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Dear Parent/Guardian

Happy New Year!

It has been wonderful inviting all our students back into school this week. Covid may continue to challenge us all, but it will never take away the spirit of the TGGs community.

I am very proud of the positive attitude of your children during their return to school this week. They have responded well to both the mask wearing in classrooms and the new mobile phone policy and I am delighted to say that during break and lunchtime we have seen lively teenage students interacting with each other, playing games and talking! In fact, the noise was surprising for some teachers who are not used to students engaging with each other while they are having their lunchtime sandwich and a cup of tea! Our original aim of the policy was for students to take a well-deserved rest from learning and have fun during their breaktimes, and I am ecstatic it has had the desired effect. Once the weather improves, I hope many more choose to spend their time outside in our open spaces, like our allotment, orchard, or the walking circuit. Alternatively, of course, we have a full range of extracurricular clubs on offer. I have attached a reminder of the current offer, which is constantly being expanded, for example a new 5 weeklong Samba band initiative is starting next Friday 14th January, linked to climate change activism.

It has recently been brought to my attention that the Ofsted Parent View survey has not been completed by many parents at TGGs and therefore I am getting in touch to warmly invite you to complete, which should not take any longer than 5-10 minutes. This is a standard survey created by Ofsted which includes 14 statements and questions. Once at least 10 survey responses have been received the information will be in the public domain and available to view by the general public and Ofsted.

Please see link: [Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View](#)

Please can I reiterate that anytime you have any concerns or positive thoughts about school life at TGGs, please do not hesitate in getting in touch with myself via admin@tggsacademy.org, which will allow swift action.

Thank you for all your continued support over the last term and into 2022. Happy New Year.


Yours sincerely

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Club List

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Monday	Hockey	Netball		Handball		Model UN	
	Book Club (Week A)						
	Creative Writing (Week B)						
	Choir						
Tuesday	GSA						
	Netball	Hockey		Textiles		Badminton	
		Book Club		Chamber Choir			
	Cake Decorating Club						
Wednesday	Dance		Hockey	Netball			
	Textiles					Tudors Film Club	
	Philosophy Club (Week A)						
	Yoga						
Thursday			Debate Club (Week A)				
			Football			KS5 Debate Club	
	Christian Union Club						
			Netball	Hockey			
	Orchestra						
	Mary Anning Club						
		Dance					
Friday	Gymnastics						
	Code Club					MedSoc	
	TGGs Eco Movement						
	Choir						
	Knitting						

Further information on reverse...

Activity	Summary	Leader	Location	Time	Additional Information
Badminton	Students develop and refine Badminton skills, tactics and techniques in games.	Student Ambassadors	Sports Hall	12:45	Students must change into PE kit beforehand and be ready by 12.45pm. All equipment is provided if necessary.
Book Club	A chance to read, get together and discuss a variety of fantastic books.	KS3 Leaders	B3	12:55	You will need a copy of the book of the month.
Book Club (Week A)	A chance to read, get together and discuss a variety of fantastic books. Biscuits provided!	Mrs Preston / Mrs Beal	E3	12:45	You need to bring your own copy of the book club Book of the Month (advertised on the KS3 Teams page) and have read (or began to read) before attending the sessions, but don't worry, extra copies can be borrowed from the English Department if needed.
Cake Decorating Club	Cake decorating with a seasonal focus e.g. Christmas Cakes.	Mrs Western	T2	12:50	Form on door to sign up.
Chamber Choir	Group singing for upper school.	Helen Haviland	Music Dept.	12:45	No equipment needed.
Choir	Group singing.	Mrs Hagland	Music Dept.	12:45	No equipment needed.
Christian Union Club	Christian Union: A place to come and play games, eat biscuits and discuss faith!	Ms Hayward	Room 4	12:45	No equipment needed.
Code Club	Building skills and techniques of coding through games and activities.	Mr Neighbour	IT1	12:45	No equipment needed.
Creative Writing (Week B)	Open to any student in KS3 who loves to write and wants to develop their creativity further. They can share ideas, eat biscuits, experiment with different writing styles/ techniques and have fun!	Mrs Preston / Mrs Beal	E3	12:45	Bring a note pad and pen.
Dance	Students develop and refine their dance skills and techniques, while preparing for school shows.	Mrs Greaves	Old Hall	12:45	Students must change into PE kit beforehand and be ready by 12.45pm. All equipment is provided if necessary.
Debate Club (Week A)	A club to debate social, ethical and political issues.	Mr Gregory	Lecture Theatre	12:45	You do not need to actually debate – you could choose to observe. TBGS students will be invited once our club has established itself.
Football	Students develop and refine Football skills, tactics and techniques in small sided games. Plus a little league to develop understanding of game play, healthy competition and teamwork.	Mrs Carpenter-Kay	Sports Hall	12:45	Students must change into PE kit beforehand and be ready by 12.45pm. All equipment is provided if necessary.
GSA	Gender Sexuality Alliance. A positive and safe place for the LGBTQ+ TGGS community and their alliances to meet and seek advice that is free of discrimination and strives for knowledge, challenges barriers and seeks to empower agents of social change.	Mrs Bumby / Miss Thompson	Lecture Theatre	12:45	No equipment needed.
Gymnastics	Students develop and refine their gymnastics skills and techniques, while preparing for school shows.	Mrs Greaves	Sports Hall	12:45	Students must change into PE kit beforehand and be ready by 12.45pm. All equipment is provided if necessary.
Handball	Students develop and refine Handball skills, tactics and techniques in small sided games.	Mr Koenen	Sports Hall	12:45	Students must change into PE kit beforehand and be ready by 12.45pm. All equipment is provided if necessary.
Hockey	Students develop and refine Hockey skills, tactics and techniques in small sided games. Plus a little league to develop understanding of game play, healthy competition and teamwork.	Miss McIlwrath	Astropitch	12:45	Students must change into PE kit beforehand and be ready by 12.45pm. All equipment is provided if necessary.
Knitting	Open to all knitters, including beginners, and we may also learn to crochet too.	Miss Thompson	Room 7	12:45	No equipment needed in the first instance but feel free to bring your own projects along.
KS5 Debate Club	Sixth form club to debate a wide range of political, social, cultural and humorous motions.	Mr Endersby	S2	12:45	No equipment needed.
Mary Anning Club	Developing an understanding of the Earth through a mixture of experiments, games and activities.	Mr Neighbour	S1	12:45	No equipment needed.
MedSoc	For students interested in exploring careers in healthcare / Medicine / Nursing / VetMed. Featuring discussions, presentations, speaker meetings and preparation for applications and interviews.	Mr Endersby	S2	12:45	No equipment needed.
Model UN	A club for those students interested in learning more about how the UN operates.	Sixth Form Leaders	H3	12:45	No equipment needed.
Netball	Students develop and refine Netball skills, tactics and techniques in small sided games. Plus a little league to develop understanding of game play, healthy competition and teamwork.	Ms Oyo	Netball Courts	12:45	Students must change into PE kit beforehand and be ready by 12.45pm. All equipment is provided if necessary.
Orchestra	Group Instrument Playing.	Mrs Hagland	M1	12:45	You will need to bring your instrument where applicable.
Philosophy Club (week A)	Philosophy games, quizzes, discussions, films	Mrs Bloomfield	Room 6	13:00	No equipment needed.
Textiles	GCSE catch-up and homework club.	Miss Coles	T1	All lunch	Anytime at lunch.
Textiles	Working on developing skills through two week projects	Miss Coles	T1	12:45	Bring your own materials (details on sign up sheet on the textiles room door) or 50p to choose from our collection.
TGGS Eco Movement	A positive empowering group that meet to highlight changes needed both with and outside TGGS	Dr Coles	Various	12:55	Meet 12.55pm. No equipment needed. Please email Dr Coles if you would like to join.
Tudors Film Club	Film Club watching the White Princess, Spanish Princess and the Tudors.	Ms North	H3	All lunch	Please bring a packed lunch.
Yoga	15 minutes of calm practicing a style of vinyasa yoga focusing on “flow”, connecting with the breath, completing different salutations each week.	Dr Jones	Sports Hall	12:45	Students must change into PE kit beforehand and be ready by 12.45pm. All equipment is provided if necessary.