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## Thornhill Parent Update 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

### Message from Headteacher

Today, during Parliament Week, we were fortunate to welcome to school, Lewis Atkinson, MP for Sunderland Central, newly elected at the 2024 General Election. Along with Lewis, we also welcomed Cllr Michael Butler, who is a Southwick Ward councillor and cabinet member for children's services, child poverty and skills. After an initial meeting with Mr Clark and myself, where we initially discussed the school's journey to its Good Ofsted grading and the new school build issues. I then had an opportunity to discuss issues affecting our school and its wider community.

In the second part of the visit, they met with members of our school council, who had a variety of questions for Lewis around several current political issues, including the removal of the winter fuel allowance, assisted dying and inheritance tax on farms, alongside more personal questions around how he got into politics, and what he loves most about Sunderland. Through discussions, the students also gained a better understanding of the difference between local and national government.

Both Lewis and Michael were clearly passionate about their love of our city, and how they want to support it's future development. Our students were very keen to be involved more moving forward, in having their voice heard in terms of Sunderland's future. From the way they engaged and the questions they asked, we certainly have some future counsellors and politicians amongst them.

We are looking forward to working with them in the future, getting our students to understand how to effect positive change, is really important for their future lives, and the positive growth of our city.

Mrs S Hamilton  
Headteacher



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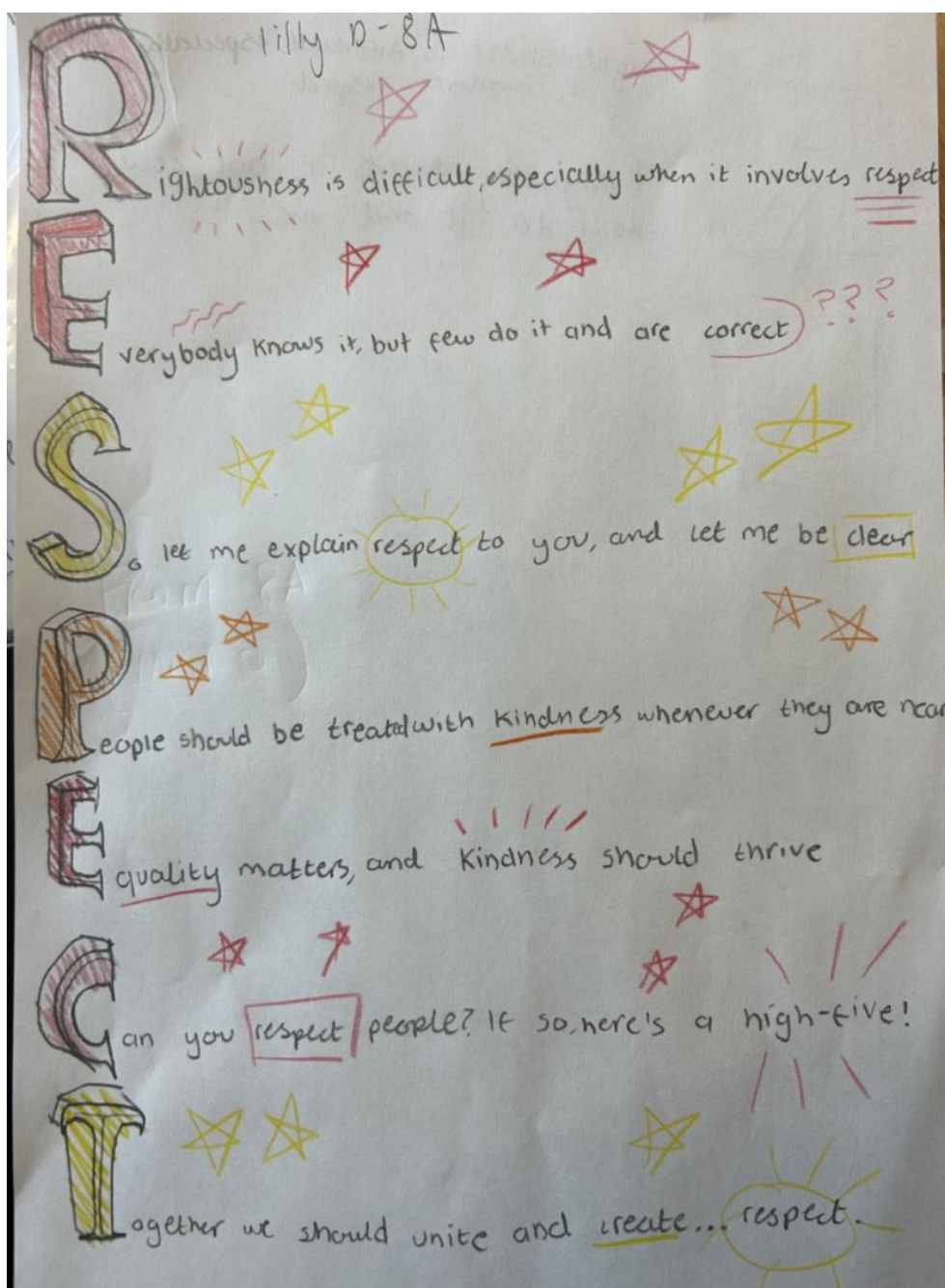
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## Assemblies

Our students enjoyed a really interactive assembly with Mr Armstrong last week, as they discussed what bullying is, and how we show respect to each other. Our students focused on respect as a theme for Anti Bullying week, and explored how we should celebrate our differences and not tolerate any forms of bullying. It was great to see so many students and staff showing their support, by wearing their odd socks for Odd Socks Day! In AM'PD students applied their understanding by creating poems and stories showing respect. We particularly like this one from Lily, in year 8.



This week, students explored the theme of communication as an essential skill for life. Over this year, key stage three will be focusing on each essential skill to 'build', or skills as we work, as a Skills Builder Partnership school. These skills are what future employers are looking for and will support students in achieving their best next steps for their future.



### **Trips**

This week, we received a visit from St Anne's College, University of Oxford. Year 7 and Year 9 gained an insight into life at university, with great questions from our students with very high aspirations! Our 10X1 English class also received a critical thinking workshop, exploring deep and meaningful questions to understand the different ways of thinking and working, that will prepare them for a possible future at university.



Year 11 students visited the Apprenticeship Roadshow this week to explore the range of possible careers they could take through the apprenticeship route. This is a great route for students who want to combine working and learning together. If students want support with their applications, they should see Mrs Crooks for advice and guidance.



Year 9 enjoyed a fabulous day at St Chad's College, University of Durham. Students enjoyed a glimpse into university life. We enjoyed lectures in Law and Anthropology, team building sessions, and met some current students who shared their experiences. We even managed a walk through the cathedral and along the beautiful river. A great opportunity for our Year 9 pupils, leaving some keen to look at higher education.



## Hedgehog Friendly Schools Group

We launched our new co-curricular timetable last week, and it is great to get started with our new Hedgehog Friendly Schools group. There was great effort from our hedgehog friendly team, as they checked the school grounds and produced an audit to see what hazards there were for hedgehogs 🦔 All part of our efforts to become a Hedgehog Friendly School!



## Speak Up – Performing Art's

As some of you may remember, over the past two years, year Y7 had the fantastic opportunity to be part of a nationwide project (Speak Up) launched by The National Theatre. This program allows young people to work in co-creation with local artists and teachers, to lead creative projects in response to issues that are most important to them. Through the past two years, we have been lucky enough to work with the likes of Holly Rees (musician), Sally Anderson (artist) and many more fantastic artists.

It is with great pleasure to announce that yesterday saw the Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art opening at the National Glass Centre, where it featured the artwork from last year's Speak Up Thornhill students! I am sure you will all join me in congratulating all the students who were involved. Below you can see the piece of artwork which was displayed.



Thornhill Academy Punk Portraits  
(co-created with Tommy Anderson)

Last week, we were also lucky enough to re-launch this project with the current Y7's. They were straight in at the deep end, exploring ideas with local actor and musician Kema Kay. Kema Kay is best known for starring in the BAFTA award winning film I, Daniel Blake in 2016. We are looking forward to seeing the work he produces with our students over the upcoming weeks. Keep your eyes peeled for more updates!

## Performing Art's reward tip

As part of their GCSE studies, Y11 are provided with the opportunity to watch live performances to help expose them to the arts. On Wednesday, they fully enjoyed watching the touring production of Dear Even Hanson at Sunderland Empire. They were also joined by Y9 students who had demonstrated excellence and partnership skills in their lesson this half term. Their hard work and effort had not gone unnoticed by Miss O'Neill and Mr Holden!





**By completing this questionnaire, you will be entered into a prize draw to win a £25 Amazon voucher!**



## We want to hear from you

Together for Children would like to learn more about the experiences of children and young people (in the last 2 years) when they transitioned to a different education setting.

**Please complete the questionnaire by:  
Friday 6th December**

### Why are we doing this?

Your answers will help us better understand what is working in transitions and what can be improved. From this, we aim to create ways to support yourselves as well as young people in the journey of transitioning schools.

### QR Code

Please complete the questionnaire by scanning the QR code below!





# YOUNG INNOVATORS COUNCIL

The voice of young people at Northern Gas Networks

The Young Innovators Council (YIC) gives young people the opportunity to share their perspectives on Northern Gas Networks' (NGN) projects and plans, and NGN ensures that these thoughts and opinions are put at the heart of the business' decision making.

We are looking for 35 young people to join the YIC 2025, attending a minimum of five online meetings between January and September 2025 (outside school hours).



By joining the Young Innovators Council, you will:

- inform and influence the agenda and decisions of a major utility company.
- expand your network and develop skills such as teamwork, leadership, communication.
- increase your knowledge about UK energy infrastructure.
- co-create ideas with Northern Gas Networks around environmental issues, approaches to sustainability, innovation and net zero programmes, social strategy and supporting customers in vulnerable situations.



## ARE YOU...

- 14 - 19 years old?
- an innovative trailblazer?
- naturally curious?
- passionate about our collective future?
- interested in STEM\*, society, innovation and future energy solutions?

(\*Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)



If so, apply [HERE](#) or use the QR code above

## Trip to London

The history and English department are launching an amazing opportunity to visit the sites of London.

The trip will be an overnight stay taking place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March -Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Students will travel to London via coach and take part in workshops at the Tower of London, uncovering the prisoners who have stayed there over time. There will also be an opportunity to visit Shakespeare's Globe theatre, bringing Macbeth to life. As well as this, students can walk through the streets of Victorian London on a Jack the Ripper walking tour.

The cost of the trip will be £150, this will include; travel, overnight stay, Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast and lunch, Tower of London, Globe theatre, Jack the Ripper walking tour and Thames cruise. If students are interested, please take a letter from Miss Harris or Miss Anderson.

Secure your place through Parentpay.

**London's calling...**

Thursday 13th - Friday 14th March 2025  
Open to Year 7-10

The English and History department have an exciting opportunity for a 2-day trip to London!

**Only 35 places**

Visit the sites of Shakespeare's Globe theatre, iconic landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and St Paul's Cathedral. Take a trip down Victorian London on Jack The Ripper's walking tour and visit the place where prisoners were kept at the Tower of London. More information see Miss Anderson or Miss Harris



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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





On Saturday, 30th November, 11am-3pm our Wellbeing Hub will be full of amazing stalls to start your Christmas shopping; hot food & drinks will be flowing and there will be plenty of fun festive games to take part in. You can even win £100 cash and plenty of amazing prizes on our raffle. You will also find some on both our tombola and chocolate tombola too. And we can't forget Santa, who will be paying us a visit in his grotto!

We would love to see you there!

All funds raised, help us to continue providing services that support those in our area to achieve positive mental health.

Free Entry and Free Parking available.

The poster features a dark blue background with a string of colorful stars (red, green, blue, white) at the top. The text "Sunderland Mind CHRISTMAS FAIR" is written in white, with "CHRISTMAS FAIR" in a larger, stylized font. Below this, the date and time "Saturday 30th November 11am-3pm" are listed. A red starburst graphic on the left contains the text "£100 CASH RAFFLE PRIZE". The central illustration shows a festive stall with a green and white striped awning, a woman behind the counter, and people in winter clothing. A brown bear wearing a Santa hat is also present. At the bottom, a blue box lists activities: "Lots of Festive Stalls", "Hot Food & Drinks", "Tombola Raffle", and "Take part in Fun Christmas Games". To the right of this box is a cartoon illustration of Santa Claus with the text "Meet Santa!". The bottom of the poster features a dark blue bar with the address: "Sunderland Mind Wellbeing Hub Church Street East, Sunderland, SR1 2BB".

**Sunderland Mind**  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
Saturday 30th November  
11am-3pm

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**Take part in Fun Christmas Games**

**Meet Santa!**

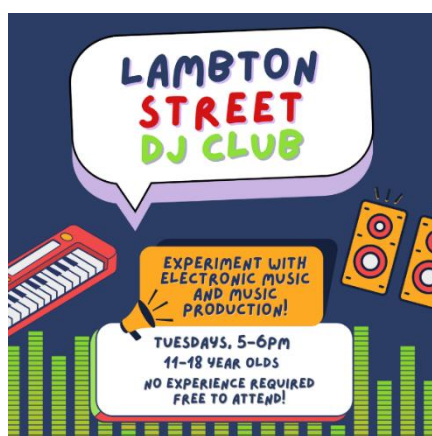
**Sunderland Mind Wellbeing Hub**  
**Church Street East, Sunderland, SR1 2BB**

## Your guide to what's #HappeningInSunderland city centre

<https://mailchi.mp/sunderlandbid/your-weekly-guide-to-whats-going-on-in-sunderland-city-centre-17337280?e=f9e851a60e>

### 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.



## 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](https://famOrli.com).

## 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 Timetable 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
	Computing	Art	Geography	Drama	Guidance

Year 8 Homework Timetable 2024/2025					
Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30mins per subject	English	Science	History	Maths	MFL
	PE	Technology	Geography	Music	RE
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30mins per subject	English	Science	History	Maths	MFL
	Computing	Art	Geography	Drama	Guidance

Year 9 Homework Timetable 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	Drama	Guidance

<b>Year 10 Homework Timetable 2024/2025</b>					
<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>

<b>Year 11 Homework Timetable 2024/2025</b>					
<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>

## PE Kit Donation Drive

Thornhill PE department would greatly appreciate any PE kit donations to assist our pupils with their lessons

Please drop off at main reception.



## 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](mailto:thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com)

## 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 mashed potato and 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



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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
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## 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.***

## **ParentPay**

It is important for all Parents/Carers to be using ParentPay as we are looking to become a cashless school. If you do not have your username and password, please contact reception or email:

[Thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com](mailto:Thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com)

## Adding ParentPay to your Phones

Adding the ParentPay icon to any phone is quick and simple.

The ParentPay site is device responsive which means it can be opened on any phone, tablet device and computer and sit perfectly within the screen allowing full functionality.

Please ask your parents to follow these instructions and this will give them a quick link into their ParentPay site allowing them to pay and book meals if appropriate.

### iPhone Instructions

**Step 1** - Navigate to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) using Safari and select the 'Share' icon on the bottom navigation bar (square with upward arrow).

**Step 2** - Scroll across the options to the right, until you get the 'Add to Home Screen' option and click it.

**Step 3** - Choose 'Add' in the top right corner (the default information will already be correct).

**Step 4** - This will create a shortcut icon on your iPhone home screen.

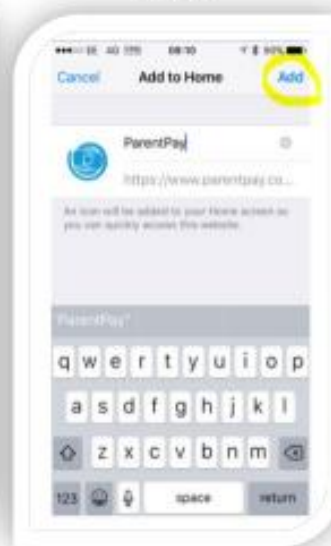
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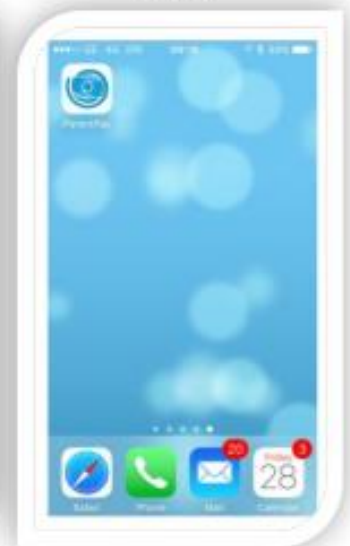
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Step 3



Step 4



## Android Instructions

**Step 1** - Type in [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) into the phones' internet browser

**Step 2** - Tap the 3 grey dots next to the search bar on the browser - as shown in the red circle.

**Step 3** - This will bring up the menu on the browser. Tap on 'Add shortcut on Home screen' as shown in the red box

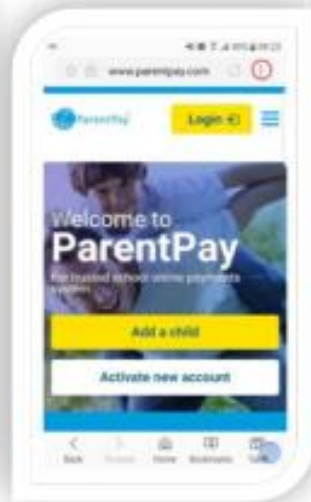
**Step 4** - A message will pop-up on the browser confirming that the shortcut has been added to your home screen

**Step 5** - Go to your home screen - where you will find the ParentPay tile which will direct you straight to the ParentPay application.

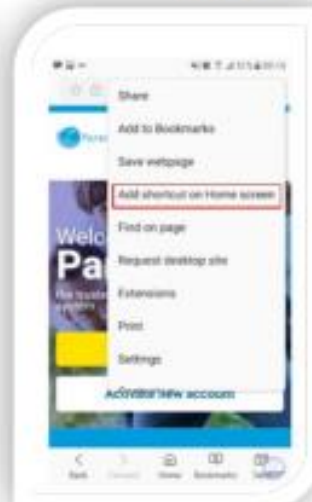
**Step 1**



**Step 2**



**Step 3**



**Step 4**



**Step 5**



## **Parent 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/>

## **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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