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## Thornhill Parent Update 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Message from Headteacher

As I start to write this week's message to you at 7.30am this morning, I can hear the sound of excited children eagerly awaiting the time to get on the coaches and head off to Flamingoland. Opportunities in school to simply have fun and make memories with your friends are a massive part of what school is about. Later today, another group of students will head off to the cinema. Today is rewards day for key stage 3 students, a day that they have been looking forward to, and a day that they absolutely deserve.

This week, year 10 students have been on their work experience, and we look forward to welcoming them back into school on Monday, to hear how they have got on. In school, around the normal curriculum for key stage 3, we have had World of Work week, with a whole host of activities and trips enabling students to explore careers and skills for the workplace. Mrs Crooks has done a phenomenal job organising this amazing week. I know she has big plans for how we develop this further next year.

Thank you to those parents who responded to our consultation around changing the timings of the school day. We had two responses that were not in favour of this, but all other respondents were positive about the changes, and the reasons for them. As a result, we will be changing the timings of the school day from September, and our school day will run from 8.40am to 3.10pm.

Next week is our final week in school before we break for the summer holidays. This is week 39 of the curriculum and is as important as week 1, and their attendance is important. School will end at 1.00pm on Friday 19th July.

The new school term will begin for all students at 8.40am on Monday 9th September.

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Breakfast Club



**COME AND ENJOY  
BREAKFAST**

join us for a free breakfast every  
morning

*Everyone  
Welcome!*

## World Of Work Week

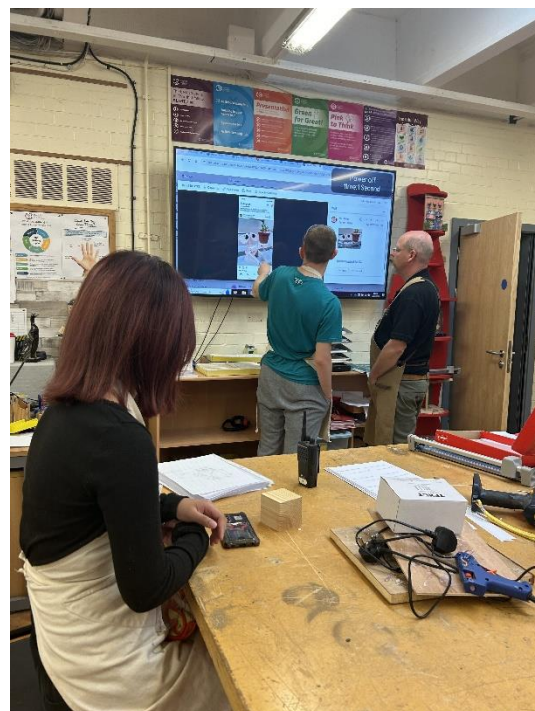
We have had a phenomenal week in and out of school this week, as all year groups explored the world of work.

### Year 10

Students have been preparing over the last few months, their work experience placements with a wide range of different companies, employers and organisations across the region. They have worked in technical theatre roles, hospitality, care and support, administration, education and a host of other sectors. We cannot wait to hear from our year 10's, about their experiences and to reflect on how this has helped shape views and skills for the future.

In school we have had a range of events happening for all year groups.

In DT, Mr Miller has been running IKEA design challenges with a team of technicians to support as well! In addition, we have had students working as Sports Technicians and Site Managers for the week. An amazing insight into the running of the school, and students have been amazed by all of the work they didn't realise happened behind the scenes in a school.



Mrs Simpson, has been creating afternoon tea boxes and selling to staff as a food technology enterprise activity with year 8 and year 10 students. These have gone down a storm with staff and they totally sold out!





In lessons, students have been completing their Future Skills Questionnaires and exploring online work experience opportunities students have been exploring Virtual Work Experience through Springpod. All year 9 students will be signed up for this and can participate in virtual work experience and subject spotlights anytime they want as they now have their own personal accounts.



Our younger students have also explored Springpod through their dedicated careers town Springville. Here students can explore buildings in a typical town to find out about jobs and careers. A link to this has been shared on class charts to students to explore themselves too.



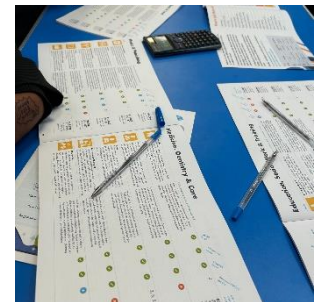
Year 10's started their Carer Careers Virtual Work Experience with Speakers for Schools. They are working on a project to remove barriers for people in workplaces. Their project work developed well and they got some great feedback from employers too!





Year 8 were honing their enterprise skills with a great session from Young Enterprise as part of our World of Work Week! Thank you to Carolyn and our volunteers for a great session.

Year 9 and 10 Students engaged in a fun enterprise afternoon with the Department for Work and Pensions. Buying, making, selling and calculating profits. Well done to our winning team with a whopping £600+ profit!



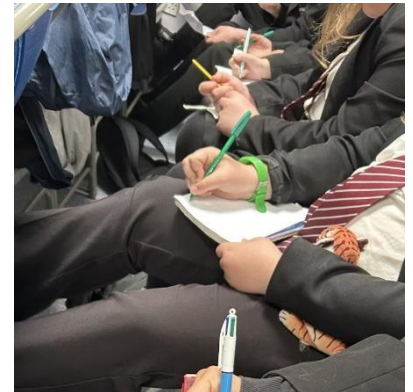
Our year 10 and Year 7 students have been learning street first aid with St Johns Ambulance this week. Students have learned how to use everyday objects to create tourniquets and brushed up on their CPR skills.





All key stage 3 students were fortunate enough to enjoy a session with FUSION! Huge amounts of energy, creativity and motivation!

All students were challenged to write a poem from their heart and their head with Fusion yesterday. We are so proud of all of our students but especially those who performed and read aloud to the year group showing great confidence and character!



Our students loved the session with Fusion so much, they all wanted to share their poems, hopes and ideas! We hope to see you at Thornhill again!

## Rewards Day

So much happened with our rewards day today too, and we look forward to sharing this and updating everyone with our end of year celebrations next week!

## Information from Sunderland Council

### Summer Savings

The summer holidays can be an expensive time but if you're looking to make some summer savings, from cheap cinema tickets and days out to travel and free kids meals, visit our Summer Savings webpage at [www.sunderland.gov.uk/summer-savings](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/summer-savings)

The page will be updated with deals and information as it becomes available.

### Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme

This summer's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is now confirmed, and we have a variety of programmes running across Sunderland for FSM eligible children, we would like support as many of those children/young people to access free activities and a healthy meal throughout the summer holiday period as possible.

The full timetable is available on Together for Children's website, and this includes all programmes and how to book:

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/HAF>



If you need any support booking places or would like to speak further, please contact the team, Jess and Jen at [HAF@togetherforchildren.org.uk](mailto:HAF@togetherforchildren.org.uk)

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**[luminova.app/sunderland](http://luminova.app/sunderland)**

Help your child build confidence over the upcoming summer holidays, with free interactive therapeutic game Lumi Nova. As your child makes their way through the intergalactic challenges, they also build lifelong skills to self-manage their fears, worries and anxiety, gain confidence and thrive.

Find out more about how this free app could help your 7–12-year-old here: [www.luminova.app/sunderland](http://www.luminova.app/sunderland)

Have you heard about Links for Life? It's a new website packed with information about activities, groups and services on your doorstep – all designed to help improve health and wellbeing. Find out more at [www.linksforlifesunderland.co.uk](http://www.linksforlifesunderland.co.uk)

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# SUMMER CONCERT

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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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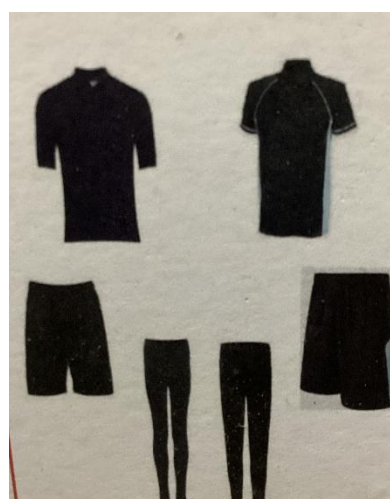
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## P.E kit appeal

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](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."

**Joel Barrow**

**Community Project Manager, North of Tyne Region**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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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# Active Sunderland BIG Bike Ride

**Sunday 14 July, Beacon of Light**

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

Find out more at: [mysunderland.co.uk/bigbikeride](http://mysunderland.co.uk/bigbikeride)

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