



**Thornhill
Academy**
Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions



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Thornhill Parent Update 17th January 2025

Message from Headteacher

Can I firstly start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

2024 was an outstanding year for us at Thornhill, and we look to build on that further in 2025. We are immensely proud of our students, and within school, our staff team look to ensure that they receive a world class education and receive opportunities to enrich their lives and to give them opportunities to try new things. The extracurricular offer in school, goes from strength to strength and, this year, we will see it extended further. This would not be possible without the phenomenally dedicated staff team, who go above and beyond for our student body.

We know that our students will not achieve what they are capable of, without a strong home school relationship to support our young people. As parents and carers your support in ensuring that your children have good attendance is vital to their success. Good attendance is over 96%. Children with attendance under 90% are considered as being persistently absent (PA). Information will be coming to you very shortly with regards to your child's attendance last term. If this falls short of what we are asking for, then please work with your child to improve this. We will rereport attendance after Easter for this term, and also the cumulative attendance for the year. It will be wonderful for you to celebrate an improved rate of attendance with them at Easter. Regular attendance is crucial for academic success, it ensures that students do not miss out on valuable learning experiences and are well-prepared for their examinations.

Thank you for your continued support, lets together support our young people to have the best possible chances of successful futures.

Mrs S Hamilton
Headteacher



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Year 11 Parents Meeting



Year 11 Parents Meeting – Thursday 23rd January 2025

3:30-6pm in the Thumbprint Restaurant

Please remember to book your appointments using following link:

<https://washington.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Although link states Washington School, this will take you to Thornhill's Bookings. Please use your log in details, supplied by email/letter in December 2024 or contact school, who can make appointments on your behalf.

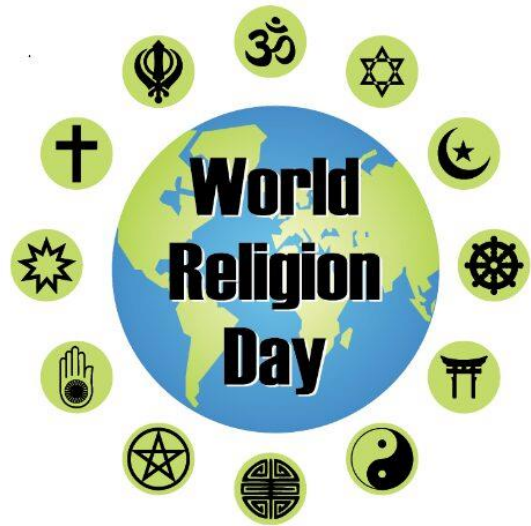
Assemblies

We really enjoyed welcoming back our students with our new year assemblies, ensuring that we all remember our core values of Partnership, Excellence and Opportunity. We took the opportunity to celebrate the successes of everyone working hard and doing well, and offered a fresh start to all students.

Andy, from Youth for Christ has also visited us with his take on the new year and new beginnings. Always a fun filled assembly with games and prizes for students, though it was difficult to beat Mrs Crossley in the year 8 assembly!



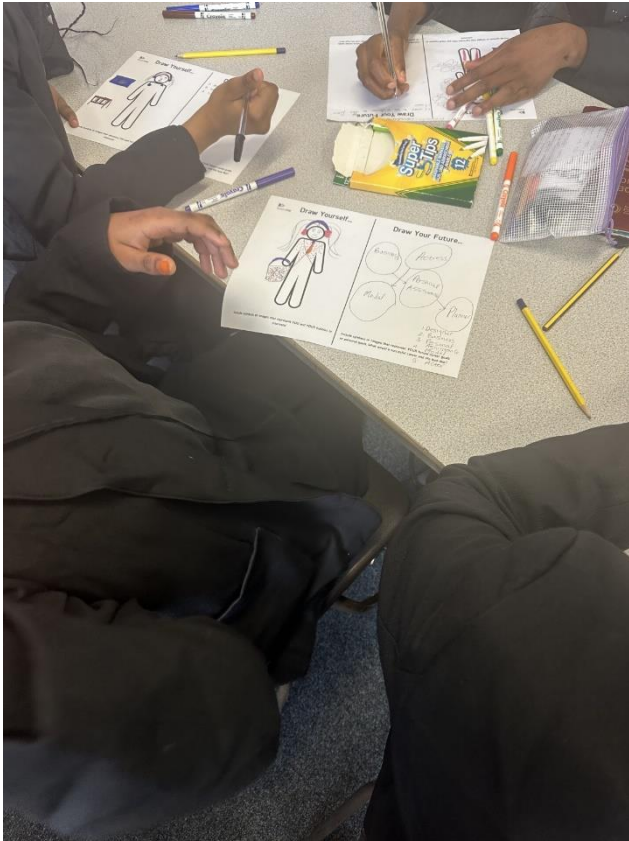
Next week, we are really looking forward to hearing from Mr Rice and our students for World Religion Day 2025.



Careers

This year, our Year 9 students prepare to select their options and pathways for Key Stage 4 and their GCSE examinations. To support this important decision, students have taken part in a 'Future Me' workshop with Sunderland University, to think about their future and what steps they might need to take. We had great feedback from our students and Ani, our visitor, was very impressed with students' attitude and engagement. Ani will be back with us again next week for more work preparation work with year 9.



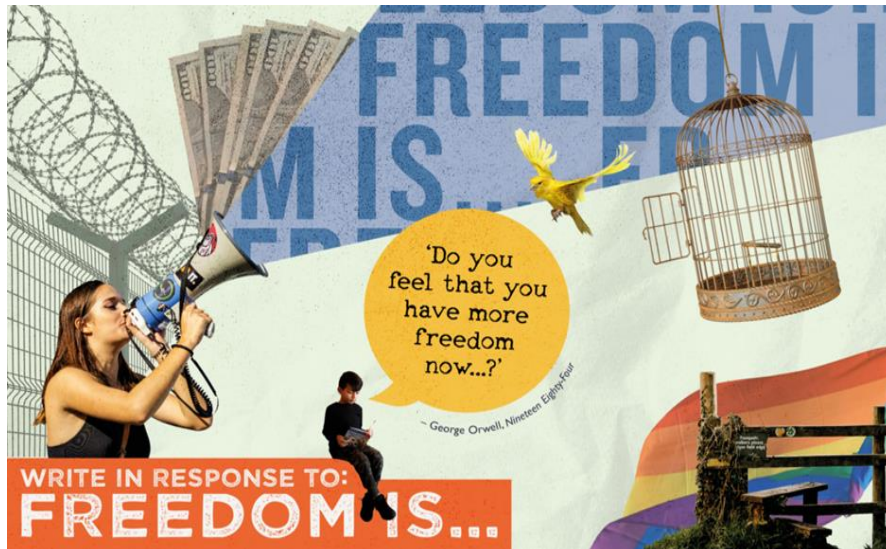


We have a range of careers opportunities happening this term, including an NHS Careers performance for year 8, and an apprenticeship event for year 10, as well as our half termly Business Breakfasts

Trips and events

We are counting down the days to our big trip to the Lake District, with 36 of our amazing young people. Over the week we will take on adventures that will push us out of our comfort zone, build new friendships and come back with lots of exciting and fun memories!





We are also looking forward to our year 10 English trip to Sunderland University, for their annual Orwell prize event. The Orwell Youth Prize is an annual writing competition for young people in the UK. Every year, we set a theme inspired by the writing of the author and journalist, George Orwell, asking entrants to think about the world around them and issues which matter today. This year, the theme is 'Freedom is...' and the event will set students up to write a strong entry for the 2025 competition, as well as provide context for their studies at GCSE.

The maths department are taking year 11 students to Newcastle University Physics Department for a problem-solving event. The aim of this event is to equip students with skills to solve the toughest problems in their maths GCSE. It is a great opportunity for our young people to see what they can do with maths, and how taking maths past GCSE level, can help them to reach their goals.



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 ⭐



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

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



Thumbprint Menus



Breakfast

Free items

- Toasted bagel (1)
- Cereals (Please ask for details)
- Porridge (Please ask for details)

Chargeable items

- Croissant (1, 2, 3) £0.85p
- Pain au Chocolate (1, 2, 3, 14) £0.85p
- Sausage Sandwich (1, 2, 14) £1.20
- Bacon Sandwich (1) £1.20
- Vegetarian sausage sandwich (1,14) £1.20

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7.Mustard 8.Sulphites 9.Tree nuts 10.Lupin 11.Celery 12.Molluscs
13.Sesame seeds 14.Soya

Breaktime

- Croissant (1, 2, 3) £0.85
- Pain au Chocolate (1,2,3,14) £0.85
- Sausage Sandwich (1,2,14) £1.20
- Bacon Sandwich (1) £1.20
- Vegetarian sausage sandwich (1,14) £1.20
- Fruit pot £1.00
- Yoghurt (2) £0.50
- Waffle (1,3,14) £1.10
- Pancakes with topping (1,2,3,14) £1.10
- Hash Browns x 3 £1.20
- Pizza bagel (please check for allergens) £1.10

Drinks

- Flavoured Water £0.95p
- Plain Water £0.95p
- Sparkling Water £0.95p
- Semi Skimmed milk (2) £0.60p
- Fruit Juice £0.60p



MENU WEEK 1

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MEAL DEAL = MEALS CONTAINING ***

PLUS PUDDING OF THE DAY, COOKIE, FRUIT OR DRINK ONLY £2.30 !!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1*** £2.00	Chicken sausages (1,8) in a rich tomato and onion sauce served with garlic and mushroom rice (14)	Butchers beef burger (14) (optional cheese (1)) served with crispy potatoes (1), mixed salad and coleslaw (2)	Lemon and thyme roast chicken thighs served with creamy mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and Yorkshire Pudding (1,2,3)	Campfire Chilli served with fluffy rice, corn on the cob	Salmon goujons (1,5) served with fries and peas/beans
Option 2*** £2.00	Vegetarian meatball (14) pasta (1) served with a slice of crusty garlic bread (1)	Vegetable frittata (2,3) served with crispy potatoes (1), mixed salad and coleslaw (3)	Vegetarian sausages (14) served with creamy mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and Yorkshire pudding (1,2,3)	Vegetarian campfire Chilli served with fluffy rice, corn on the cob	Quorn beef (1) dirty fries served with side salad
Pudding of the day*** £0.95	Fruit crumble (1) and custard (2)	Chocolate crunch (1,3)	Old school sprinkle cake (1,2,3,14)	Carrot cake (1,2,3,14)	Friday bake off (1,2,3,14)



- Plain Jacket with filling £1.75
- Choice of Tuna (5) Beans £2.00



- Box Sandwiches £1.75
 - Luxury Box Sandwich*** £2.00
 - Variety of Sub Rolls*** £2.00
 - Variety of Wraps £1.75
- PLEASE CHECK PACKAGING FOR ALLERGENS



- MON | Tomato (3,7,11,14)
- TUE | Vegetable (2,3,7,14)
- WED | Chicken (3,7,11,14)
- THU | Winter broth (1)
- FRI | Leek and potato Bread roll (1)



- Pasta Pot £1.75
 - Variety of Paninis £2.00***
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- Cookie £0.85
 - Muffin £0.85
 - Doughnuts (1,2,14) £0.85
 - Fruit salad £1.00
 - Fruit (whole) £0.60
 - Yoghurt (2) £0.50
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1*** £2.00	Chicken tikka masala served with fluffy turmeric rice and naan bread (1)	Selection of pizzas (1,2) served with potato wedges, salad and coleslaw (2) PLEASE CHECK ALLERGENS FOR INDIVIDUAL FLAVOURS	Minted lamb hotpot served with seasonal vegetables and Yorkshire pudding (1,2,3)	Cowboy pie (sausage (1,8) and BBQ beans topped with mashed potato served with country vegetables	Crispy chicken wrap (1) served with fries and salad PLEASE CHECK ALLERGENS FOR INDIVIDUAL SAUCES
Option 2*** £2.00	Tandoori vegetables served with fluffy turmeric rice and naan bread (1)	Selection of vegetarian (1,2) pizzas served with potato wedges, salad and coleslaw (2)	Minted Quorn mince hotpot (3) served with seasonal vegetables and Yorkshire pudding (1,2,3)	Creamy Quorn chicken (2,3) and broccoli pasta served with garlic bread (1)	Salt and pepper battered cauliflower bites (1) served with fries and salad
Pudding of the day*** £0.85	Chocolate and vanilla marble cake (1,2,3,14)	Pear tarte Tatin (1) served with optional custard (2)	Sticky toffee pudding (1,2,3,8)	Cherry frangipane pie (1,2,3)	Friday bake off (1,2,3,14)



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Beans



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SOUP & ROLL £2.00 ***
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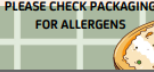
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Variety of Paninis £2.00***
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Cookie £0.85
Muffin £0.85
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Fruit salad £1.00
Fruit (whole) £0.60
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Option 1*** £2.00	Creamy pasta carbonara (1,2) served with vegetables and garlic bread (1)	Chinese chicken stir-fry (14) served with egg noodle (1,3), choice of sauce & prawn crackers (6) Please check for allergen for sauces	Mince and onion pie (1,14) served with mashed potato, seasonal vegetables and a Yorkshire pudding (1,2,3)	Garlic and herb chicken Kiev (1,2,14) served with herby potatoes and seasonal vegetables / salad	Classic Fry-day fish (1,5) and chips served with peas / beans
Option 2*** £2.00	Vegetable carbonara (1,2) served with vegetables and garlic bread (1)	Chinese vegetable stir-fry (14) served with egg noodle (1,3), choice of sauce & prawn crackers (6) Please check for allergen for sauces	Vegetable slice (1,14) served with mashed potato, seasonal vegetable and Yorkshire pudding (1,2,3)	Vegetable and cheese Kiev (1,2) served with herby potatoes and vegetables/salad	Quorn nuggets (1) served with chips, peas / beans
Pudding of the day*** £0.85	Tropical flapjack (1)	Raspberry ripple cake (1,2,3,14)	Chocolate fudge cake (1,2)	Spiced orange traybake (1,2,14)	Friday bake off (1,2,3,14)



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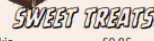
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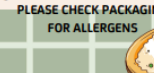
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BUSHIDO JU-JITSU ACADEMY (NE)

Founder Sensei Chris Poole 7th Dan



- **Do you want to:**

- Gain some self confidence?
- Improve your self awareness and fitness?
- Try the traditional Japanese Martial Art of Ju Jitsu?

- **Learn:**

- How to defend against punches, strangles, and kicks.
- How to breakfall
- How to defend against an attack.
- Various locking techniques
- Katas and the use of various Japanese weapons.

Come along and give it a try.

Clubs are held at:

- Pallion Action Group, 5 Eastmoor Road, SR4 6QW
Monday 6pm till 7pm £3 Contact Chris Poole 07884424363
Lesley 07889205751–Text or Mal 07546951617
- Pennywell Community Centre, Portsmouth Road, SR4 9AX
Wednesday 6pm till 7pm £3 Contact Bev 07932357968
- Washington, The Stella, Windlass Lane, NE37 1BH
Wednesday 6.30 till 7:30 £3 Contact Charlotte 07957448838

Phone for more details or turn up to watch, or even join in.
Everyone welcome from 5 yrs upwards.



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

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:

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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.

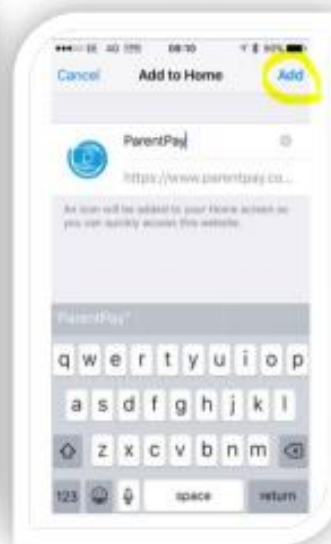
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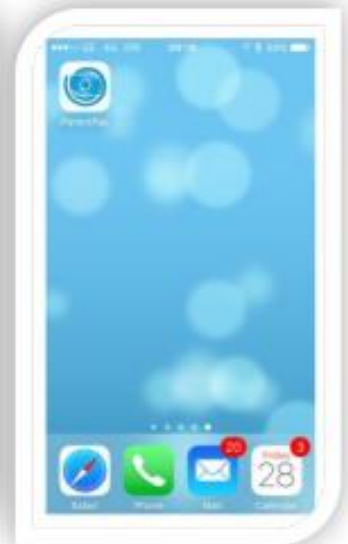
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Android Instructions

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

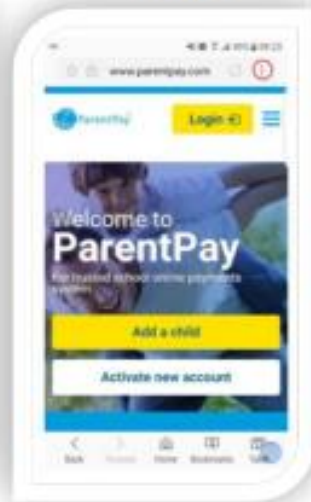
Step 4 - A message will pop-up on the browser confirming that the shortcut has been added to your home screen

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

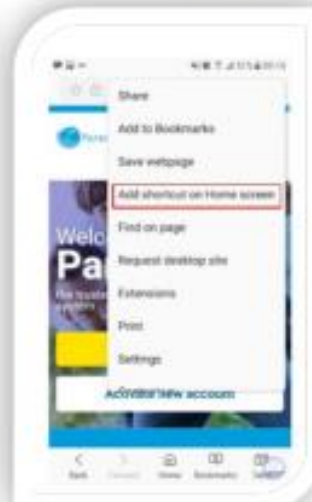
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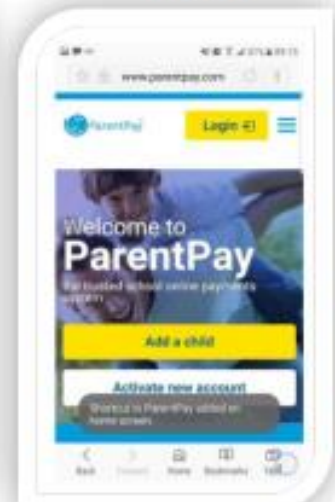
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Sharp Reporting System

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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