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## Thornhill Parent Update 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Message from Headteacher

Hard to believe we are now four weeks into the academic year, the time is already flying by.

This week we met with the DfE, and other parties supporting us with our new school build. Plans are starting to take shape, and we anticipate the actual building of the new school beginning in November 2025. As soon as plans are finalised, we will be sharing these with you, and the wider community. I am sure that you will be delighted to know that the build will not mean losing our current school accommodation, as often happens with the building of new schools. It is very exciting to know that we are getting state-of-the-art educational facilities, which will give our staff and students an amazing learning environment, to support the phenomenal work that goes on in school.

As many of you will know, Sunderland AFC played Derby County on Tuesday night. We were very fortunate to receive tickets for this game from Impact Northeast. We chose a large group of year 11 students for this, as a reward for their hard work and improved attitude to learning so far this year. It was reported back to us that all the students were fantastic ambassadors for our school, Stewards at the stadium commented on how mature and polite they were. We always encourage our students to try new things, it was wonderful to see so many of them attend, some who had never been to a football game. They all left saying that they had a great time and would love to go again – I think a win always helps in these situations!

Our students are continuing to come to school wearing excellent uniform, and I thank you all for your support with this. As the weather gets colder, please can I remind you that students are not allowed to wear sweatshirts or hoodies, as additional layers under their blazers, they may only wear a black v neck jumper. Likewise, sweatshirts and hoodies cannot be worn as a coat. Students are expected to wear a dark waterproof coat. Please don't let them try to persuade you otherwise, and always check the uniform requirements on the website before purchasing clothing that may not be allowed.

Half term will begin at 3.10pm on Friday 25th October. This means we have 15 full school days between now and the end of this half term. Please work with your child to be in school every day between now and then. Every day matters in school, and every day is just as important as the previous one for curriculum content and learning.

I hope this sunny weather lasts for us all this weekend

Mrs S Hamilton  
Headteacher



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## Year 11, Period 6 Intervention

Period 6 after school intervention with all year 11 students is now underway, 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 examinations, 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.

## 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 7 Homework Time table 2024/2025**

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25mins per subject	English	Science	History	Maths	MFL
	PE	Technology	Geography	Music	RE

Week2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25mins per subject	English	Science	History	Maths	MFL

**Year 8 Homework Time table 2024/2025**

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
30mins per subject	English	Science	History	Maths	MFL
	Computing	Art	Geography	Dramer	Guidance

**Year 9 Homework Time table 2024/2025**

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>30mins per subject</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>MFL</b>
	<b>Technology</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Computing</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>RE</b>

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

**Year 10 Homework Time table 2024/2025**

<b>Week 1 and 2</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>40mins per subject</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>MFL</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>History</b>
	<b>Art</b>	<b>Computing</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Geography</b>
	<b>Graphics</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Drama</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Guidance</b>
	<b>Engineering</b>	<b>Photography</b>			<b>RE</b>

**Year 11 Homework Time table 2024/2025**

<b>Week 1 and 2</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>45-60 mins per subject</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>MFL</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>History</b>
	<b>Art</b>	<b>Computing</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Graphics</b>	<b>Geography</b>
	<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Drama</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Guidance</b>
	<b>Engineering</b>	<b>Photography</b>			<b>RE</b>

## Assemblies

This week's assemblies were led by Mrs Reed, and we marked the start of Black History Month.

During this week, students have explored the theme of Black History Month, 'Reclaiming Narratives'. This means making space for the black stories and black voices, that are often omitted from British history and mainstream narratives. This theme encourages us to take control of our stories, showcase the contributions of black people, and confront the challenges that still impact ethnically diverse communities today. For us all to fully understand our history, we have to acknowledge the experiences of those who have been marginalised. We don't know the full story until we listen to all voices.

Through the use of stories, poetry, and music we are able to connect with these important narratives and use them to reframe our own thinking.

In our reading sessions, our students are reading stories as a group from a wide range of authors from different backgrounds and experiences. Students and staff really enjoy broadening their horizons and exploring others' lives through different lenses.

On Friday, this week it was also National Poetry Day. In AM'PD we reflected upon the Poem by John Agard 'Checkin' Out Me History' and Benjamin Zephaniah's 'We Refugees'



Students were also challenged to write and share their own one Stanza poem, influenced by the themes we have been exploring. We look forward to sharing these next week.

## Business Breakfast

On Thursday, we hosted our first business breakfast of the year with representatives from SETA, Siemens, Gateshead Colleges and Penshaw View training. Whilst all students could drop in and attend from 8am, Year 10 had a chance to talk to our visitors during AMPD, to find out more about getting prepared for their work experience in the Spring term



## Business Beats Cancer

We are really lucky to be working with the charity organisation Business Beats Cancer this year. Thornhill Academy are one of 10 schools in the North East who have been given £500 by Tyne Tunnels, with the aim of investing this and creating as much money as we can for this great cause. We started off small with our bake sales and raised £72.00. Thank you for student and staff donations. We look forward to our next charity event!





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# Christmas

GIFT DRIVE



This year, we are collecting donations from Staff, Business links, and friends of the Schools, to provide our children with a Christmas gift especially for them.

If you are able, please bring donations of the following items to your designated collection point, by Friday 15th November. The initiative will then be launched with students.

- Toiletries
- Warm, clean clothing (coats/jumpers etc.)
- Non-perishable food items



## Information from Together for Children

### You're invited to our FREE workshops for Keeping Your Child Safe in Sport Week 2024

#### **Workshop 1: Parents/carers and sports clubs – working together to keep your child safe in sport**

- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm**
- **This is a virtual event and book your FREE place [here!](#)**

Join your Sport Welfare Officers at our virtual event for the CPSU's Keeping Your Child Safe In Sport week 2024! We'll be showcasing the CPSU's handy resources and discussing top tips for sports clubs and parents/carers about how we can work together to keep children and young people safe in sport.

We're pleased to be joined by Louise Prudhoe in her role as Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) for Northumberland to explain the LADO's role in working with sports clubs to keep children safe.

If you're part of a sports club or organisation in a voluntary role (particularly as Club Welfare Officer), or a parent/carer of a child in sport – this is the perfect workshop for you!

#### **Workshop 2: Gambling and gaming harm for parents/carers and sports club volunteers with YGAM**

- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**
- **This is a virtual event and book your FREE place [here!](#)**

We're excited to offer a FREE virtual event hosted by YGAM for parents/carers and sports club volunteers during the CPSU's Keeping Your Child Safe In Sport Week.

YGAM are a national charity with the social purpose to inform, educate and safeguard children and young people against the potential harms of gaming and gambling. They do this by offering awareness workshops to parents, carers and professionals who work with children and young people. In 2022, YGAM won 2 national awards for the important work it does to safeguard young people. These were the "Wellbeing Award" from the National Children and Young People Awards and "The Outstanding Contribution to Pastoral Care Award" from National Awards for Pastoral Care in Education.

By the end of the workshop you will:

- Understand gambling: Exploring the influences on children and young people
- Recognise the blurred lines between gaming and gambling
- Understand the benefits and concerns in relation to gaming, including microtransactions
- Recognise the signs of harm and where to get further help and support

This work complements the information provided on the [YGAM parents hub](#) If you are unable to attend the session then please see further dates [here](#).

## 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!



**Lambton Street Youth & Community Hub**

## 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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/ELC2Lt6zYWIE9xsUVMB56R>
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](http://famOrli.com).

# famOrli<sup>+</sup>

## Live Event Series

All our events are free and hosted by specialists in mental health and neurodiversity!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**Every Wednesday evening 7:30pm:**  
**Webinars:**  
09.10: Navigating Stress and Anxiety with Dr Jo Mathews  
16.10: Let's Talk About School Avoidance with Dr Jo Mathews  
23.10: Creating Healthy Relationships with Tech with Dr Fin Williams

**Every Monday evening 7:30pm:**  
**Drop Ins:**  
07.10: Navigating Services in Sunderland  
14.10: Autistic Wellbeing with Dr Luke Beardon  
21.10: Getting Help for Worry and Anxiety  
28.10: Support for School Avoidance

Book now via the calendar at [www.famOrli.com](http://www.famOrli.com)



## We Love Cities Sunderland Rubbish Reimagined Competition

To celebrate Sunderland taking part in WWF's We Love Cities campaign, we are asking Sunderland's children and young people to take part in the #WeLoveSunderland Rubbish Reimagined Competition by creating models of what your Sustainable Sunderland would look like!



# WE LOVE SUNDERLAND

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

There are two age categories – **under 11 and 11 to 18 years**

Entries are open until **5pm Monday 21 October 2024**

A picture of your **#WeLoveSunderland** submission should be **SENT TO:**

**[lowcarbon@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:lowcarbon@sunderland.gov.uk)**

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### 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](mailto:lowcarbon@sunderland.gov.uk) to enter the competition!

For some helpful tips check out the material checklist below:



Paper



Tape



Leaves



String



Buttons



Shells



Pens



Recycling



Cardboard



Scissors



Old Clothes



Pencils



Bags



Paint



Old Socks



Plastic Cutlery



Toilet rolls



Bottles



Shapes



Bunting



Feathers



Glue



Pegs



Ruler



# CONSULTATION EVENT

## FOR PARENTS FROM AN ETHNIC MINORITY BACKGROUND

St. Marks' Community Association, Millfield, SR4 7BN

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.

**NHS**  
**South Tyneside and Sunderland**  
NHS Foundation Trust

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 nursery to reception or Y6 to Y7? What was the experience? Positive or negative we want to know your thoughts.

**NHS**  
**North East & North Cumbria**

**FAMILY HUB**

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](mailto:volunteering@togetherforchildren.org.uk)

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City Council**

**NHS**

## Breakfast Club



**COME AND ENJOY  
BREAKFAST**

Join us for a free breakfast every morning

*Everyone  
Welcome!*




## 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



#### 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 served with new potatoes and vegetables (V), (H)

##### Favourites

Cnocchi 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



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

## Drink

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



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# Food Menu

## Free Breakfast

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



### 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 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

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



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## 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/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

## 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

[Joel.Barrow@groundwork.org.uk](mailto: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](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:
- 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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