

1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

## From the Headteacher

#### Term Dates

School will end this term on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 at 1pm.

Students will return for the new year to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

INSET Days for the 2022-2023academic year are:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Other than the above dates, all school holidays will follow those published by Sunderland Local Authority.

## Year 9 Options

Thank you to all parents who came to our parents evening to meet with teachers this week. It was a great atmosphere and lovely to see so many of your there. We are almost there with our timetabling for next year and I know you are all eagerly awaiting to find out about your allocated options. We do intend to communicate this before the end of the term, and we appreciate your understanding and patience.

#### Year 10 Maximising Grades

We have been so impressed with the way that Year 10 have responded to the raised expectations this half term. Now our current Year 11 have left, students are well and truly ready to step up.

We want to keep our communication with parents high and look forward to meeting with you all at our first Maximising Grades session on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. These will become a regular opportunity for parents to engage with school and support their child. Our first session will focus on:

- Students and parents opening and reviewing Mock Grades together.
- Why attendance and revision are so important for success.
- Key strategies that can be used to maximise revision over time.

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We would like all parents to join us at 4:30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July in our Tom Cowie Centre. We cannot stress the importance of parental engagement in supporting the progress of students in these important years. Please can we ask you to indicate your attendance by completing this brief form via the link below by 8<sup>th</sup> July:

#### https://forms.office.com/r/pGfzQ8VvT8

## <u>Music</u>

Blood Brothers 21.09.22 9 Tickets are available for Blood Brothers on 21.09.22 at £15 each (Parent Pay). Please note that Current Y10 GCSE Drama students have their tickets already.

# <u>Uniform</u>

Thank you for your ongoing support with the standards and expectations around your Childs jacket inside of the school building and the type of jacket they must wear to school. Can we remind you that body warmers, sports jackets and hoodies are all unacceptable pieces of uniform for Thornhill.

## Improved Punctuality of our Amazing Students

The Attendance Team at Thornhill Academy would like to thank all parents/carers that have supported our continuing improvement in punctuality.

Students are expected on school site for 8.30am ready for registration starting at 8.40am.

Alternatively, students are also welcome to school from 7.30am and can take advantage of a free breakfast in the school restaurant.

The support of parents getting students to school on time cannot be underestimated and we are extremely grateful for all your efforts. We hope this continues and thank you for all of your support and working together with us.

Further information regarding your child's attendance and punctuality can be found on the SIMS parent app.

Should you have any queries or require further information on any item in the news bulletin, you can contact the school by the following methods:

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