



# THOMAS MILLS HIGH SCHOOL

a DfE-designated Academy

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Dear Parents,

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## Fab Labs!

Following on from other successful appeals, we are writing to announce our new exciting fundraising project. Our aim is to rejuvenate the current science labs. Science is a successful subject in the school despite some of our current science laboratories being over fifty years old! Our target is to raise £350,000 in order to achieve new and up to date facilities, enabling all pupils at Thomas Mills to explore and engage with the world of Science as well as developing their skills in Maths, Technology and Engineering. Fundraising for this project has already commenced with a successful Quiz Night, which raised approximately £1000. We have some exciting events planned and we would appreciate any support that you and your family can give.

### Table Talk: Presentation from Dr Peter Wothers MBE - 5<sup>th</sup> February - 7 pm.

An exciting lecture celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mendeleev's Periodic Table. We are honoured to have Dr Peter Wothers. Dr Wothers is a Teaching Fellow at the University of Cambridge and has authored a number of popular textbooks. He has presented a recent Royal Institute Christmas lecture series called the Modern Alchemist. His lectures are enjoyable and engaging – so be prepared for a thrilling journey through the periodic table! Whether you have a keen up and coming scientist, a child studying GCSE science or are just curious yourself about how the iconic arrangement came about, then make sure you secure a place at this event.

Tickets are priced at £6.50 per person and payment can be made via School Gateway by **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** ([www.schoolgateway.co.uk](http://www.schoolgateway.co.uk)). If you are having problems paying this way, then please contact Mrs. Mitchell in the Finance Office.

### TMHS Staff Yorkshire 3 Peak Challenge – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May

We have challenged staff at TMHS to reach the top of Yorkshire's three highest peaks in a bid to raise funds for Fab Labs! About forty staff have signed up to undertake this personal challenge and will be completing either 1, 2 or 3 peaks. Some training walks have already taken place and we will keep you updated on the lead up to the main event. Your friends and family have the opportunity to support the staff by sponsoring them on this mission. Further details will follow.

### LOGO Competition

We recognise the creative talent we have and want to give pupils an opportunity to show off their design capabilities with a logo competition. We are looking for an eye catching, original logo design that captures the aim of our appeal and the ethos of the school. The winning design will be owned by the school (with acknowledgement to the designer) and used on our paperwork, sponsor forms, website, press releases, hoodies, etc. Details of how to enter will be provided in school soon.

Our aim is to create facilities that support our high expectations of our pupils and can assist our staff in providing excellent teaching and learning, ensuring successful outcomes for all. We are hopeful that if local businesses, local people, staff and pupils all provide a little bit of help, then together we can achieve our goal.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

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