



Thornhill Academy

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

Thornhill Academy Year 9 Student Leadership Programme

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to inform you that we are launching the student leadership programme for all year 9s this half term.

The student leadership programme is designed to give all Key Stage 4 students an opportunity to develop their life skills, leadership qualities, confidence, and problem-solving by becoming an extension of specific departments in school. As a student leader, your child has the opportunity to be part of the department and subject structure, working alongside staff to develop our school community.

As a student leader, your child will be given the opportunity to wear a bespoke school uniform, which allows them to not only have status within the school, but also be used as a reference point for each subject. Student leaders will be heavily involved in the planning, organisation, and operational aspects of the wider curriculum commitment from each department. They will organise whole-school events, trips, and competitions inside/outside of school, as well as be ambassadors for Thornhill Academy across the city and nationwide within our Multi-Academy Trust.

This will be the second year of student leadership at Thornhill Academy. The current year 10 cohort, the first group through this programme, has been a phenomenal success already. Successes in this cohort have come in the form of increased attendance, preparation for learning, increased submission of homework, and increased responsible behaviours in preparation for the next stage of their lives.

At Thornhill, we want all our young people to reach their aspirations in everything they do. We believe in ***enriching lives and inspiring ambitions*** which is why we are so passionate about this opportunity for your child.

We would like to invite you and your child to a parental engagement evening, which will involve a presentation and information from the Assistant Head Teacher, Mr Locke, and each Head of Department who will be running the programme over the next two years.

Your child has already been given some brief information about the programme both last year and within the last week. There is a real sense of opportunity and excitement within year 9 to be part of this fantastic initiative.

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 10th of November 2021**, at two available slots - **4:00 PM and 5:00 PM**. These sessions will last no more than 45 minutes and include a parental questionnaire at the end to support our parental and community engagement and vision.

We would politely ask for face masks to be brought and worn while in the presentation. All social distancing measures will be considered.

Once again, we would like to thank you for the support you are giving your child towards this fantastic opportunity and allowing them to reach their full potential.

Many thanks, Mr Locke