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Thornhill Parent Update 20th September 2024

Message from Headteacher

We have had a really focussed start to our new school term which sets us up well for the rest of the year. The standard of school uniform is excellent, and students are embracing the rules around jewellery and mobile phones. As we move into colder weather in the coming months, please can I remind you that students need a dark waterproof coat for school and also a black V-neck jumper. No other items are allowed to be worn in place of these.

We are also very aware that for many families in our school, purchasing items of school uniform can be a real burden on family finances. We would like to work with our whole school community to support each other. I therefore ask that when your children grow out of school uniform items, that you consider donating them to us, so we can redistribute them to needy families. We openly welcome drop offs at reception, and moving forward, will arrange for collections at school events and parents' evenings. Please also consider donations of coats suitable for school, we are very aware that some of our children do not have a warm coat for the winter.

In May we gained our Ofsted 'Good', that judgement validated all the hard work that has been put into all aspects of our school improvement journey to this point. In August, our Class of 2024 year 11 students achieved the best results in the school's history, this validates the judgement we received in May. Everything is set up well for our students to achieve in our school, what we need from all of them is strong attendance. By that we strive for at least 96% for each student. Analysis of our GCSE results, demonstrates clearly that students with good attendance achieve well. Please work with your child and us, to ensure that they are in school and attending well, that in itself will enable us to work with them and support their academic achievement. If you are having issues with your child's attendance to school, please talk to us, so we can work together to support an improvement. Please also be aware, that 'long weekends' significantly impact on good attendance. The curriculum on a Friday is equally as important as that on a Monday.

We are really looking forward to our Open Evening on Monday 23rd September from 3.30pm until 6.00pm, if you have children in primary school in year 5 or 6, please come along. Also spread the word to family and friends who have children of this age, it would be lovely to share with them the great work that we are doing here at Thornhill.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs S Hamilton
Headteacher



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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

Thumbprint Menus



Week One

Meal Deal

Main meal + any pudding or drink

Food Menu

Free Breakfast

Bagel	£0.00
Porridge	£0.00
Cereal	£0.00
Fruit	£0.00



Monday

Traditional

Creamy vegetable pot pie served with new potatoes and vegetables (V) (H)

Favourites

Gnocchi served in an Italian tomato, basil and lemon sauce (Ve) (H)

Jacket Potato

- Beans (Ve)
- Cheese (V)
- Tuna

Pasta Bar (H)

Trio of cheese (V)

Pudding (H)

Carrot cake (V)

Tuesday

Traditional

Katsu chicken served with vegetable rice (H)

Favourites

Quorn Chinese chicken curry served with noodles (V) (H)

Jacket Potato

- Beans (Ve)
- Cheese (V)
- Tuna

Pasta Bar (H)

Meatball marinara (H)

Pudding (H)

Chocolate cake (V)

Wednesday

Traditional

Minced beef wellington (H) with mashed potatoes and Yorkshire pudding

Favourites

Vegetarian sausage with mashed potato and vegetables (V)

Jacket Potato

- Beans (Ve)
- Cheese (V)
- Tuna

Pasta Bar

Creamy chicken fajita (H)

Pudding

Pineapple upside down cake (V)

Thursday

Traditional

Hunters chicken served with wedges, corn on the cob and salad

Favourites

Vegetarian pasta bolognese served with garlic bread (V)

Jacket Potato

- Beans (Ve)
- Cheese (V)
- Tuna

Pasta Bar (H)

Pepperoni (H)

Pudding

Cherry loaf (V)

Friday

Traditional

Salmon and broccoli pasta bake served with garlic bread (H)

Favourites

Crispy chicken wraps served with chips and salad / beans (H)

Jacket Potato

- Beans (Ve)
- Cheese (V)
- Tuna

Pasta Bar (H)

Carbonara (H)

Pudding

Friday bake off

Drink

Flavoured Water	£0.90
Plain Water	£0.90
Sparkling Water	£0.90
Milk	£0.60
Milkshake	£0.60
Fruit Juice	£0.60



V = Vegetarian
Ve = Vegan
H = Halal

Food Menu

Free Breakfast

Bagel	£0.00
Porridge	£0.00
Cereal	£0.00
Fruit	£0.00



Monday

Traditional

Cheesy spring green lasagne served with summer vegetables (V)

Favourites

Spinach, feta and filo pie served with crispy potatoes and salad (V)

Jacket Potato

- Beans (Ve)
- Cheese (V)
- Tuna

Pasta Bar

Trio of cheese (V), (H)

Pudding

Chocolate orange brownie (V)

Tuesday

Traditional

Sticky lemon chicken served with stir fry style vegetable rice

Favourites

Mexican style Quorn chicken rice served with flat bread (V), (H)

Jacket Potato

- Beans
- Cheese
- Tuna

Pasta Bar

Meatball marinara (H)

Pudding

Cornflake tart (V)

Wednesday

Traditional

Shepherd pie served with summer vegetables and Yorkshire pudding (H)

Favourites

Creamy chicken pot pie served with roasted garlic mash and onion gravy

Jacket Potato

- Beans
- Cheese
- Tuna

Pasta Bar

Creamy chicken fajita (H)

Pudding

Summer berry crumble (V)

Thursday

Traditional

All day breakfast / vegetarian all day breakfast

Favourites

Quorn chicken burger served with wedges, corn on the cob and salad (V)

Jacket Potato

- Beans
- Cheese
- Tuna

Pasta Bar

Pepperoni (H)

Pudding

Eton mess (V)

Friday

Traditional

Fish and chips served with peas / beans (H)

Favourites

Loades fries topped with salt and pepper chicken and salad (H)

Jacket Potato

- Beans
- Cheese
- Tuna

Pasta Bar

Carbonara (H)

Pudding

Friday Bake off

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Flavoured Water	£0.90
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Pesto pasta served with roasted cherry tomatoes & dressed green beans (Ve), (H)

Favourites

Quorn beef burger served with wedges and vegetables (V), (H)

Jacket Potato

- Beans
- Cheese
- Tuna

Pasta Bar

Trio of cheese (V)

Pudding

Chocolate crunch (V)

Tuesday

Traditional

Chilli Con Carne served with lemon rice (H)

Favourites

Sweet potato and chick pea curry served with rice and Naan bread (Ve)

Jacket Potato

- Beans
- Cheese
- Tuna

Pasta Bar

Meatball marinara (H)

Pudding

Mango cheesecake (V)

Wednesday

Traditional

Beef stew and sage dumplings served with mashed potatoes

Favourites

Spanish vegetarian sausage casserole served with mash potato and vegetables (V)

Jacket Potato

- Beans
- Cheese
- Tuna

Pasta Bar

creamy chicken fajita (H)

Pudding

Sprinkle cake (V)

Thursday

Traditional

Korean BBQ pork served with kimchi noodles

Favourites

Quorn chicken dippers served with potato sidewinders and beans (V)

Jacket Potato

- Beans
- Cheese
- Tuna

Pasta Bar

Pepperoni (H)

Pudding

Lemon shortcake and fruit (V)

Friday

Traditional

Fish finger sub roll served with chips and salad / peas

Favourites

Chicken Parmo served with chips and salad (H)

Jacket Potato

- Beans
- Cheese
- Tuna

Pasta Bar

Carbonara (H)

Pudding

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Assemblies

This week’s assemblies were led by Mrs Crooks and Mr. McGee and focused on one of our school values of ‘Opportunity’. Students reflected on why it is important to take opportunities to develop ourselves, build confidence and work towards our goals.

Each year group heard about the different opportunities available to them from our co-curricular activities to trips and events across the year. Students were also encouraged to take the opportunity to get involved in student leadership through our student council, or enterprise groups. With so much on offer at Thornhill there is something for everyone to enrich and enhance their school experience outside of lessons!



Co-Curricular

This week, we launched our co-curricular timetable for this year. With so much going on there is something for everyone! Coming soon, we also have our Social Enterprise Group, and we are wanting a group of student environmentalists to help us become a hedgehog friendly school! Our timetable is updated every half term too!

Co-Curricular Opportunities					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School				Maths- Going for Grade 9!	Student council
Lunch	Star Fish Club Cricket	Cricket	Music Yoga	Cricket Careers Cafe	Ukelele
After school	Swimming Netball Coding	Boxercise	Football Cricket Business Beats Cancer	Badminton V&A Art Competition Drama STEM Further Maths Holocaust Remembrance Group	Careers Cafe



British Army Teambuilding

This week, our new Year 7 students took part in an exciting teambuilding day with the British Army. Students were first introduced to the huge range of careers pathways in the military and found out more about life in the Army.

Across the day students tried out different challenges such as the Tyre Towers, Bridge Building and Tanks to improve their communication skills, and work as a team to solve problems. Lots of fun was had too!



Durham Women FC

Durham Women have enjoyed an unbeaten start to the new season - and YOU can watch their next home game for FREE!

The Blues, who have been partnered with Vision for Education since 2014, have beaten Sheffield United and Portsmouth so far this season and currently sit top of the Barclays Women's Championship table.

And they're back playing in the North East on Sunday 29th September (12pm kick-off) when they welcome Birmingham City to Maiden Castle (DH1 3SE).

The team need a huge crowd behind them as they look to continue their fantastic start, so we're offering FREE child tickets for the big game!

Tickets are available to children of all ages, and can be claimed by following the below steps:

- Visit https://durhamwfc.ticketco.events/uk/en/e/durham_v_birmingham_city2425
- Enter the Promo Code VisionForEducation - this will unlock the FREE Child Tickets!

- Add any Adult tickets required
- Complete the checkout and receive your tickets in your email inbox!

In addition to the big game, there's plenty happening for children of all ages to enjoy - including:

- The chance to meet our professional footballers after the match
- The opportunity to take part in a half-time activity on the pitch
- Food, drink, merchandise and more!

So don't miss out and book your free tickets now and cheer on Durham - as quantities are limited!

Derwent Hill Trip

There is still an opportunity for more Year 9 and 10 students to take part in our trip to Derwent Hill this Autumn. Parents and students should look out for a letter with further details.



Year 7 Outward Bound Trust Trip

We alerted all parents in the summer of a great opportunity for all year 7 students to take part in a residential trip to the Lake District in the Spring term. This is an exclusive 5 day outward bound activity week, aimed to develop teambuilding and resilience (but to mainly have lots of fun!). Please note that the activities are outdoor style, can be strenuous and may involve water sports. More information about the organisation can be found here:

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

Please look out for the letter outlining further details. It will be great to see ALL of year 7 students taking part!



easyfundraising

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 our 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!

Groundwork



"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

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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