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Thornhill Parent Update 5th July 2024

This week, 40 of our students had an amazing opportunity to compete at Leeds Stadium in our 2nd annual Consilium Games. This is an opportunity for all our trust schools to come together and compete against each other. Not only was this a great opportunity to compete outside our local area, but it was a fantastic opportunity for our students to meet up and talk to other students from across our Trust. As always, our students were excellent ambassadors for our school. We are very proud of the sporting manner in which they conducted themselves, and how they interacted with staff and students from other trust schools.

Students today have participated in our Consilium Run, which has been a sponsored event across the Trust. It has been great to see all year groups participating in this, we are really glad that the weather held for it. This culminated with a very messy, yet vibrant colour run, a really fun event to end the day. The aim is to raise £12,000 for the Consilium Canon, a Trust wide initiative which aims to ensure all our students have access to reading opportunities. The Consilium Canon initiative provides a list of recommended reading books across a number of genres and disciplines. The books are challenging, interesting and varied. They have been selected to give students an insight into other people's worlds, opportunities to see themselves reflected in literature, to promote discussion and to build reading resilience.

The year 11 prom this week was a fantastic event, celebrating all the hard work that our wonderful year 11 students have put in over their time at Thornhill, but particularly in their GCSE years. They have been such a great group of students, and their maturity shone out at the prom, with impeccable behaviour, which was commented upon by staff at The Stadium of Light. We next see our year 11 students on results day in August, when we are sure they will have lots to celebrate.

We wish our year 10 students all the best next week with their work experience, and we look forward to hearing all about it on their return in the final week of term. This is such a massive step for many of them, as it will be their first step out into the wider world without their friends. Good luck year 10!

As we move towards the end of term, can I please remind you that other than arranged trips and activities in the coming two weeks, lessons will continue as normal. We have a 39-week curriculum and weeks 38 and 39 are just as important as any other. Please ensure that your children are in school right up to the end of term on Friday 19th July.

Mrs S Hamilton
Headteacher



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Important Information

We are seeing increasing lunch account debt within school. Whilst we will not see a child without a meal in school all day, we cannot continue to offer the full menu.

From Monday 29th April, if your child's lunch account is overdrawn in excess of £10.00, you should either add funds or send them into school with a packed lunch. If not, we will only be able to offer the following food choices at lunchtime:

- Cheese corner sandwich
- Ham corner sandwich
- Jacket potato and beans.

In addition, there is always fresh drinking water available in the canteen.

If you believe that your child is entitled to free school meals and are not currently receiving the entitlement, please enter your details here [FSM checker](#)

The balance on your child's lunch account can be viewed via ParentPay. Alternatively, should you require help, please contact the main school office on 0191 500 7981.

Breakfast Club



We are proud to offer the National School Breakfast Programme at our school, come and enjoy a healthy breakfast with us.

Where to get Breakie?
Location: Thumbprint
Time: 8:00am

Head Students

At this time of year, when our Year 11 students move on, we look to appoint a new senior student team, to lead our school council. We were really impressed with the standard of applications and interviews, where our students showed a true commitment and service to our school community. Strong leadership characteristics in our students are really shining through. We would like to congratulate Ebby O and Alex G for being appointed Head Students for 2024-25. Also, congratulations to the students who will make up the senior team, with a focus on our core values

Excellence- Agatha O

Opportunity- Hollie P

Partnerships - Rawdah B

We really look forward to developing our Student Council next year, with the support of our senior student team.

Some of our senior students had the opportunity to meet with Simon Marshall, Director of Education Services at Together for Children. The students talked about their own experiences and aspirations, as well as asking questions to Simon about his role. This was also a great opportunity to seek advice about leadership and their student council.



Annual Consilium Games

On Tuesday, Thornhill Academy competed in the 2nd Annual Consilium Games, at Leeds Stadium. Over 40 pupils attended the event from each year group. Pupils took part in both track and field events, including relay, 1500m run, javelin, high jump and many others. The pupils represented the school fantastically throughout the day, and we even had some overall winners in their specific events. Well done Team Thornhill, bring on the competition next year!





Sunderland School Games Cricket Festival

Thornhill Academy entered the Sunderland School Games Cricket festival on Monday, 1st July and remained undefeated throughout the festival. Thornhill played 4 matches and were undefeated against Argyle House, Farrington, St Roberts, and Kepier. After winning the competition, Mr McGee commented on the excellent teamwork displayed by the players, and a great determination to not give up and keep taking wickets!

Swimming club making a splash!

Pupils have been working really hard at their undulating technique, and experimenting with different types of buoyancy devices, making it more challenging. We have also introduced bilateral and unilateral breathing styles into the stroke. Well done team. Great effort.



Rounders Tournaments

The Y7 and Y8 Rounders tournaments are next week. There are still spaces left and opportunity to take part and compete against other local teams. If you are interested, please see Mrs Corrigan or let her know via ClassCharts. Thank you.

Events

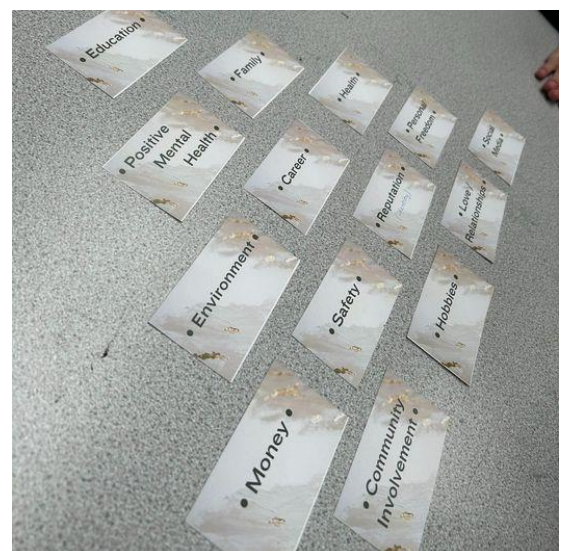
Business Breakfast

Our final Business Breakfast of the year took place on Tuesday morning! Thank you to everyone who has supported our events, they are really valued by the students. We will have lots of prizes to give out next week for the best facts gathered from our visitors! [@siemens](#) [@penshawviewtraining](#) [Sunderland Software City](#) [@dwp_gov](#) Sunderland Care and Support and [Equinor](#) [@equinor](#)



M10 Boys Workshops:

In our final Boys M10 workshop this week, students explored what was important to them and honed their skills to engage in practice interview situations. Well done to Lewis C for winning the £15 voucher, for consistently demonstrating the employability skills required for success!



Employability skills

Our year 9 and 10 business students, engaged in an Employability Masterclass with Young Enterprise, this afternoon. In a whistle stop tour, students engaged in their personal brand, building their own CVs, reflected on their digital footprint, and what actions they could take to be ready for work!



Upcoming Events

World of work week

Next week, is our world of work week, where the majority of year 10 will be out on work placement. In school, there will be a range of activities linked to the world of work, for all year groups to participate in. Activities include communication workshops, First Responders training, online virtual work experiences, and updating Morrisby and Future Skills Questionnaires, Arctic Climate webinars and a motivational talk from Inner Sparks! We will end next week with our BIG REWARDS day. All students should have selected their rewards preference and if any cost is attached, this needs to be paid on ParentPay before Wednesday 10th July.

Great Consilium Run



We are continuing to raise money for our Consilium Cannon; a collection of books, we want to ensure that all children have the opportunity to read.

Students, and staff have been asked to collect sponsorship for their runs and have been challenged to take on at least 10 runs between now and Monday, 15th July. We continue to support students with clocking up our runs during PE lessons.

Friday, 5th July was our big community run day, where all year groups took part to complete as many laps as possible! We also offered a reward of a colour run with our feeder primary schools in the afternoon!



Thank you in advance for your sponsorship of our students. Please see our Just Giving page for more information: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Consilium-Canon?utm_term=MPmEBPwmp

Trips and visits

Derwent Hill

We still have places for students to sign up to our Trip to Derwent Hill in November. Derwent Hill is an outdoor activity centre, who offer a range of outdoor teambuilding and adventure activities.



All parents and students have received a letter and for more information, contact Mrs Crooks.

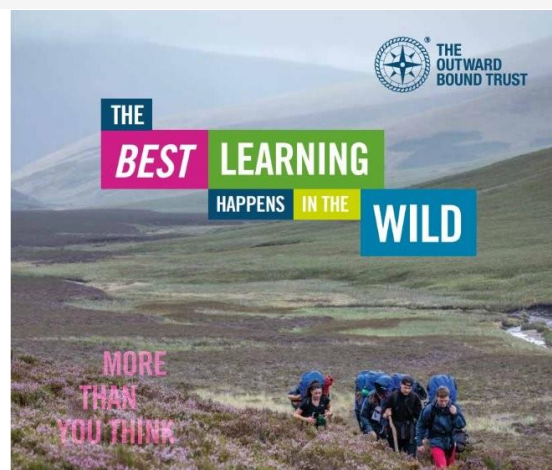
For all year 6 parents we have an exciting trip planned, just for our new year 7s to the Ullswater Outward Bound Centre in January. This is aimed to develop teambuilding and resilience, but mainly to have lots of fun! We want as many students as possible to take advantage of this opportunity, which is why we are giving notice in advance, and requesting an expression of interest, before **12th July 2024** to allow us to secure the booking.

We will arrange for a deposit to be paid via our Parent Pay App in September, and an installment plan will also be available to support families in making this payment.

Please can parents/carers make their expression of interest via the QR code or this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/n06MiYRmXc>

Once we have this information more communication will be shared. For now, more information about The Outward Bound Trust can be found here:

<https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/>



Details of our existing trips can be found by clicking on the links below:

Wicked

[Wicked Theatre Trip details](#)

SUMMER CONCERT

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July 18th 7pm

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Thornhill Academy's

Trainer/Shoe donation drive

Thornhill PE Dept. would greatly appreciate any Trainer / Shoe donations (all sizes) to assist our pupils with their lessons!!

Please drop off at main reception



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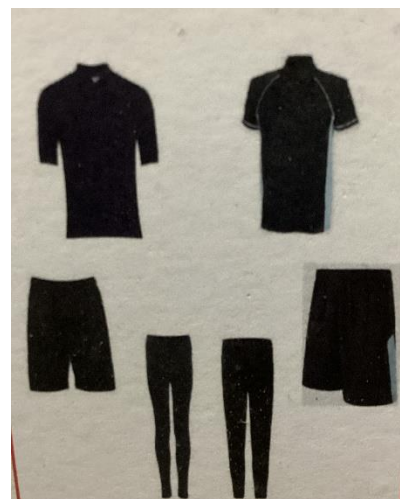
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P.E kit appeal

With year 11 coming to the end of their time with us, our P.E department is appealing for donations of any unwanted kit, students might not need (navy polo top, Thornhill P.E navy hoody, navy shorts, navy tracksuit bottoms) or any pair of unwanted/old trainers.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated, the items will be used as spares for next year, and to support other families who might benefit from the items provided. If you have anything you can provide, you can drop it off at reception, or speak with a member of the P.E staff.

Thanks.





Turn your online shopping into magic



Thornhill Academy are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All funds raised will be paid directly to the Academy to use for the benefit of the students.

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we would really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It is completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thornhill-academy/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1



Thank you so much!



"In partnership with Energy Savings Trust, Groundwork have a new service that offers help and advice with managing energy costs.

This service now covers residents in all areas under Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, South Tyneside Council, Durham County Council, Gateshead Council and City of Sunderland Council

If you're looking for advice on reducing energy use, keeping warm at home, making energy efficiency upgrades, installing renewable energy systems, make energy efficient home improvements or just help to pay your energy bills please get in touch.

Our in-home support programme provides free, expert advice on being more energy efficient and on how to lower your bills.

We are completely impartial and there's no hard sell - just clear honest advice from the experts.

We can even help those in 'hard-to-treat' homes like: flats, terrace houses, old properties, single glazed properties and homes in the countryside.

If you would like any of the help listed above or just more information, please get in touch; my email address and mobile number are given below.

I can have a chat and/or make a referral to the programme, then one of the energy experts will be in touch to book a home visit."

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Groundwork NE & Cumbria
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ParentPay App

Student Information – PLEASE UPDATE NOW

It is important that we have up to date information on your child. This includes correct address and telephone numbers, emergency contact details, medical updates, including allergies, etc.

Much of this can be updated by parents/carers through the ParentApp. Please log into ParentApp and check that all the information that we hold for your child is correct and update where necessary.

If you are unable to access ParentApp, please contact the main school office who will be happy to assist by making the changes and helping you set up ParentApp for future use.

Free School Meals

Please see the school details for information around Free School Meal entitlement. If you are not currently entitled to receive Free School Meals, complete the form and if, in the future, circumstances change, the entitlement could automatically start for your child.

Lunch Accounts

We are currently looking at all student lunch accounts and will be contacting parents/carers where there is significant debt on a student's account. We will no longer be able to provide meals for those students who have considerable debt on their accounts and who make no payment to reduce the balance.

Please clear any overdrawn balance now or contact the main school office if this will cause undue financial burden.

Sharp Reporting System

Were you aware Thornhill has a web based anonymous reporting function? This is the direct link to the reporting feature, but this can also be accessed through the school website:
<https://thornhill.thesharpsystem.com/>

Please can we ask you to ensure that as a parent you have downloaded the app or access class charts via the browser <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login> to login.



Class charts is the main method of communication between staff, parents and pupils. If you do not have these details or need your password resetting, please contact school and we can give you this over the phone or alternatively email thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com

Please can we remind all parents that we request students to be on site for 8.30am each day, classes start at 8.40am prompt.

We would like to thank you in advance with your support on this matter.

Stage 1	45 minutes After School Detention
Stage 2	Day in Reflection & 45 minute After School Detention
Stage 3	60-minute SLT Detention - Friday
Stage 4	Parental Meeting

Alumni Network

If you are a former pupil, we want to hear from you!

Thank you for the overwhelming support we always receive from parents.

We are extremely proud of our Alumni. When our students leave following completion of their GCSEs, they progress on to some incredibly exciting and far-reaching pathways.

What is it?

The Consilium Alumni will be a network of former students across all Consilium Academies.

The Alumni programme aims to:

- Allow continued support where needed for our former pupils
- Create a network of former pupils who are now in further education or employment, who may be able to use this experience to inspire and support current students
- Celebrate the achievements of former pupils
- Advertise local jobs which may appeal to former students and their families

Who can join?

Any former student or staff member from one of our Consilium Academies schools.

Join our network today and help us continue to build our Consilium community!

[Sign up here](#)

Parent Information
Get in touch

- At Thornhill Academy we understand the importance of sharing information and news with our parents and carers. Each week we publish our Parental Bulletin to ensure you are kept up to date with recent school news.
- We also want to hear from you! We love to share good news stories and the amazing accomplishments made by our pupils.
- If you have some good news to share about your child, please get in touch via email:
- thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com
- Follow us
- Don't forget to follow us on social media for the latest updates on school activities



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To view all Parents Letters please click the link below:
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Active Sunderland BIG Bike Ride

Sunday 14 July, Beacon of Light

Take the family on a 5 mile traffic free led ride, conquer a 12-mile adventure, stretch your legs on the 20-miler or challenge yourself to the 38-mile route.

Our rides are fully supported with clearly signed routes, marshals, first aid cover, bike mechanics and pick-up vehicles.

Entry starts at just £5 for children and £7 for adults.

Find out more at: mysunderland.co.uk/bigbikeride

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