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Thornhill Parent Update 27th September 2024

Message from Headteacher

On Monday evening, we welcomed year 5 and 6 children from local primary schools to our Open Evening. It is always lovely to show new parents and children around our school. It was wonderful to be able to talk to them about the Ofsted inspection of May 2024 when we received our 'Good' grading and the school's best ever GCSE results of the summer. Our own students were fabulous ambassadors for the school in a variety of roles, both in subject departments and as tour guides. The feedback from the evening was really positive about all aspects of the event, and particularly our wonderful students.

For parents and carers of children in year 5 or 6 who would like to visit the school during the day, we invite them to sign up for this via the home page on our school website, or follow this <u>link</u>. Please share this with anyone you know would like to take advantage of this offer.

Our school values of excellence, partnership and opportunity are central to everything we do at Thornhill. We pride ourselves in a rich offer of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, which occur throughout the year and across the school day. Please can you encourage your children to take up these opportunities. There is such a range of extracurricular activities on offer, these can be found on our website by following this link: https://shorturl.at/Wo0x1

Today is National Teaching Assistants Day (27th September). I want to publicly say a massive thank you to all of our school teaching assistants from the rest of our school team. They are the most amazing group of staff, who work so hard to ensure our students get the very best. Our school couldn't function without them and for so many of our students, they are central to their well-being and success.

Mrs S Hamilton Headteacher



thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com

Year 11, Period 6 Intervention

Period 6 after school intervention with all year 11 starts from 23rd September 2024 and we encourage all Year 11 students to attend the revision sessions. It will commence straight after school from 15:10-15:40 (30mins). This is in preparation for the GCSE examination, the following subjects will run sessions on the days listed below:

Maths — Wednesdays Computing Science - Wednesdays History — Thursdays Geography — Thursdays

We will keep you informed as more subjects are offered after school.

Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Mrs Onoka.

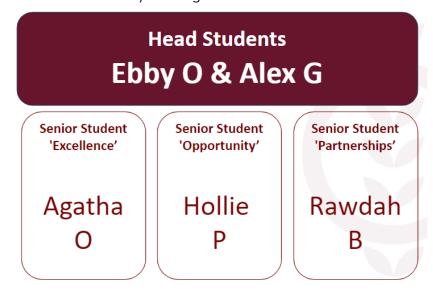
Our Student Council

This week we have been nominating and voting for our form group representatives. These students will support their school community, by sharing the voice of their tutor group within our school council, as we seek to continually improve our school and its community. Student councils are a great way for students to take on leadership roles, promote the voice of the student body, problem-solve and impact their community. Our student council serves as the voice for the entire student body, and actively works with teachers and advisors, to promote a better learning environment through a democratic process reflecting our British Values.



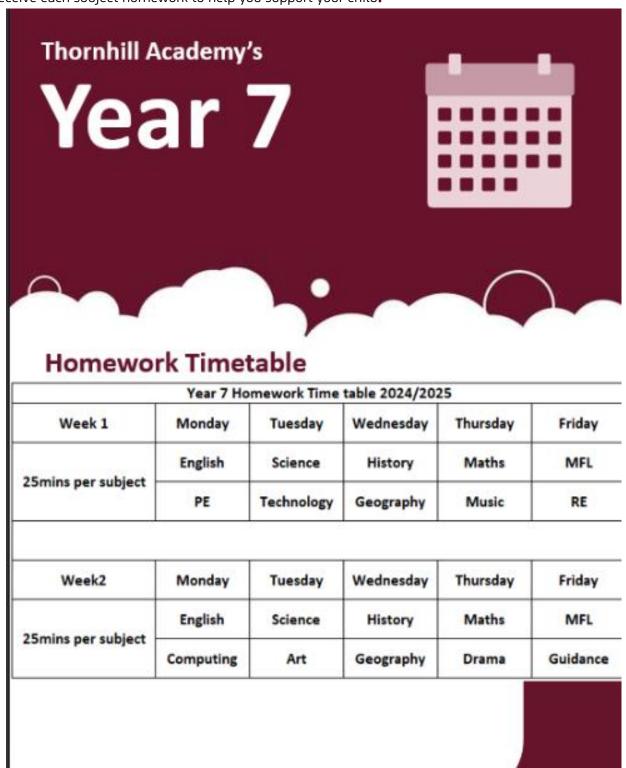


Last year we appointed our Head Students and a senior team, who look forward to welcoming our new council representatives to our first termly meeting in October



Thornhill Academy's Homework Timetable

Your child will get homework from their subject teacher, please see the timetables below of when they will receive each subject homework to help you support your child.







Year 8





	Year 8 H	omework Time	table 2024/202	25	
Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30mins per subject	English	Science	History	Maths	MFL
	PE	Technolgy	Geography	Music	RE

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	English	Science	History	Maths	MFL
30mins per subject	Computing	Art	Geography	Dramer	Guidance





Year 9





	Year 9 Ho	mework Time	table 2024/202	:5	
Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30mins per subject	English	History	Science	Maths	MFL
	Technology	Geography	Computing	Music	RE
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30mins per subject	English	History	Science	Maths	MFL
	Art	Geography	Computing	Dramer	Guidance





Year 10





	Year 10 H	omework Time	table 2024/20	25	
Week 1 and 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
40mins per subject	English	MFL	Science	Maths	History
	Art	Computing	Music	Health	Geography
	Graphics	Business	Drama	Sport	Guidance
	Engineering	Photography			RE





Year 11





	Year 11 H	omework Time	table 2024/20	25	
Week 1 and 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	English	MFL	Science	Maths	History
45-60 mins per subject	Art	Computing	Music	Graphics	Geography
	Hospitality	Business	Drama	Sport	Guidance
	Engineering	Photography			RE





Monday Bake Sale!





Business Beats Cancer Bake Sale

How to help:

Donations of shop bought cakes and treats can be given to Mrs Crooks.

Come along Monday 30th breaktime to buy a sweet treat and donate money for our Business Beats Cancer Charity.

Monday 30th September



Join our Charity Group on Wednesday after school to share more ideas for fundraising.



National Teaching Assistants' Day

National Teaching Assistants' Day is an awareness day on Friday 27th September.

Schools across the UK celebrate their own TA's. Always with a smile on their face and working collaboratively as a strong team, our learning support staff work tirelessly to support our students, ensuring they get the bespoke support they need to thrive and succeed in school.

You can show your appreciation for our TAs by sharing a thank you message, so they know how much their hard work means to you and your child by emailing to threnquiries@consilium-at.com



In school, students and staff have been sharing kind messages of thanks for our staffroom display.

#NationalTADay

We Make Culture free music sessions

Come along to the Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub, Faulkland Rd Sunderland SR4 6XA

Tel: 0191 5675227





Tuesdays, 5-6pm - Lambton Street DJ Club

The Lambton Street DJ Club will be a space to try out all kinds of electronic music, including DJing and music production.

Sessions are free to attend for 11–18-year-olds, and will be happening on Tuesdays, from 5-6pm.

The club will be led by the professional DJ and Producer, Jamal Graham, and you can work towards creating, recording and performing music. No previous experience or sign-up required, just turn up!

Thursdays 5-7pm - Lambton Street Music Project

Free music sessions for 11–19-year-olds, from 5-7pm on Thursdays.

Whether you love singing or want to have a go at playing an instrument or writing a song, you can come along and have a go! You don't need to have any experience of playing music before, just an interest in giving music a try.

Sessions will be led by professional musicians, and you can work towards performing and recording music. No sign-up required, just turn up!





The Hendon Music Project is back for the new term!

We Make Culture, will be running free, weekly music sessions during term time, from 4:30-6:00pm.

These sessions, run from Elliot House SR2 8JX, are open to young people aged 11-16, with any level of musical experience and don't require any sign up, just turn up.

You must live in the Hendon Ward to attend.



Co-Curricular

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



famOrli:

Free Clinician-led Mental Health Webinars for Parents & Carers.

At Orli, we know that when it comes to supporting your children's mental health, you want to know what is going on, what you can do to help and if you are doing it right.

That's why we created famOrli - a clinician-led community for families and schools to access world-class clinicians and a supportive network without the wait.

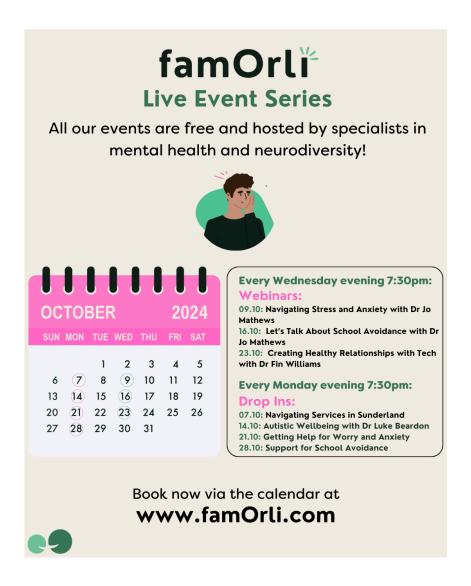
To launch famOrli in the North East, we are hosting weekly online drop-ins and webinars starting on Monday, 7th October. The sessions will be online and completely free to access, giving you the chance to chat with, and learn from mental health and neurodiversity-specialist clinicians.

We're also launching a Sunderland-based group in our community, where parents can receive support from other parents, as well as from our mental health professionals. Think of it as your safe space to find answers to the tough questions.

How To Get Involved:

- 1. Join our WhatsApp Community: https://chat.whatsapp.com/ELC2Lt6zYWlE9xsUVMB56R
- 2. Book a free webinar or drop-in: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/famorli

You can also find more information on our website: famOrli.com.









We Love Cities Sunderland Rubbish Reimagined Competition



A Junk Model is creating a model from materials that would go in your bin! From toilet rolls, egg cartons and cardboard boxes, to old CDs, clothes and books – anything you were going to throw away can be used for this project.

Step 1:

Collect some unwanted materials for your model and grab some pens or pencils scissors, glue and tape.

Step 2:

Get creative! Design what your Sustainable Sunderland could look like. Look below and plan it out first.

Step 3:

Once you have your design, start to construct your model!

Step 4:

Once your model is complete, take a photo of your model.











Step 5:

With the help of a responsible adult, send the photo of your Sustainable Sunderland Model along with your name, age and the contact information of a responsible adult to lowcarbon@sunderland.gov.uk to enter the competition!

For some helpful tips check out the material checklist below:













Why not plan what your model is going to look like.

Draw what your Sustainable Sunderland model is going to look like. Think about the different materials, shapes, textures and colours.

City of Low Carbon (we're mission sunderland) We're consider the control of the c



FOR PARENTS FROM AN ETHNIC MINORITY BACKGROUND

Friday 11th October 9.00 a.m.

If you are part of an ethnic minority background, we are interested in hearing your views on a range of services that are on offer to you and your family.



Come and share your experiences of accessing maternity and neonatal care at South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and suggest ways we can improve our services.

For some children and young people times of transition and change can be difficult. Do you have a child that's moved from North East & nursery to reception or Y6 to Y7? What was the experience? North Cumbria Positive or negative we want to know your thoughts.



The Sunderland Family Hubs provide a range of services for families and we want to hear from you about your experiences of using the services. What are we doing well? What do we need to look at? We want to hear from you.

Booking is essential. To book your place, please text 07774131862 / email volunteering@togetherforchildren.org.uk



Sunderland City Council



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!

Breakfast Club

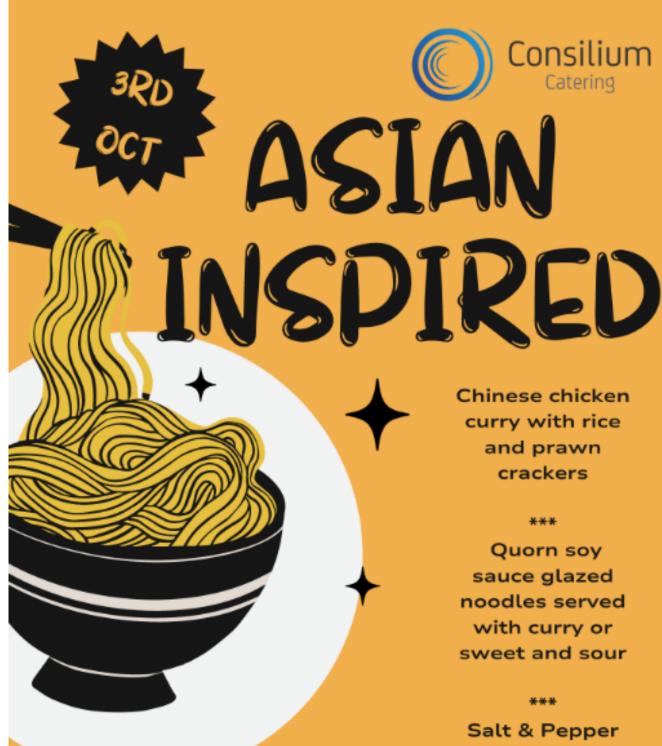


How does a healthy breakfast make you feel?



Eating a healthy breakfast makes a difference

join us for a free breakfast every morning



sauce glazed noodles served

sweet and sour

Salt & Pepper fries

Join us as we explore the world of Asian cuisine

Thumbprint Menus



Week One

Meal Deal Main meal + any pudding or drink

Free Breakfast

Bagel	€0.00
Porridge	€0.00
Cereal	€0.00



Drink

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

Monday

Traditional

Creamy vegetable pot pie and vegetables (V), (H)

Favourites

lemon sauce (Ve), (H)

Jacket Potato

- . Beans (Ve)
- · Cheese (V)

Pasta Bar (H)

Pudding (H)

Carrot cake (V)

Tuesday

Traditional

Katsu chicken served with vegetable rice (H)

Favourites

Quorn Chinese chicken noodles (V) (H)

Jacket Potato

- Beans (Ve)
- · Cheese (V)

Pasta Bar (H)

Pudding (H)

Menu

Wednesday

Traditional

(H) with mashed potatoes and Yorkshire pudding

Favourites

Vegetarian sausage with mashed potato and

Jacket Potato

Pasta Bar

Pudding

Pineapple upside down cake (V)

Thursday

Traditional

with wedges, com on

Favourites

Jacket Potato

Pasta Bar (H)

Pudding

Friday

Traditional

pasta bake served with garlic bread (H)

Favourites

Crispy chicken wraps

Jacket Potato

- . Beans (Ve)
- · Cheese (V)
- Tuna

Pasta Bar (H)

Pudding

Friday bake off



V = Vegetarian



Week Two





Meal Deal

Main meal + any pudding or drink

Traditional

lasagne served with

Spinach, feta and file

Jacket Potato

- · Beans (Ve)

Pasta Bar

Trio of cheese (V), (H)

Chocolate orange brownie (V)

Tuesday

Traditional

served with stir fry style vegetable rice

Mexican style Quom chicken rice served with

Jacket Potato

- . Beans

Cornflake tart (V)

Wednesday

Traditional

Shepherd pie served with Yorkshire pudding (H)

Favourites

Jacket Potato

- Cheese
- Tuna Pasta Bar

Creamy chicken fajita (H)

Pudding

Summer berry crumble (V)

Thursday

Traditional

Favourites

on the cob and salad (V)

Jacket Potato

Pasta Bar Pepperoni (H)

. Tuna

All day breakfast /

Pudding

Friday

Traditional

Fish and chips served with peas / beans (H)

Favourites

Loades fries topped

Jacket Potato

- Tuna
- Pasta Bar Carbonara (H)
- Pudding Friday Bake off

Drink

€0.90 Sparkling Water Milk 20.60 Milkshake £0,60







Monday

Free Breakfast

£0.00

€0.00

Cheesey spring green

Favourites

Pudding

Favourites



Week Three

Meal Deal

Main meal + any pudding or drink

Food Menu

Free Breakfast

Bagel £0.00
Porridge £0.00
Cereal £0.00



Drink

 Flavoured Water
 £0.90

 Plain Water
 £0.90

 Sparkling Water
 £0.90

 Milk
 £0.60

 Milkshake
 £0.60

 Fruit Juice
 £0.60

Monday

Traditional

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 Came served
with lemon rice (H)

Favourites

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

Jacket Potato

- Beans
- Cheese
- -

Pasta Bar

Meatball marinara (H)
Pudding

Padding

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

- Bean
- . Chee
- Tuna

Pasta Bar

creamy chicken fajita (H)

Pudding

Sprinkle cake (V)

Thursday

Korean BBQ pork served with kimchi noodles

Favourites

Traditional

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
- -

Pasta Bar

Carbonara (H

Pudding

Friday bake off





V = Vegetarian Ve = Vegan

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

This opportunity is now available to all Year 8 students too.

Sign up for a 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 organization can be found here: https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/

Please look out for the letter outlining further details.







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:

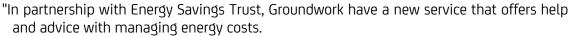
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thornhillacademy/?utm medium=email&utm campaign=pmc&utm content=gs-

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Thank you so much

Groundwork



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

CHANGING PLACES 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 Joel.Barrow@groundwork.org.uk>

Mobile: 07977 819 720

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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