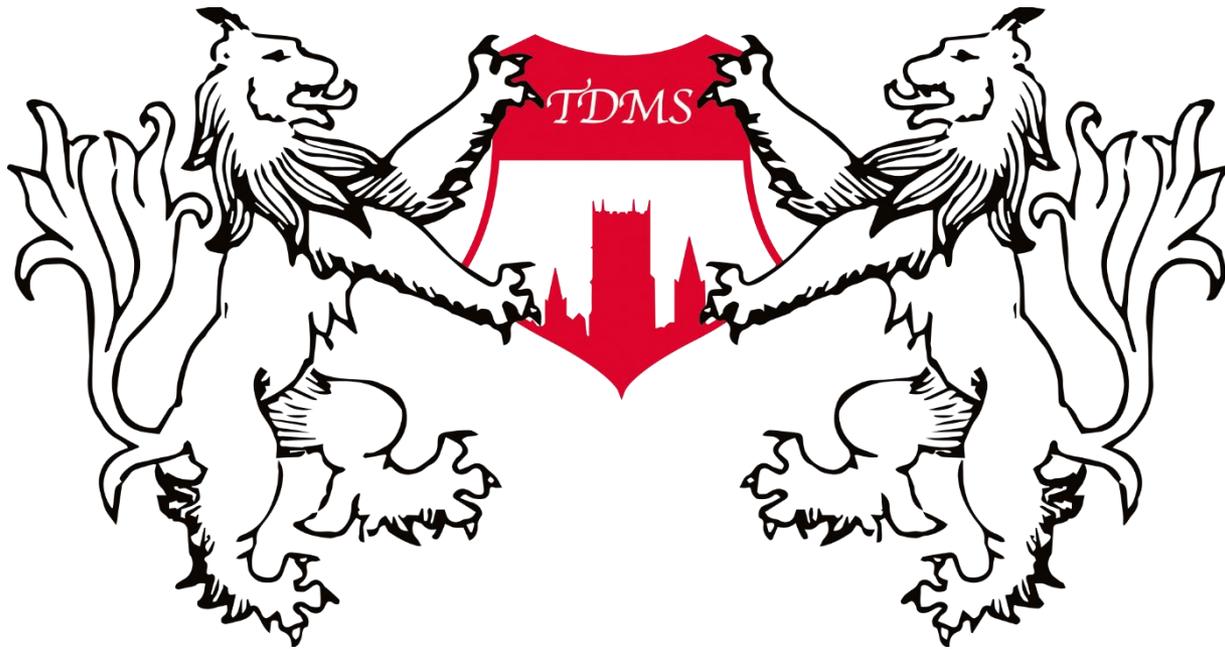
For student-specific issues, please contact your child's form tutor or the Head of Year 12:

- Mr Lee Lungley, Head of Year 13 and Form tutor for 13LL llungley@tdms.worcs.sch.uk
- Mrs Charlotte Walden, Form tutor 13CWA cwalden@tdms.worcs.sch.uk
- Mrs Catherine Dolan, Co-Form tutor 13CD cdolan@tdms.worcs.sch.uk
- Ms Suzie Harris, Co-Form tutor 13CD sharris@tdms.worcs.sch.uk

To report an absence or attendance issue:

- Mrs Sue Hensley, Sixth Form administrator shensley@tdms.worcs.sch.uk

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Mr T. Dolan, September 2020