



**Thornhill
Academy**
Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions



Proud to be part of
**Consilium
Academies**

Excellence | Partnership | Opportunity

Thornhill Parent Update 11th October 2024

Message from Headteacher

This week I want to make you all aware of something special we are doing across all our Trust. I am reaching out to you all to support us with this.

🎄 Support Our Students This Christmas! 🎄

This festive season, all our Trust schools are rallying together, to bring some extra joy to our incredible students across all of our schools. We need your help to make a difference!

We're collecting essential items to gift to students, and any contributions you can make will go a long way. Here's what we're looking for:

- 🧴 Toiletries – deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.
- 🧥 Warm, clean clothing – coats, jumpers, scarves, etc.
- 🍲 Non-perishable food items – canned goods, pasta, etc.

You can drop off donations at our school reception. Alternatively, we're happy to arrange collection—just get in touch with our school office!

Together, we can make this Christmas season brighter for our students. ✨
Thank you for your kindness and generosity! 🙏

Please also let us know of families from our school, who would appreciate some support from this. That could be through whatever means of communication works best for you, examples would be through contacting the school office, school enquiries email, or via a Head of Year. The important thing is we know who to approach. If your family would like some support, then please also reach out to us.

Mrs S Hamilton
Headteacher



**Thornhill
Academy**

"Excellence at the heart of everything"

Thornhill Academy, Thornholme Road
Sunderland, SR2 7NA
0191 500 7981
thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com

Assemblies

This week's assemblies were led by Miss Gray, and we marked World Mental Health Day.

Miss Gray shared why it is so important for us to look out for each other, be aware, and support each other to have positive mental health.

During this week, all students, also took part in a workshop with 'Mind of the Student'. This charity travels the country, supporting students and schools, to develop their resilience and mental health tool kit. During the workshop, we dispelled myths and learned how to support ourselves and our friends.



Here is some of what our students had to say:

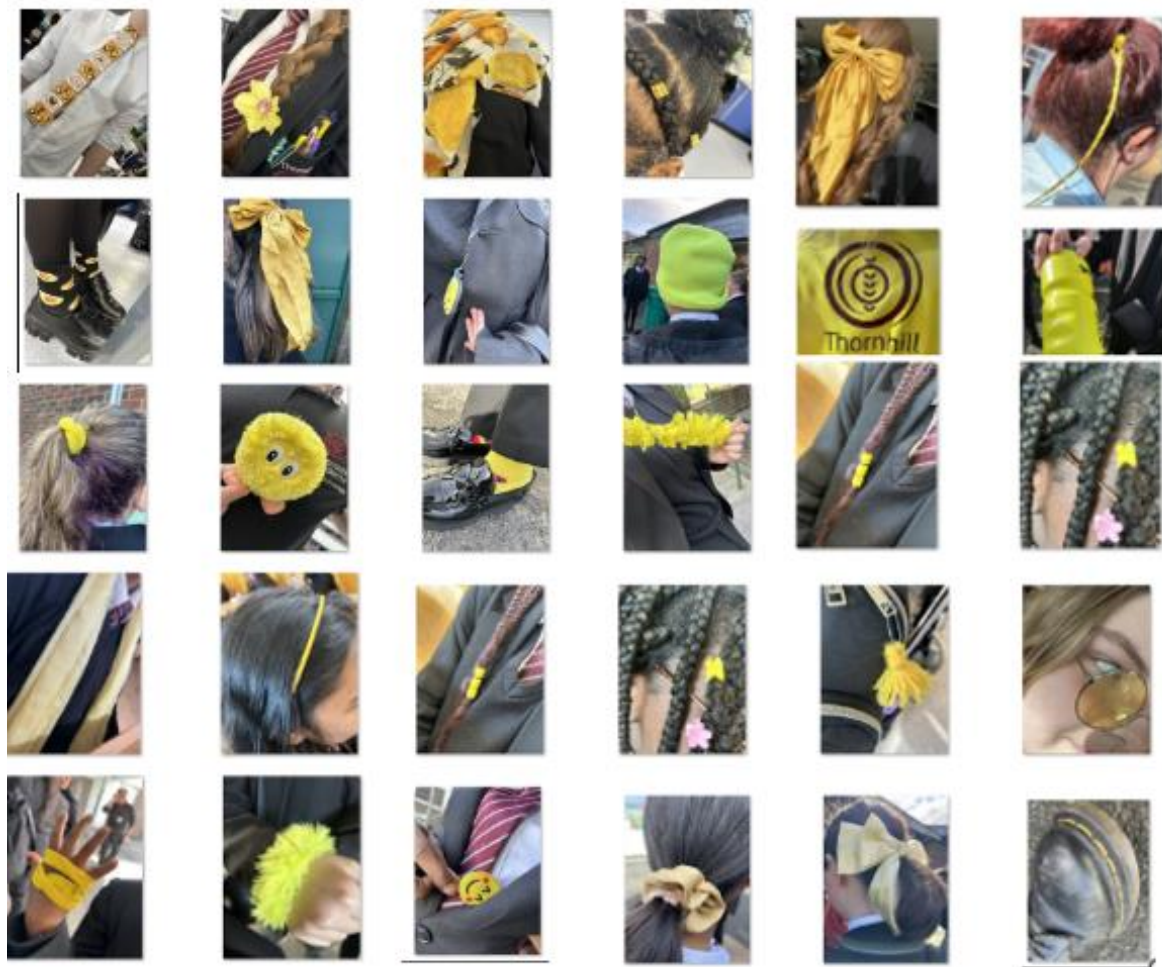
'I really enjoyed the topic because it helped us understand how to face types of anxieties, and that I shouldn't keep things to myself.'

'I think this has been really helpful for the future, because we all have times where things are new, like work experience, and we might feel down. The booklet has lots of helpful information and ideas'

'I enjoyed the session because I learned that if I am ever struggling with my mental health, I can talk to someone and take some alone time for myself.'

'I learned today that you have to be comfortable with whatever makes you happy, and find hobbies that will relieve your stress, so you don't over think, and you won't have too much anxiety.'

'It was really important that they said that we should find people that make us comfortable, and not people who pressure us to be someone that we are not. If you can be someone that you love, and be with people who accept us for who we are, then you will have a great life.'



In addition, we marked World Mental Health Day on Thursday, 10th October and showed our awareness and support through wearing yellow. #HelloYellow is the campaign of Young Minds, to raise money and awareness for young people. Our students impressed us with their efforts, to show their support by wearing yellow accessories!

This week, our Year 9, 10 and 11 computer science students took part in a workshop with DELL computers. In this online event, students met the DELL team and learned more about careers and jobs within the IT sector. They had the chance to hear from Dell Technologies professionals, and directly ask them questions about the world of work, the tech sector, and the opportunities available to them after school.

Outward Bound Trust Trip

There is still space on our Outward-bound trip in January. This is now open to all year groups too. For the highly subsidised price of only £205, students get 5 days in the Lake District taking part in activities to build teamwork, confidence and resilience. **Through grant funding this is the only time we will be able to offer this at such a reduced price.**

More information about the organisation can be found here: <https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/>



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

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 Homework Time table 2024/2025

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 Homework Time table 2024/2025

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

Thornhill Academy – Invigilators Required

Are you (or someone you know) interested in becoming one of our diligent exam invigilators?
Applicants must be over 18 years old and available during May and June.



Please contact Thornhill Academy for more details on **0191 500 7981** or
email thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com

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





CONSILIUM



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



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.



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/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.

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

We Love Cities Sunderland Rubbish Reimagined Competition



WE LOVE SUNDERLAND

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:



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

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



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

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

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



V = Vegetarian
Ve = Vegan
H = Halal

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

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



Twitter@thornhill_uk
Instagram@thornhill_academy
FacebookThornhill Academy

To view all Parents Letters please click the link below:
[View Parents Letters](#)