

# Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Evening

Welcome to Thomas Gainsborough School

**Craig Lewis**  
Headteacher



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## Since September... What I've seen at TGS

- Incredible talent, kindness and ambition from our students
- Staff who care deeply and work incredibly hard
- A school community that looks out for one another
- A huge range of opportunities in sport, music, drama, trips and enrichment
- Students who show our values every day:
  - **Respect, Resilience, Honesty, Happiness, Confidence and Positivity**

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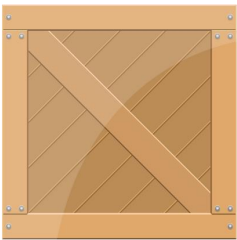
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# Our Vision

Our school community is united by three guiding pillars:

## Culture

We want all students to experience new things (trips, shows, languages, competitions).

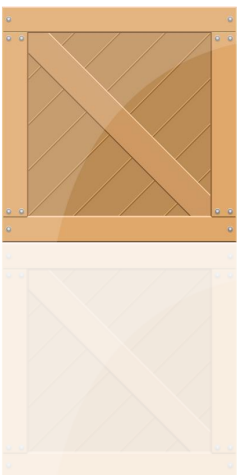


# Our Vision

Our school community is united by three guiding pillars:

## Character

We want students to become kind, confident, respectful and resilient young people.



# Our Vision

Our school community is united by three guiding pillars:

## Currency

We want students to work hard so they leave school with strong qualifications.



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## An Exciting Time to Join TGS

**September 2026**

A new chapter for:

- Our new Year 7 students
- Our families
- Our staff
- Our school community



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# What Your Child Can Expect

## Every Child Will Experience

- High expectations
- Exceptional support
- A rich curriculum
- Enrichment opportunities
- Strong relationships
- A sense of belonging

## Tonight's Team

**Mr Ryall** – Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education)

**Mr Hibbert** – Deputy Headteacher (Personal Development)

**Mrs Power** – Head of Year 7

**Mr Clinch** – Deputy Head of Year 7

**Ms Dexter** – Learning Mentor

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## Quality of Education

**Chris Ryall**  
Deputy Headteacher

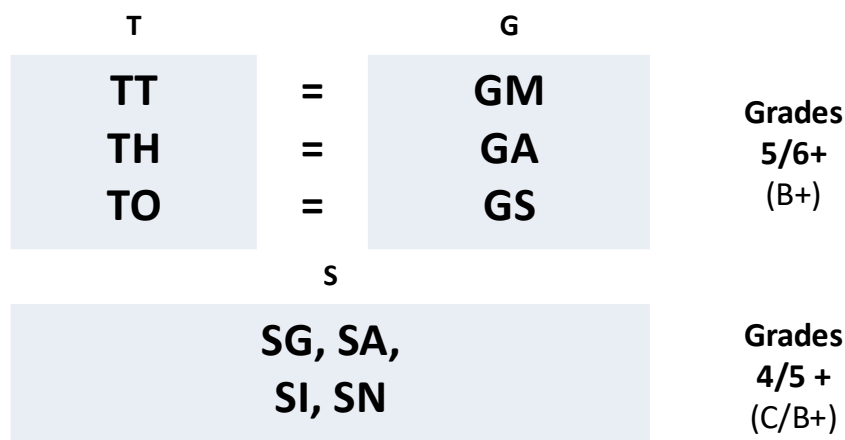


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# Key Stage 3: Core curriculum for all

English	English	English	English	Personal Development
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Technology
Science	Science	Science	Computing	Art
Geography	History	Languages	PE	Drama
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## How are students grouped?

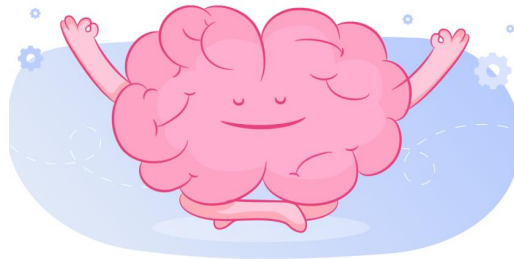


- **Positivity:** Supporting ambitious goals in every year and every class
- **Adaptability:** Pace of teaching adapted for groups, meeting needs of all students
- **Consistency:** Same group for most lessons & tutor time

# What are the timings of the school day?

8:45	Tutor Time
9:15	<b>Lesson 1</b>
10:15	<b>Lesson 2</b>
11:15	Break
11:45	<b>Lesson 3</b>
12:45	<b>Lesson 4</b>
13:45	Break
14:15	<b>Lesson 5</b>
15:15	Enrichment

- **Shorter lessons** – natural breaks
- **Travel time** – well considered & tested
- **Two longer breaks** – range of options



## Arbor Parent App

Through the Arbor app you can:

- View timetables
  - Top up dinner money, buy resources & pay for trips
  - View behaviour & attendance
  - View reports on progress & attainment – **twice a year**
  - Book evening events – **tutor and teacher**
  - Homework – **roughly every third lesson, 15-20 mins**
- Update profile information**
- By going to “profile”, check and add any information requested, for example emergency contacts, medical information & mode of travel
- [www.tgschool.net/arbor](http://www.tgschool.net/arbor)



The screenshot shows the Arbor Parent Portal website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Arbor Portal' and tabs for 'WELCOME', 'LEARNING', 'STUDENTS', and 'ENRICHMENT'. Below the navigation bar is the Arbor logo, which consists of four overlapping circles in orange, green, and yellow. To the right of the logo is the text 'Arbor'. Below the logo, there is a section titled 'What is Arbor?' with a brief description of the system. Below that is a section titled 'Arbor Parent Portal' with a description of the app. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'How do I access the Portal?' with instructions on how to create an account and access the portal. On the right side of the page, there is a 'Resources' section with a link to the 'Arbor Parent Portal' app. Below that is a 'Latest News' section with several news items, including 'Free School Meals - Summer Holidays 2026', 'Online Safety Newsletter - June 2026', 'OfE Education Records', 'Sixth Form Taster Day', 'Online Safety Newsletter - May 2026', 'Free School Meals - May Half Term Holidays', and 'GCSE Sciences - Masterclasses - Wednesdays'.



# Personal Development

**Simon Hibbert**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



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## Getting it right in the classroom...

- We believe that all students deserve access to **Disruption Free Learning** throughout the school day.
- **Empowering** students to make the right choices about their behaviour and understanding its negative impact on their learning and that of others.
- Clear, consistent expectations across all classrooms with clear, consistent consequences when students do not make the right choices. **Done to protect the learning of all students**



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# Supporting Learning

- To ensure **Disruption Free Learning** is secured a consistent three step process will be used for managing behaviour in all classrooms.



- Teachers are empowered to **ensure classes are disruption free** by removing students who disrupt learning quickly and efficiently to ensure other students can learn.
- Allows teachers to focus on those students who are **doing the right thing day in, day out**.
- Reasonable adjustments made to support students in the classroom and beyond, in line with their individual needs.



## Key Information for September

1. Students Removed from lessons are placed into the Reflection Room to ensure all other students have access to disruption free learning.
2. Bullying, racism, and other forms of discrimination are not tolerated – talk to us, Student Services team available to support all students
3. Punctuality to lessons is vital. Being late causes disruption and missed learning. Consequence if students are deliberately late.
4. We expect TGS students to wear their uniform with pride:
  - Skirts should be worn at knee length.
  - Trousers must be worn on or above the hips, underwear should not be visible.
  - Shirts tucked in, top buttons fastened.



# Further Information

We believe that all students deserve access to **Disruption Free Learning** throughout the school day.

[www.tgschool.net/2026](http://www.tgschool.net/2026)

- Letter to all parents regarding the changes to the behaviour policy
- Updated Behaviour Policy for September 2026



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# Mobile Devices

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Deputy Headteacher



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# Mobile Devices

## Headlines

- From September 2026, Thomas Gainsborough School will be a mobile device free environment for all students in Year 7-11.
- Mobile devices means phones, smart watches, wireless / Bluetooth headphones, gaming devices etc.



## Why go phone free?

- 1.Support Mental Health and Wellbeing
- 2.Improving Academic Performance
- 3.Enhanced Focus and Reduced Disruption
- 4.Helping to keep students safe



# Mobile Device Processes

1. On arrival to school via the main student entrance, students will lock their devices in the secure pouches provided.
2. Staff will be on hand to check device is securely stored in the pouch followed by checks in tutor time.
3. The locked pouch remains in students bag for the duration of the school day.
4. At the end of the school day, when leaving simply unlock your pouch by tapping it against the unlocking device.

- If students forget to bring their pouch it will be locked securely in Student Services and can be collected at the end of the day.



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## Mobile Device FAQs and Further Information

More information about Mobile Devices at TGS can be found on our dedicated web page available via [www.tgschool.net/mobiles](http://www.tgschool.net/mobiles)

On this page you will find our FAQ document that answers the common questions. If your question is not answered do let us know via email [enquiries@tgschool.net](mailto:enquiries@tgschool.net)

On Transition Days, if students bring a phone, it should be kept in student bag.



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# Year Team Introduction

**Julia Power**  
**Head of Year**

## Year Team & Responsibilities

- Head of Year – Mrs J Power

Ensuring every student attends, achieves and moves successfully through TGS

- Deputy Head of Year – Mr A Clinch

Overseeing attendance and supporting year group

- Student Support – Mrs N Dexter

Wellbeing lead for the year group



# Year Team

## How We Can Work Together

### Supporting Your Child at Home (Character)

- Encourage positive routines – sleep, organisation, readiness for school
- Reinforce high expectations around behaviour and respect
- Create positive habits to ensure consistency
- Celebrate effort, not just outcomes

### Communication Between School & Home (Culture)

- Contact us with any concerns or questions – we are here to help
- Check key updates and messages regularly
- We value open, honest and supportive communication



# Year Team

## Supporting Attendance & Progress (Currency)

- Ensure your child is resilient by attending every day and arrives on time
- Inform us of any issues early so we can support

## Encouraging Enrichment & Careers (Culture & Character)

- Motivate your child to get involved in clubs, teams and activities
- Help them build confidence, friendships and new skills
- Supporting to map out next steps and future aspirations
- These experiences are just as important as academic success



# The TGS Way



- Ribbons
- TGS 50
- Subject Ambassadors
- Enrichment
- Merits
- Competitions



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## Transition Days

Establishing school expectations

Establishing school routines

Finding your way around & increasing independence

Building relationships

Preparing for increased academic expectations



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# Transition Days Theme

"I want to be..."

## Ambition and Aspiration for the future

*Aspirations and ambition provide an effective transition theme for Year 6 pupils moving into Year 7 because they encourage students to look ahead with confidence, set meaningful goals, and embrace new opportunities.*

*The theme helps pupils reflect on their achievements, develop resilience, and understand how their actions and attitudes can support future success both academically and personally."*



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## Uniform & Equipment for Transition Days

- TGS PE Top
- Normal school shorts/skirt/PE shorts
- Sensible footwear, trainers required for PE session (Tuesday)
- School jumper or plain hoodie or similar
- No jewellery – single small stud earring and a simple wristwatch only
- Pencil case – pen, green pen for improvements, pencil, ruler, colouring pens,
- Drink



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# Transition Days – example timetable

	Name:		Class : 1
	Monday 13th July	Tuesday 14th July	Wednesday 15th July
<b>Tutor Time</b>	Flags - Assembly	Flags - Assembly	Flags - Assembly
<b>Period 1 9.15-10.05</b>	<b>Orientation Task</b>	<b>English</b> KSV - 301	<b>History</b> MGI - 212
<b>Period 2 10.05-10.55</b>	<b>Group Challenge</b>	<b>Maths</b> SWA - 106	<b>Personal Development</b> KSV - 119
<b>Break 1</b>			
<b>Period 3 11.15-12.05</b>	<b>Group Challenge</b>	<b>Art</b> FRA - 315	<b>PE</b> RMY - Field
<b>Period 4 12.05-12.55</b>		<b>Geography</b> EJU - 206	<b>PE</b> RMY - Field
<b>Break 2</b>			
<b>Period 5 13.35-14.25</b>	<b>Group Presentations</b>	<b>Tech</b> EIR - 004	<b>Celebration Assembly</b>
<b>Period 5 14.25-</b>		<b>Science</b> SLU - 217	



## Information for Transition Days

- Students to arrive and be lined up at their house flag by 08:45
- All students must arrive through the main school gates by the Library
- Any absences must be reported to our attendance team [attendance@tgschool.net](mailto:attendance@tgschool.net)
- Food will be available to purchase at lunchtime in the Lightwell only - please provide a snack from home for breaktime
- Students who receive a Free School Meal at primary school will be entitled to a lunch during the transition days
- Students will be dismissed at 15:05 each day



# Travelling by bus on Transition Days

- Bus companies are aware of Year 6 students during these days
- TGS PE tops are used by the drivers to identify students during transition days– no bus pass or ticket required
- TGS staff will be on buses on Monday to support

Any further questions regarding transport from September or during transition days, please speak to Mr Ponsford, who is available this evening in student services.



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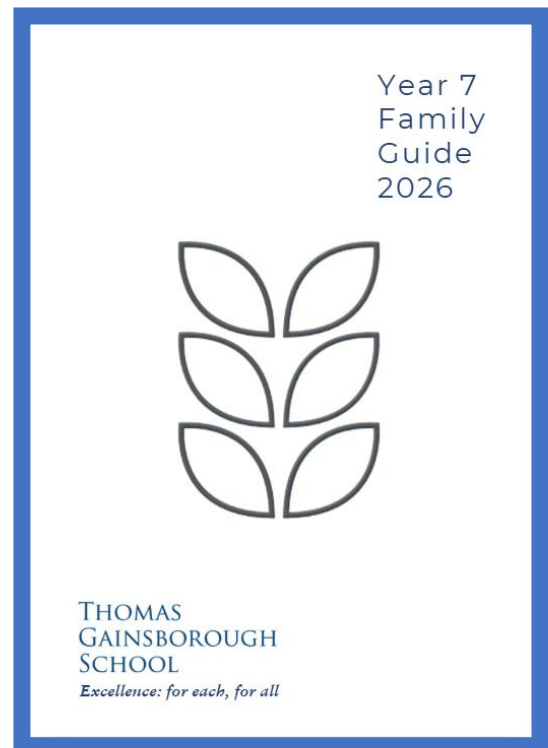
## Further details

Family Guide will be emailed to all families later this week

Any questions, please let us know

[JPower@tgschool.net](mailto:JPower@tgschool.net)

[AClinch@tgschool.net](mailto:AClinch@tgschool.net)



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# Thank you

Q&A in The Lightwell