



**Thornhill
Academy**
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Thornhill Parent Update 6th December 2024

Message from Headteacher

Yesterday, we launched our 12 days of Christmas initiative. As we move closer to Christmas, it is just as important that your children are in school as at any other time of year. When you read this, there are 10 school days left until the end of term, that is 50 school lessons. Those 50 lessons are just as important as the last 50, and the 50 at the start of the year. The curriculum is planned over 39 weeks, and each lesson each day is part of the overall plan. Please ensure that your children continue to attend school right up to the last day. The 12 Days of Christmas is there to give a series of rewards along the way and add a little bit of festive fun too. Prizes include gift vouchers of varying amounts, chocolate, Queue Buster lunch passes. For those who attend for all 12 days without absence, there is the chance to win £50 voucher. There are also two trust vouchers of £100 that students from our school could win.

Eddie the elf will be visiting form classes in the mornings to reward individual tutor groups each day with rewards for collective form group attendances. He is certainly causing a lot of excitement around the school!

As we move into the festive season, we are all aware that there are many families who find the financial burden of this time of year very difficult. We really want to support our school community, please email: thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com FAO Mr. L Clark.

School will finish for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December. We will return on Monday 6th January 2025 at the normal school start time.

Mrs S Hamilton
Headteacher



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12 Days of Christmas



Over 40 students claimed their scratch card and their prizes, just for attending school! All part of our 12 Days of Christmas Attendance Rewards.

Precious won a £5 voucher! Even bigger and better prizes next Friday!

Be in to win!!



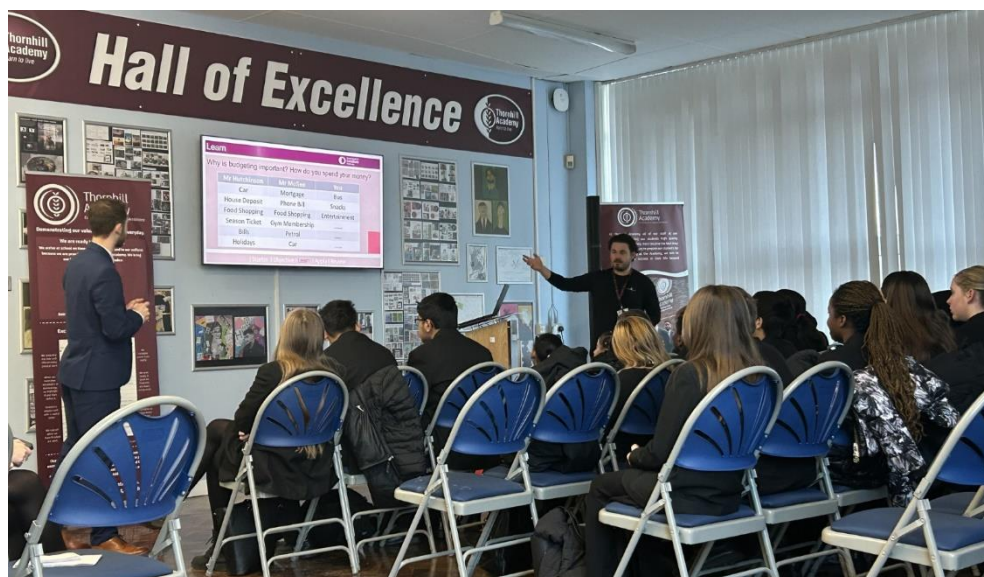
Assemblies

Andy, from Youth for Christ led our assemblies this week. These are always a bit of fun and competition that all year groups enjoy. Most importantly, there is also a serious message for our students to reflect upon, and this week it was around the importance of giving. Giving doesn't always need to be gifts or financial support, we can give our time, compassion and empathy too.

As a community we are proud of the donations and collections we have received for our Christmas drive, but also the charitable way our students act towards one another with understanding and care.



Last week, Mr. McGee and Mr. Hutchinson shared the importance of financial education with our students and set a Christmas challenge. All students have been invited to submit a budget for a holiday activity with their family or friends. The best submissions will receive vouchers to enable them to carry out their activity.



Co-curricular

We are continuing to work towards achieving an award for making our site wildlife friendly, with the help of some cute but spiky visitors! We have taken in a number of rescue hedgehogs, to ensure they have a safe and comfortable home for the winter.



Basketball

This week was our last session of Basketball, in partnership with the Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub. Mark Tyers, basketball coach, has been in each week training our keen sports students. Mark said

'This afternoon was the best session of the lot. The students got themselves organised into teams, with a little guidance from me, and the year 7 and 8's played on one court while the year 9 -11s played on the other. They refereed themselves (again with a little guidance from me) and got on really well.'

If any of the students want to play more basketball, years 7 and 8 can join the basketball group and be coached by Mark and Joe - Every Wednesday, from 4.30pm till 6:00pm at Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub, Falkland Road, Sunderland. SR4 6XA

Beamish Museum Trip



Only 50 places available.

Please see Miss Harris or Miss Anderson for a letter and secure your place on parent pay.

The English and History departments are offering a trip to Beamish Museum, for all year 10 pupils.

This will take place on Tuesday, 17th December from 9:30am-2:30 pm.

Students will take part in a workshop, which will help with both their English and History GCSE, as well as having the chance to spend time in the museum.

The cost of the trip includes travel and entrance to the museum and is a total of £20.

Charity Group

Our charity group attended 2 of our feeder primary school Christmas Fayres this week, to raise money for Cancer Research, as part of their project with Tyne Tunnels and Business Beats Cancer North East. Our spare crafts and Christmas decorations will also be on sale at our winter concert at 17Nineteen, later in December. Well done, to all of the students involved in making and selling the products, and a huge thank you to Hudson Road Primary and Barnes Junior School for inviting us along.



Careers Education

We hosted our second Business Breakfast of the year this week. This is where our students can meet and chat informally with employers, and further education providers as part of our great career's education at Thornhill. Thank you to our visitors from Sunderland Collage, Newcastle Sixthform, East Durham college, ArcusFM, Openreach and the DWP for supporting us.



This week, we welcomed Jodie from Arkus Construction into school to speak to students about the range of careers and pathways within the construction industry. Arkus is currently renovating our local Bangladeshi Centre, so a great example of our community partnerships.



Careers Trips

We have had a number of students out of school these last 2 weeks on careers experiences.

Firstly, our music students attended the Glasshouse in Gateshead to hear from a range of employees in the music industry, from stage management to marketing, and sound engineers. It's great for students to broaden their understanding of possible careers in their future.

Our Year 10 business students travelled to Newcastle University to take part in an entrepreneurial insight's day, where they heard from a range of successful business owners and were able to ask questions to gain more insights into how successful businesses are set up and run.

Finally, our health and social care students attended a nursing conference where they were exposed to a wide range of NHS nursing job roles and were able to ask questions about what different jobs entail as well as the different routes they can take to get there.



Sports News

We are delighted to announce that following our Great Active Sunderland School Charter submission, we have achieved the Gold Standard! 🏆

We are so proud of this fantastic achievement, and we look forward to working with [@activesland](#) during the new academic year 🌟

GOLD
Active
Sunderland
School 2023-24

Sponsorship plea

We are looking for local businesses who can sponsor some sports kits for our futsal and football teams. Our good friends at [Young Asian Voices](#) have sponsored a kit for our younger children. As our children are involved in more sport, we also need to invest in larger sizes for older year groups. Can you or anyone you know help? If so, email our Deputy Headteacher liam.clark@consilium-at.com.



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



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

For more info:

email: youthinsights@solutionsfortheplanet.co.uk

tel: 07900 064532



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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	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 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	Dramer	Guidance

Year 10 Homework Timetable 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 Timetable 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

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.



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
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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

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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



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.

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

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 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.

Step 1



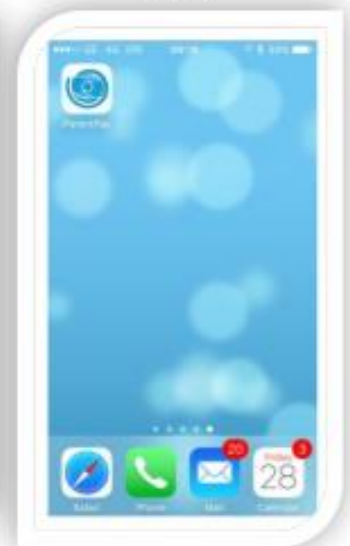
Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



Android Instructions

Step 1 - Type in 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

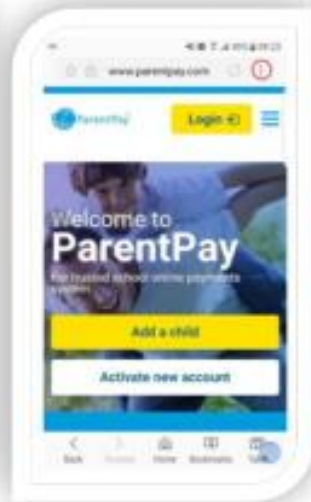
Step 4 - A message will pop-up on the browser confirming that the shortcut has been added to your home screen

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

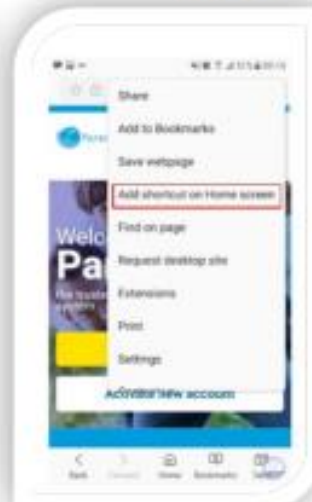
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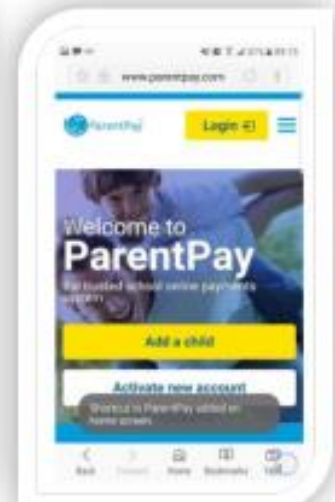
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Step 4



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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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