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## Thornhill Parent Update 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Message from Headteacher

This has been an amazing year at Thornhill, and one in which we have grown massively as a school and school community. Our Ofsted inspection in May gave us the grading of 'Good'. Behind the scenes there have been many things that have changed at Thornhill, and as a school we move into the new academic year in a very strong position for the future.

Plans are well underway for the new school build, and I look forward to sharing these with you in the Autumn term. A new school building is what our school community needs and deserves. I am sure that when you see the plans, you will be very excited about the opportunities this will bring.

For now, staff and students are looking forward to their summer break and the chance to recharge ready for the next academic year. Whilst there is an excitement about the new school year, there is also a sadness as colleagues leave us. Mr Taylor, Mrs Glean, Mrs Duncan, Mrs Gill and Mr Gorman are all moving on to new roles and opportunities, and we wish them all well for their future, and all the hard work they have put in to working with staff and students at Thornhill, all have made contributions that will have lasting impact in our school.

Mr Leadbeater is also leaving us today after 27 years at Thornhill. He is a very valued member of staff by both students and colleagues and has had a huge role in encouraging and developing the musical talents of our students. Last night we had our summer concert at 17Nineteen. It was wonderful to see so many colleagues past and present, as well as so many ex-students, who now have careers in performing arts attend. The evening was a mix of performance from both past and current students, and it absolutely showcased their amazing talents. It was a wonderful evening and a lovely way to collectively celebrate Mr Leadbeater's dedicated work in his time at our school. We wish him all the best for the future, and we are very sure he will stay in touch with us.

As we end the academic year, we are always looking to the next. Term starts for all students at 8.40am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Students should aim to be on school site by 8.30am. As shared previously with you, the school day will be extended from September and will end at 3.10pm. Please can you ensure that you follow the uniform guidance carefully for September when purchasing items for school.

We wish you all a lovely summer.

Mrs S Hamilton  
Headteacher



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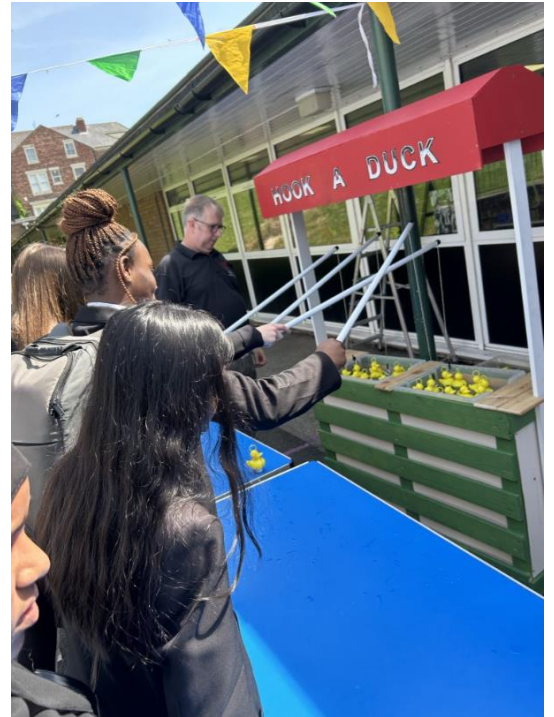
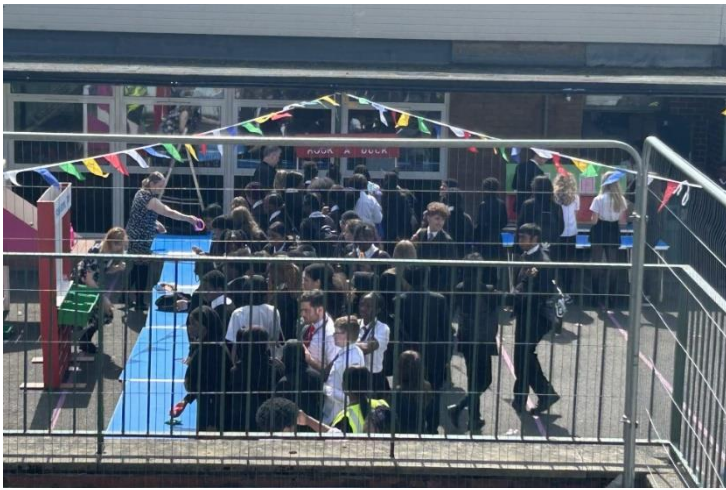
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## Happy Holidays

Some last day activities enjoyed by the students and staff.



## Wimbledon Ladies' Final day

Thornhill Academy pupils attended a once in a lifetime opportunity at Wimbledon Ladies final day on centre court. Oliver and Oluwasunfunmi travelled down to SW19 with 6 other pupils from our Consilium Academies and had an amazing experience, watching a thrilling ladies' final day! The pupils were also lucky enough to stay on centre court and watch the Men's doubles final. Fingers crossed we are lucky enough to return next year. If pupils are interested in playing tennis, they can attend the Tennis Centre at Silksworth Community Pool, Tennis & Wellness Centre

Thornhill Academy's

# Wimbledon Centre Court

Congratulations to Oliver and Oluwasunfunmi who were Thornhill's representatives at the 2024 Ladies Final on Centre Court at Wimbledon. Both pupils had an amazing experience!



## Sports Round Up

This academic year, we have had not only, fantastic individual success in sports such as long jump, horse riding and boxing outside of school, we have also had plenty to celebrate by representing our own Thornhill school teams. We have entered numerous competitions, fixtures, matches and tournaments within the local authority, and competed against our own Consilium Academy Trust schools. Thornhill has had a very successful year in the swimming gala, gaining a bronze overall. In cricket, Thornhill's team was unbeaten after winning every match. The pupils have also done amazing in their Futsal tournament's and during both the netball and football league games. They have been outstanding in their representation of our school values and supported each other allowing them to succeed. Brilliant effort everyone. Have a restful summer and we shall see you in September!

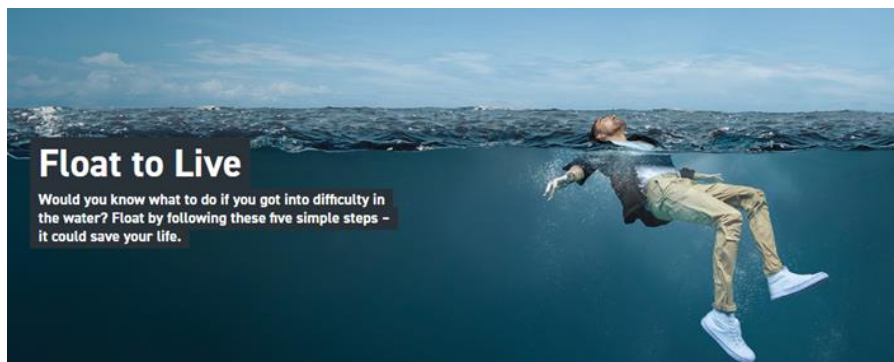


Have a restful summer and we shall see you in September!

## Swimming Club

In swimming club, and during swimming lessons this academic year we have looked at water safety. This involves your own personal survival, buoyancy and floatation, as well as what to do in deep and shallow water, when and where to swim.

Our KS4 pupils have explored what it would be like to be a lifeguard in these situations and performed some of their own safety rescues. The pupils have some excellent advice for all of us to stay safe over the summer.



1. Tilt your head back
2. Relax
3. Move your hands
4. It's OK if your legs sink
1. Spread your arms and legs

## Assemblies

This week our assemblies were celebrations of our amazing students and the great year we have had. So many students were commended for their excellence, partnerships and opportunities including special awards from each Head of Year. Students also received certificates and medals for their contributions to our Olympics, First Aid sessions, Talk the Talk workshops, Work Experience and so much more!



After our awards came our celebrations. Thanks to Mr Miller and Mr Leadbeater, Thornhills's very own comedy duo, students were given a treat of games and challenges, which tested both students and

teachers to compete for prizes! Lots of fun was had but nonone could beat Mr Leadbeater's 'Floofing' record!



## Rewards Day

So much happened on our rewards day last week too. All students took part in an activity, as a reward for their efforts and achievements this year.

Many students attended our big end of year trip to Flamingoland, or to the cinema to see the new Despicable Me movie. In addition, students enjoyed a range of other activities such as sports, games, Laser Quest and cooking at Sunderland College! Students in school were also treated to a pop gig by Canadian artist, Capri Everitt who is currently touring the UK!





### Visit to The Sikh Gurdwara

Our year 8 students had a wonderful trip out to the Sikh Gurdwara in Ashbrooke. Students were shown around by Kelly and Mr. Gill and were able to experience first-hand many of the things they have learned about this term in religious studies.



### Student achievements:

Well done to Anaya for achieving her Bronze CREST award today. CREST is a scheme that inspires young people to think and behave like scientists and engineers.



### Culture House Minecraft Competition

Last week we had 4 of our students invited to celebrate the awards ceremony of the Culture House Minecraft Competition. There were fantastic contributions of young people in Sunderland to the future of our Culture House. The project team said it has been inspiring to see how Sunderland's young people have embodied our values of creativity, dynamism and innovation, while honing their digital skills to shape their future in our smart city.

Congratulations to Alfie and Adam for achieving their 'Highly Commended' awards.

We can't wait to welcome everyone next year to Culture House Sunderland, a multi-purpose cultural venue and city library. Culture House Sunderland will boast state-of-the-art facilities and provide a permanent home for the city's modernised local history and archive collections, with spaces for exhibitions, storytelling, learning, gaming, media and arts and crafts.



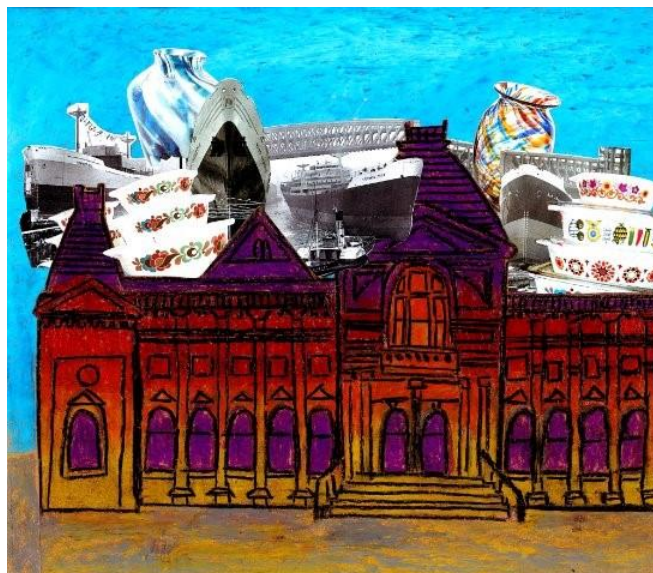
## Thornhill School of Art and Design

As we near the end of the summer term, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the fantastic work our students have been doing in their art and design classes.

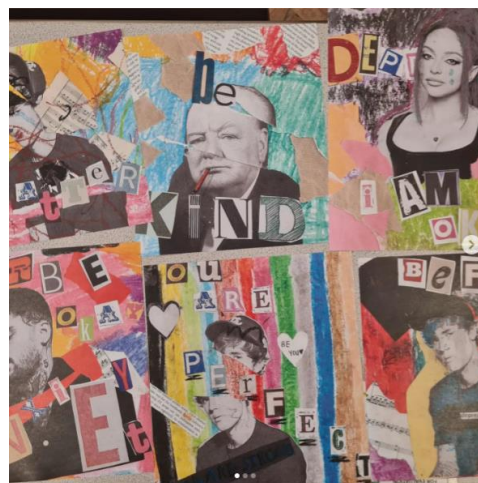
In Year 7, students have been delving into the world of aliens and hybrids, exploring various techniques, such as collage and animation workshops. Their creativity and imagination have truly shone through in their projects.



Year 8 has been focusing on exploring the city of Sunderland, with four students even entering the prestigious Sunderland Arts & Culture Trail competition. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Jessica O emerged as the winner of the competition. Also, I am pleased to tell you that some of our students were shortlisted for the Creating Culture House in Minecraft competition awards ceremony. Congratulations to Alfie W, Adam Q, Syed Jiban A, and Zak B for their remarkable achievements.



Meanwhile, Year 9 students have been honing their skills in portraiture using monoprints and oil pastels, displaying a keen eye for detail and artistic flair.



Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit the Northern School of Art in Middlesbrough, where they experimented with dye sublimation to create unique tote bags, expanding their knowledge and technical abilities.

Following a successful transition day, Year 6 students have been working on gelli printing with stencils and paints, showcasing their creativity and adaptability.



I am also pleased to announce that six Thornhill students have been selected, to represent the school in the upcoming Consilium Art and Design competition, with the winner set to be revealed in September.

Additionally, our colourful and energetic Colour Fun Run brought together students from all year groups for a fun-filled event.



Looking ahead, we are excited to participate in the V&A Art & Design competition next term, where students will have the opportunity to design a product that fits a specific brief. We plan to collaborate with a ceramic artist to enhance our understanding of working with clay and glass, fostering creativity and innovation.

I would like to share some valuable tips from our dedicated art teachers:

- Miss Tench encourages students to have an open mind and embrace new ideas.
- Ms. Knowles emphasises the importance of appreciating various forms of art.
- Mrs Crooks advocates for creative freedom, inspiring students to express themselves without limitations.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our students, and we look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in the realm of art and design.

## Information from Sunderland Council

### Active Sunderland's FREE Summer Family Fun sessions

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 [Summer Savings - Sunderland City Council – Summer Savings](#)

### Active Sunderland Family Fun - MySunderland – Family Fun

Summer in Sunderland is here and our fantastic events line up promises something for everyone!

### Summer in Sunderland - MySunderland – Summer in Sunderland (what's on)

### 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)

A vertical advertisement for the Lumi Nova app. The background is purple. At the top left is the 'LUMI NOVA' logo in green and white, with 'TALES OF COURAGE' underneath. To the right of the logo are a yellow starfish and a pair of purple sunglasses. The main text reads 'Help your child build confidence over the summer holidays.' Below this, it says 'In partnership with' followed by logos for 'together for children SUNDERLAND' and 'NHS North East & North Cumbria'. At the bottom, it says 'To get free instant access visit: [luminova.app/sunderland](https://luminova.app/sunderland)'. The bottom right corner shows a woman's face and a tablet displaying the app's interface.

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](https://www.luminova.app/sunderland)

Links for Life  
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## Making life-changing connections in your community

Linking people to activities, groups and services that make a lasting difference to their health and wellbeing.

[www.linksforlifesunderland.co.uk](http://www.linksforlifesunderland.co.uk)



 CultureHouse  
Sunderland

Free to attend

## Young filmmakers summer sessions

Light. Camera. Action! Join us this summer at Washington Library to learn what it takes to make your own short films.

From planning scripts and storyboards to using camera equipment, young people will work with filmmaker Chris J. Allan to develop their filmmaking skills.

No prior experience necessary, just an interest in film and the desire to get involved.

For more information and to book go to [culturehousesunderland.co.uk/events](http://culturehousesunderland.co.uk/events) or [bit.ly/CHFilm24](http://bit.ly/CHFilm24)

Aimed at young people aged 11-16



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## Music Tech Summer Sessions

Join us at the Creative Smart City Hubs at Houghton and Washington Libraries for an introduction to Music Technology.

Throughout the three-day Summer Sessions young people will be introduced to DJing and Electronic Music Making. On the first day, young people will listen to their favourite music while getting hands-on with DJ equipment to learn DJ mixing techniques.

On days two and three participants will have a go at electronic music production in their favourite genres - Grime, Trap, Afrobeats, Hip Hop, House, Techno, Rave and Makina – by manipulating sound using electronic instruments such as drum machines and synthesizers to create music.

As part of this short course you will receive a free login to YuStudio so you can carry on your music making at home. No prior music experience is needed just a keen interest in wanting to learn.

For more information and to book go to [culturehousesunderland.co.uk/events](http://culturehousesunderland.co.uk/events) or [bit.ly/CHMusicTech24](http://bit.ly/CHMusicTech24)

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## Roker Beach information

Daily 25 May-01 September

Patrol times 10am-6pm

**Please remember - No Flags = No Lifeguards**

<https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeguarded-beaches/roker-beach>

## Beach flags and signs

When you visit a beach, you'll see signs with important safety information. If it's a lifeguarded beach, you'll also see flags to show you where it's safe to enter the water. Here you can find out what they mean.



### Red-and-yellow beach flag

Lifeguard-patrolled swimming and body boarding zone or lifeguard on duty.

This shows the lifeguarded area and is the safest place to swim and bodyboard.



### Black and white chequered beach flag

Surfboard and other water craft zone or zone boundary.

For surfboards, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks and other non-powered craft. Launch and recovery area for kitesurfers and windsurfers. Never swim or bodyboard here.



### Red beach flag

Dangerous conditions: do not enter the water.

Signifies a severe hazard, that water conditions are unsafe for swimming and other water activities, and people should not enter the water.



### Orange windsock

Danger: no inflatables to be used on the water.

Indicates offshore or strong wind conditions. Never use inflatables when the windsock is flying.



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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

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### **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:
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