



SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER



SCHOOL NEWS
THURSDAY, 28 MARCH

A WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to our new termly parental update bulletin, which will provide details on the latest news in school as well as giving insight into some of the events which have taken place over the last term. We would welcome your feedback on this format, using the link at the end of this newsletter.

Over recent weeks, there has been much to celebrate within school. We have enjoyed sharing in the successes of students across year groups, through the rewards events and the SLT breakfast events which we have held, and congratulations to all of the students who were involved in these events. The construction of the new sixth form block has also begun and there is a growing sense of excitement that the first structures will begin to be erected over the Easter break.

Looking ahead, we are also immensely proud of the attitudes being demonstrated by students in Year 10, 11 and 13 as they move toward the exam season which begins after Easter. As a school, we are working hard to ensure that you are fully prepared and supported, so that you can approach these exams with confidence.

We wish all families a restful Easter break, and thank you for your continued support over the last term.

Yours sincerely,
Mr A Beecroft & Mr J Hudson
Co-Principals



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Saturday 20 April**
Y12 DofE Practice Expedition
- **Tuesday 7 May**
Y10 'Boys into Psychology' trip to University of Leeds
- **Friday 17 May**
Y12 DofE Expedition (17th - 19th)
- **Thursday 20 June**
Y11 Prom - Elland Road, Leeds
- **Friday 28 June**
Y13 Leavers Dinner - Queens Hotel, Leeds
- **Monday 8 July**
Cranedale residential for our Y12 biologists
- **Saturday 13 July**
Paris Trip (13th - 17th)

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SIXTH FORM EXPANSION & NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES:

We are delighted that work on the sixth form expansion began in early March. Over the coming weeks and months, the construction firm will be working hard to expand the current sixth form block to double the current size. This additional space will provide excellent new facilities for our post-16 students, including a new common room and servery, 6 new classrooms, a study room and a new sixth form ICT suite.

Additionally, we will be investing in spaces across the school which all year groups will benefit from, such as improving social spaces, ICT suites, and developing new classroom spaces in Maths and Design.

Progress on the sixth form expansion project can be monitored through our dedicated webpage on the school website, and via our Instagram channel #tmsixthform1, where regular updates will be posted.



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SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS:

In February, Year 11 students took part in a Post-16 taster day, with many undertaking lessons and experiencing a typical day in the life of a sixth former. Follow up interviews are now taking place around final applications, but it is not too late for students to apply to continue their studies at Temple Moor's sixth form.

Our sixth form is a community of learners, benefitting from:

- expert subject teaching by experienced and supportive staff
- strong pastoral care and personal development, including strong preparation for next steps in higher education, apprenticeships or work
- an enriching curriculum which includes work experience, volunteering opportunities and Duke of Edinburgh.

If your son/daughter is in Year 11, and has yet to apply to our sixth form for September, applications can be made at



<https://tmhs.applicaa.com/>

Artist Impression
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SCHOOL VALUES:

Since September, we have been promoting our new school values, aimed at supporting the growth of the personal characteristics that students display.

CHARACTER

I arrive promptly and fully prepared for my lessons with full equipment, I show that I value my education by engaging fully in my learning.

AMBITION

I actively seek and act on feedback to support my progress by engaging in low stakes tests and discussions.

RESPECT

I listen to and independently review a variety of opinions. This helps me come to an informed decision.

ENDEAVOUR

I consistently have high expectations of others and myself, always seeking out opportunities to further my learning and self-development.

These are not distinct from the academic learning, but interwoven into it, so that we develop traits which are well regarded in society and by employers. We are in the process of developing plans for September as to how these values can be further adopted across school in terms of the rewards system, so that students who consistently display these traits are recognised and celebrated.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Good attendance to school is linked to good academic outcomes. Evidence (DfE) suggests that those students with the highest attendance gain the best GCSE and A Level outcomes. Equally, when attendance falls below 95%, this can reduce academic success by on average of one grade per subject.

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	ATTENDANCE MATTERS WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN? BE SMART BE THERE! <small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 days	
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	

Good attendance also has many additional benefits – including developing social and communication skills; benefitting from enrichments; and benefitting from programmes of support in school such as careers guidance, pastoral support and SEND support.

Please support the school in helping your child by ensuring they attend every day, on time, unless there are strong reasons for being off. To support parents in determining which illnesses necessitate staying off school, the NHS have a webpage for parents:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



We encourage all parents to talk with us if you feel that some additional support is needed to help your child attend school consistently.

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YEAR 11 EXAMINATIONS THURSDAY, 28 MARCH

YEAR 11 EXAMS

With the final run up to the exams in full swing with only 5 weeks to go, we wanted to let you know what's going on around school to help support our students. Whilst we appreciate this can be a challenging time, we want to make sure our students feel as ready and prepared as they possibly can, as this feeling is the best springboard to success.

The GCSE exams start WC 6th May and finish WC 17th June. Students have been provided with personalised timetables and an overview will be sent out to you shortly.

Many subjects are running morning and after school sessions, alongside Saturday school and Easter Intervention.

02/04/24	Science	All Day
03/04/24	Psychology Creative Media Maths Higher	All Day All Day Afternoon
04/04/24	Enterprise	All Day
05/04/24	English Literature	All Day
08/04/24	Art Photography Maths Foundation Dance Drama	Morning Afternoon All Day Afternoon Afternoon
09/04/24	English Language	All Day
10/04/24	History Art Photography	Morning Morning Afternoon
11/04/24	Music Textiles	All Day All Day

REVISION TOP TIPS:

- Start now. Little and often. It is scientifically proven that hours of revision before an exam is not conducive as the knowledge is not able to be retained. Instead, regular visits and frequent testing of knowledge will help support with retention.
- Attend as many extra intervention sessions as possible – Easter school; after school; Saturdays. Information has been sent out via Arbor, but please remind students to check in with their teachers to see what is on offer.
- Student wellbeing – a good sleep schedule, a healthy diet, and light, regular exercise are all proven factors to contribute to success.

Please find a link below to our **Supporting Success video** which outlines some key revision strategies. We have a wealth of resources that are ideal for short, snappy, regular revision bursts – GCSE Pod, Sparx Maths, Tassomai, BBC Bitesize, to name a few.

[https://vimeo.com/872998969/70cd5b7c06?
share=copy](https://vimeo.com/872998969/70cd5b7c06?share=copy)

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT:

Staying mentally healthy during exams - click [HERE](#).

Information for 11-18 year olds - exam stress - Mind - click [HERE](#)

Leaver's Assembly - Wednesday 19 June

In school, 9am start in Main Hall. A great opportunity to reflect on the students' time here at Temple Moor.

Year 11 Prom - Thursday 20 June

Hunter's Suite, Elland Road, 7pm start. A fantastic party to celebrate the students' successes and draw their Temple Moor experience to a close. Students can get dressed up, dance with friends, and make memories to last a lifetime. An event not to be missed,

Results Day - Thursday 22 August

Students come in to school to receive their GCSE grades. More details will follow.



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YEAR 13 EXAMINATIONS THURSDAY, 28 MARCH

YEAR 13 EXAMS

The A-Level examinations start 14 May and finish 25 June.

Over Easter the following subjects will be running revision sessions to support students:

Subject	Date	Times
Product Design	02/04/24	9am - 3pm
Business	03/04/24	9am - 3pm
Maths	03/04/24	9am - 12pm
Product Design	04/04/24	9am - 3pm
Geography	05/04/24	11am - 2pm
Textiles	05/04/24	9am - 12pm
Applied Science	08/04/24	9am - 3pm
Law	08/04/24	9am - 3pm
Photography	10/04/24	9am - 3pm
History	11/4/24	9am - 1pm
Music	11/4/24	9am - 3pm
Art	11/4/24	9am - 3pm

Please ensure students let their teacher know whether they will be attending these revision sessions.

REVISION

Below is a link to a series of resources that were shared at the Year 13 Supporting Success Evening during this half term. Within these are a series of effective revision strategies that can be used for their subjects and advice on the most effective way to structure revision.

Sixth Form - Revision. Click [HERE](#)

SUPPORT OFFERED TO STUDENTS:

Students are being supported to prepare for their exams in the following ways:

- P6 Intervention – These are timetabled intervention sessions, please support us to ensure your child attends these sessions.
- Friday Form Time Revision Support – Y13 will be working alongside Post 16 form tutors to help support and structure their revision.
- Form Time – Revision strategies are being discussed within form time to support students to know the most effective strategies to use. Additionally wellbeing during the exam period is being focused on during form time.
- Directed Study Periods – These are being used to support students to structure their time more effectively in supporting their completion of revision in school time.
- Online Resources – UpLearn, Seneca Learning and Tutor2U are effective revision websites that students can access to support their revision.

Year 13 Leavers Dinner - Friday 28 June

Queen's Hotel, Leeds. A fantastic party to celebrate the students' successes and draw their Temple Moor experience to a close. Students can get dressed up, dance with friends, and make memories to last a lifetime. An event not to be missed.

Results Day - Thursday 15 August

Students come in to school to receive their A-Level grades. More details will follow.



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SCHOOL VISITS

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CONSTRUCTION DAY

In late February, as part of our careers education, Year 9 students enjoyed participating in workshops aimed at promoting careers in Construction, STEM and routes for women into Construction.

The day, organised by Miss Carter, featured multiple organisations including Altitude and Citrus training.

Experts within the industry talked to students about a range of roles and career routes, including apprenticeships, and they had the opportunity to learn about areas such as Pasma towers, construction equipment, first aid and gas detection.



NATIONAL OFFER DAY:

On Friday 1st March, families and children had their confirmed high schools for 2024-25. Temple Moor once again continues to be highly subscribed and received around three applications for every place available.

We look forward to welcoming Yr6 to Temple Moor in the summer term as part of their transition arrangements.

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WY POLICE VISIT:

On Thursday the 14th of March, West Yorkshire Police firearms officers came into school to speak to Years 8, 9 and 10.

The impactful assembly covered the potential career pathways of police officers and the increasing problem of knife crime amongst young people in Leeds and West Yorkshire more generally.

The officers talked students through the dangers, risks and criminality of carrying weapons and gave them lots of useful advice on how to stay safe outside of school.

There was also an opportunity for some questions and answers, in which students asked insightful questions about working as part of the police force and the officers' motivation to become a police officer.



MACBETH - LEEDS PLAYHOUSE:

On Tuesday 12th March, 30 students from Y11 attended an exciting and innovative performance of Macbeth at Leeds Playhouse. Students' appreciation of Shakespeare's classic as a text written to be performed has been greatly enhanced by the visit and their enthusiasm following the performance was palpable. The students' behaviour was exemplary, acting as fantastic Ambassadors for the school and its wider community.



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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS THURSDAY, 28 MARCH

SCHOOL COUNCIL & RED KITE YOUTH BOARD

Student council have had a busy half term across the school. The sustainability group have collected responses from students on how they can be supported to use greener methods of transport to get to and from school. The diversity group made resources on Chinese New Year and worked with the kitchen staff to develop a menu and decorate the canteen with paper lanterns. The culture group have also been busy planning a charity movie night to raise money for a local charity and provide a social event for students.

In addition to the student council, we have the Red Kite student youth board who meet each term to develop trust wide initiatives. This year the two co-chairs of the board are two 6th formers who recently chaired the meeting at Meadowfield Primary school, looking at ways to reduce plastic waste across the trust and the potential to run some trust wide sports events between schools in the future.

Our Next Generation Leaders are also nearing completion of their projects which they started back in September. With the help of local businesses including Asda and Arla Foods, the students have taken the initiative to develop initiatives focussed on developing a warm food bank and providing a buddy system for year 6 students.



GREAT BIG DANCE OFF COMPETITION

A massive well done to our junior and senior dance competition teams that competed at the Great Big Dance Off Competition in Halifax against 40 other dances!

They have all worked so hard since September to get their routines ready.

The junior competition team who did Peter Pan managed to bag themselves 3rd place and the senior competition team who did Narnia got awarded 9th place.

Miss Riley and Miss Glover are very proud of all the dancers.



Senior Team -
9th place



Junior Team -
3rd place

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS

A Thank You from the Year 12 Charity Committee

We decided to choose the British Heart Foundation as it's a well-known charity that has improved the livelihoods of many individuals close to us. We did this by organising, 'Battle of the Bands', which was a huge success, raising just over **£500!!**

As a committee we chose to run this event as we have a passion for music, and in Temple Moor there are so many talented students and, 'Battle of the Bands', really embodied this, hopefully bringing more attention to the arts meanwhile raising money for charity.

Thank you again for everyone who played a role in raising such a substantial amount.
We hope, 'Battle of the Bands', inspires you to attend future events.

Opening Act - staff band



Organisers of BOTB 2024 - The New Popes



THE WINNERS Vertigo!



THE BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2024 POSTER COMPETITION.

In February, for the monthly Science competition, the students had to create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or show us how the world might look in years to come.

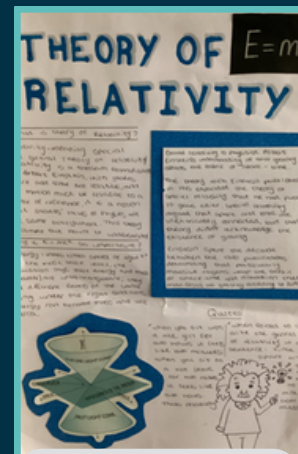
Thank you to all who took part in the competition. It was great to see so many wonderful, informative and colourful posters. Have a look for yourself, on our Facebook page.

Entries included overviews of evolution, lifecycles, lifespans, hibernation and seasons.

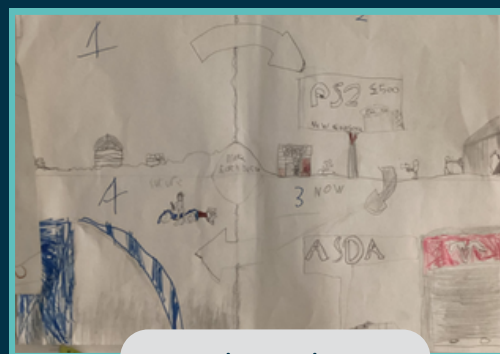
Congratulations to this months winners!



1st - Maisie
Johnson



2nd - Alex
Cunningham



3rd - Joshua
Hodgson-Cropper



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Katie is currently in Yr13 and has been a fantastic student throughout her time at Temple Moor, both sporting and academically.

Throughout high school she represented the school football team and was a crucial part of Leeds Cup successes.

In her younger years she came through the Leeds United Academy system but is currently part of the Manchester City Academy set up as well as Halifax town open age team.

She has represented England at U15 and U17 level which just proves what calibre of footballer she is. Now coming towards the end of 6th form she has had numerous offers in relation to her football career however she has chosen to head to the United States of America and study at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss).

Katie will be on a football scholarship where a whole new world of opportunity awaits... we wish her all the best and we couldn't be prouder of what she has achieved and the person she has become!



GERMAN AND BUSINESS COMPETITION

Our German and business competition Y10 finalists spent the day at University of Leeds to compete against 4 other schools.

They attended a Portuguese taster lesson, an international business lesson, got a campus tour and finally showed their business pitches to a lecture theatre full of people!

They all showed excellent German language skills, confidence, bravery and fantastic presentation skills. A huge well done to all of them!



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31/01 A big shout out to Oscar A (Y8) who last night finished in the top 8 of the Yorkshire School's Table Tennis Championships. Unbelievable achievement



01/02 Y8 Boys Football

An intense match against Garforth School - 0-0 at full time, 4-3 win on penalties 🏆🏆🏆



05/02 Y7 Boys Rugby

A brilliant evening of competitive rugby at the Leeds Hunslet SRL Plate Final. Congratulations on being runners up 🏉🏉🏉



28/02 Y Boys Rugby

A fantastic 28-20 win for our boys. Well done



27/02 Y7 Girls Football

Some fantastic passing and finishing on display in a 9-0 win against Brigshaw 🏆🏆



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28/02 U16's Girls Football

Well done on a very close and hard fought 2-1 win against Boston Spa in the 3rd round of the Leeds Cup - We are marching through to next round 🏆 🏆



11/03 Y8 Boys Football

Our boys are in to the semi-finals 🏆 🏆



12/03 Y8/9 Netball

Some fantastic netball played against Brigshaw 🏐 🏐 🏐 🏐



13/03 Y8 Boys Football

A 5-1 league win for the boys 🏆 🏆



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20/03 Y7/8 Boys Rugby

Our team had a commanding performance on the pitch, winning 40-4, Well done 🏈🏈🏈



27/03 Y7 Netball

Huge well done to our Y7 team who played their first competitive match against Brigshaw. There was some fantastic performances and a real team spirit 🏐🏐



27/03 U15's Netball

An unbelievable performance from the team, finishing 11-5 winners against Brigshaw. A solid performance all over the court, was great to watch 🏐🏐🏐



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CONTACT DETAILS

If you need to contact the school, the following teams are available to support with your query. Please use the list below to find the contact details of the most appropriate person in school to direct your contact to.

Pastoral Team - support with matters of student welfare and behaviour.

Year 7 Pastoral Officer - Mrs N Matthews matthewsn@tmhs.rklt.co.uk

Year 8 Pastoral Officer - Mrs L Robertson robertson@tmhs.rklt.co.uk

Year 9 Pastoral Officer - Mr P Leamey leamyp@tmhs.rklt.co.uk

Year 10 Pastoral Officer - Mr G Nicholson nicholsong@tmhs.rklt.co.uk

Year 11 Pastoral Officer - Mr D Hollingworth hollingworthd@tmhs.rklt.co.uk

Year 12/13 Pastoral Officer - Mrs S Pearson pearsons@tmhs.rklt.co.uk

Attendance Team - reporting a child absence or matters relating to attendance

attendance@tmhs.rklt.co.uk

Academic Team - support with matters relating to academic subjects.

Year 7 Phase Leader - Mrs N Sutton suttonm@tmhs.rklt.co.uk

Year 8/9 Phase Leader - Miss H Matthews matthewsh@tmhs.rklt.co.uk

Year 10/11 Phase Leader - Miss R French frenchr@tmhs.rklt.co.uk

Year 12/13 Phase Leader - Miss G Newman newmang@tmhs.rklt.co.uk

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY:

We have a vacancy for a parent to join the Local Governing Board of Temple Moor High School and Sixth Form.

Being a school governor is a hugely rewarding role alongside the 'day job'. You will attend 5 full meetings each academic year along with any sub committees if required. Governors review the strategic aims and objectives of the school, monitoring and evaluating the progress the school is making towards its aims by providing effective support and challenge to the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team. They also bring valuable insights and ideas from their own experiences that enrich our schools. The term of office for a school governor is four years.

Further information and the nomination form can be found on the school website [HERE](#).

PARENT FEEDBACK:

We would love to hear your views on this newsletter - format, content, anything missing?

Please complete this form using the link below or scan the QR code

<https://forms.office.com/e/FdEDK2w2BQ>



SAFEGUARDING

Over the Easter holidays, we politely ask that parents and students avoid sending emails to teachers and pastoral staff. If there is a necessity to pass on information to the school, please use the following contact which will be monitored.



Tmhssafeguarding@tmhs.rklt.co.uk

Additionally, details of external agencies and contacts are available via the school website



<https://www.tmhs.co.uk/for-students-parentscarers/safeguarding/pastoral-support/>



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