



**Thornhill
Academy**
Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

Weekly Parental Bulletin

7th October 2022

Mini Rewards Event

We are delighted to offer our first mini rewards events for our students. These events will cost only £2 per child to attend, but those who are on target to achieve their Gold Praise Point status and with attendance of 92% and over, these will be TOTALLY FREE.

YEARS 7 & 8

Get ready for a night of fun and games at our Halloween Disco – dance the night away with your friends to the spookiest playlist, with food and drinks aplenty and also an (optional) fancy dress competition. Why not work together with your friends for a themed costume? Why not get your tutors involved in a whole class idea? The possibilities are endless – prizes available for the best, most imaginative costumes – home-made ideas too!!

WHEN: Monday 17th October 4-6pm

WHERE: Sports Hall

Access only with valid ticket

Tickets available from Head of Year from Monday 10th October til Thursday

Payment can be made either with cash or via parent pay

YEARS 9 & 10

Come and spend a couple of hours with your friends just chilling out listening to music and having a pizza. Plenty of space to sit around and catch up – away from talk of homework or GCSE's – just relax and have fun.

WHEN: Wednesday 19th October 3-5pm

WHERE: Tom Cowie

Access only with a valid ticket

Tickets available from Head of Year from Monday 10th October

Payment can be made either with cash or via parent pay

Year 11

Even though you are focusing on your GCSE's it is vital that you have the opportunity to recognise the achievements you have made so far and also a treat for your hard work – so please grab your ticket and meet up in the Tom Cowie at 10.45am on Friday, have an extended break, get yourself a drink and sweet treat. Only students with a valid ticket will be allowed to leave P2 to access the event at 10.45am.

WHEN: Friday 21st October, 10.45- 11.15am

WHERE: Tom Cowie

Access only with a valid ticket

Tickets available from Head of Year from Monday 10th October

Payment can be made either with cash or via parent pay

There is also an opportunity to give consent for your child to attend via the parent pay link

Any questions, please see your Head of Year

Harvest Food Collection

Our harvest food collection is well under way. Thank you so much to anyone who has contributed so far. If you can, please send food into school with your child who will hand it to their form tutor. All contributions will be displayed on our harvest table at the end of October and will go to our local food bank who help those who need a helping hand. Every little helps. Thank you!

Spooky Stories

At Thornhill we want pupils to be exposed to a variety of activities which give them the opportunity to be creative!

We are currently running a Spooky Stories competition where pupils can write a 500-word creative piece of writing just in time for Halloween. If any pupils want to submit their work, they do this at: <https://bit.ly/spookystories2022entryform>

Book Club starts this week and will run every Wednesday 2.45-3.30pm in the Library with Miss Marriner and the Literacy Leaders. All pupils are welcome to come along and dive into their favourite book, discuss stories with friends or read and debate in groups. We hope to see many of our pupils there!

Doctors Live - a great opportunity for all students aged 13+ with an interest in a career in medicine

We are a group of doctors passionate about inspiring the next generation of students into Medicine, Nursing, and other Allied Health Professions. We are thrilled to announce that our popular weekly Anatomy Club is back this year.

The **Anatomy Club** is a 3-month after-school programme covering all 12 organ systems. The sessions run for 2 hours weekly, led by two practising doctors. We cover the body systems in a fun and interactive manner by dissecting our virtual anatomy model. We also cover diseases affecting the organ system and try to solve anonymised real-life patient cases together.

The sessions are aimed at any students interested in Science and Healthcare who want to learn something outside of the school curriculum. Our passion is to inspire students to learn about human science in an engaging and affordable manner. The course suits all students aged 13 and above. Certificates will be provided for participation. Below are some further details:

Doctors Live - [Virtual Anatomy Club Weekly \(November 2022 to January 2023\) - Live Every Tuesday 6pm-8pm](#)

1. Learn about the fascinating workings of the human body from the comfort of your home
2. Cover all 12 organ systems
3. Solve real-life patient cases, including history taking and anonymised scans
4. Live virtual operations - showing step by step how common surgeries are carried out
5. A chance for students to interact with practising surgeons and doctors
6. Each live session is recorded and can be accessed anytime

The entire three-month program, including handouts, recordings and certificates, is priced at **£59 per student**. For more information and to enrol, please visit the link below:

<https://doctorslive.co.uk/anatomyclub/>

Attendance

A massive thank you to all the parents who are continuing to support the increase in attendance for their child by sending children into school. We are seeing excellent progress in attendance and student knowledge!!!

Please congratulate your child if they received 100% attendance award on Tuesday- sweets for everyone who has 100% each week!!!

Year 7 and 10 Assessments

Thank you to all year 7 and 10 students who have conducted themselves brilliantly in their recent reading and progress tests. This information will support teachers in differentiating their work and understanding how to support progress further.

Year 11 Period 6

A huge well done to all Year 11 students who have been committed to their P6 studies every Monday Wednesday and Thursday. Teachers have been so impressed with efforts and engagement- keep this up!

This extra revision will have a positive impact on progress in the mock exams later in the term.

Year 11 Passport

There has been a delay in sending out year 11 passport progress emails. This has been resolved and will have been issued late this week. From next week student will be able to clearly track their progress by checking their emails each week to see where they are achieving and which aspects of school life, they need to focus on to be successful in Year 11.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that all students are required on site for 8.20 am and Breakfast club is available from 8am FOR ALL STUDENTS.

Parents must be aware that their child will receive a U code if they arrive to school after 9.10am- this means they will have 0% attendance for the morning. This is massively impacting on student's attendance and can easily be improved.

Uniform

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.

Wider Curriculum Timetable Term 1

Thornhill Academy Wider Curriculum Activities

Every student at Thornhill has the potential to achieve great things both in and out of the classroom.

The timetable of wider curriculum activities below is open to ALL students free of charge! Participating in even one wider curriculum activity per term will give you the opportunity to meet new friends, learn new skills and develop your employability.

For more information about the activities please see a member of staff in the department.

Activity Name	Description	Thornhill Traits	Career Links	Day and Time	Room
<p><i>Coding Club</i></p> <p>Curriculum Area: Business and ICT (SCO)</p> <p>Year groups: Year 7-9</p>	Develop your coding skills to solve a range of problems and write code that allows you to become a 21 st century computer program. You will try your hand at hacking, help to solve cybercrime and learn the skills you will need to be an ace games designer!	Communication Resilience Practice Independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Computer programmer ✓ Games designer ✓ Cybercrime analyst ✓ Software engineer 	Every Monday 2.45-3.30	B1
<p><i>EAL club</i></p> <p>Curriculum Area: MFL</p> <p>Year groups: All EAL pupils</p>	Open to all EAL pupils	Communication Resilience Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tourism ✓ Travel 	Every Tuesday lunchtime	MFL 2
<p><i>German club</i></p> <p>Curriculum Area: MFL</p>	To develop the interest in languages and explore a different language.	Communication Resilience Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tourism ✓ Travel 	Every Monday Lunchtime	MFL 1

Year groups: 7-9					
Green Team Curriculum Area: Geography Year groups: Year 7-11	Do you want to help look after our environment? Do you want to be a part of the bigger community? Do you want to help lead in changes in our school environment?	Communication Practice Collaboration Confidence Independence Leadership	✓ Climate change analyst ✓ Environmental Management consultant ✓ Surveyor ✓ Pollution analyst ✓ Town planner ✓ Conservation	Every Thursday 3.00-3.30	24
Community Leadership Programme Curriculum area: Geography Year Groups: 9-11	A programme designed to look at the local area and come up with ideas on how to improve it. This will help gain critical skills and give you a say in the improvement of our local community.	Communication Practice Collaboration Confidence Independence Leadership Enquiry Creativity	✓ Climate change analyst ✓ Environmental Management consultant ✓ Surveyor ✓ Pollution analyst ✓ Town planner ✓ Conservation	Meetings to be agreed within the team.	24
Cre8tive Curriculum Area: DT Year groups: Year 7-11	To explore the creative imagination of design and make from real life problems and creating small business opportunities.	Communication Practice Collaboration Confidence Independence Risk-taking Enquiry Creativity	✓ Graphic design ✓ Production ✓ Engineering	Every Thursday 3.00 - 4.00	Workshop 1
Ensemble Wednesday	A chance to perform in an ensemble , from Rock Band to piano duets. Develop your instrumental skills outside of the Music classroom	Communication Resilience Practice Independence Risk-taking	✓ Musician	Every Thursday 3.00 – 3.45	Music

Curriculum Area: Music					
Year groups: Year 7-11					
<i>Ukulele Monday</i>	Learn one of the most popular instruments at the moment. This club is fun as you play in an Ukulele ensemble. Opportunities to perform in school concerts.	Communication Resilience Practice Independence Risk-taking Leadership	✓ Musician	Every Monday 3.00 - 3.45	Music
Curriculum Area: Music					
Year groups: Year 7-11					
<i>Choir Friday</i>	Join our choir, singing many popular songs. Opportunities to perform and represent the school in concerts and in city events.	Communication Resilience Practice Independence Risk-taking Leadership	✓ Musician	Every Friday 3.00 - 3.45	Music
Curriculum Area: Music					
Year groups: Year 7-11					
<i>Doorstep Gigs</i>	Your chance to sing in the yard. Open mic policy, come and have a go. Fantastic to gain performance skills and develop your confidence.	Communication Resilience Practice Independence Risk-taking Leadership	✓ Musical Theatre ✓ Singer	Every Tuesday Breaktime (Weather permitting) 11am	Music
Curriculum Area: Music					
Year groups: Year 7-11					

<p>Science Club</p> <p>Curriculum Area: Science</p> <p>Year groups: Year 7, 8 & 9</p>	<p>Do you want to have a go at growing crystals, firing water rockets, making bath bombs or designing and making kaleidoscope? If you do, then come along to science club and have fun with experiments.</p>	<p>Communication Practice Collaboration Confidence Independence Risk-taking Enquiry Creativity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Vet ✓ Nurse ✓ Dentist 	<p>Every Monday 2.45pm – 3.15pm</p>	<p>Lab 1</p>
<p>STEM Aspirational Session</p> <p>Curriculum Area: Science</p> <p>Year groups: Year 9-11</p>	<p>Want to earn 20% more than your peers? Explore the Top Careers in STEM with talks from Sunderland College supporting your transition into Post-16 Pathways.</p>	<p>Communication Practice Collaboration Confidence Independence Risk-taking Enquiry Creativity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Engineer ✓ Midwife ✓ Doctor ✓ Marine biologist ✓ Primary school teacher 	<p>Every Monday starting November 2022 2.45pm – 3.30pm (dependent on college availability)</p>	<p>Lab 6</p>
<p>Sports Leaders</p> <p>Curriculum Area: PE</p> <p>Year groups: Year 10 and 11</p>	<p>Sports Leader training sessions will involve you learning new skills, sharing your expertise with other students in school and spreading the word about sport. Working closely as a team, you will plan, lead and evaluate events. Organise and lead the great things happening in Thornhill PE department and wider community.</p>	<p>Communication Practice Collaboration Confidence Independence Leadership Resilience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Teacher ✓ Sports science ✓ Sports journalist ✓ Leisure industry ✓ Personal trainer ✓ Coach 	<p>Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 2:45pm</p>	<p>Sports Hall</p>
<p>Netball/Basketball</p> <p>Curriculum Area: PE</p>	<p>Join our successful netball team, no experience required. Opportunities to build team skills, leadership roles, communication skills and more. You will</p>	<p>Communication Resilience Practice Independence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Teacher ✓ Sports science ✓ Coach ✓ Professional athlete ✓ Leisure industry 	<p>Every Monday 2:45pm</p>	<p>Sports Hall</p>

Year groups: All	represent the school in fixtures, matches and tournaments across the city.		✓ Personal trainer		
Futsal Curriculum Area: PE Year groups: Yr 7-9	The ideal sporting activity for someone looking for a new sporting challenge. Similar to 5-a-side football and played with a small ball on a hard pitch, the game's emphasis is on improvisation, creativity and technique, making it ideal for people who work well as a team. Fancy the challenge? Come along and see what futsal is all about!	Communication Resilience Practice Independence	✓ Teacher ✓ Sports science ✓ Coach ✓ Professional athlete ✓ Leisure industry ✓ Personal trainer	Every Thursday 2.45pm	Sports Hall
Swimming Curriculum Area: PE Year groups: All limited to 15 pupils	Swimming club, no experience required. Learn to swim all the way up to improving your racing style, speed, fitness and competing for your school in city galas and regional galas. You will also experience other aquatic skills and water safety techniques.	Communication Resilience Practice Independence	✓ Teacher ✓ Sports science ✓ Coach ✓ Professional athlete ✓ Leisure industry ✓ Personal trainer ✓ Olympic committee ✓ Lifeguard	Every Other Wednesday 2:45pm	Swimming Pool
Health Related Fitness Curriculum Area: PE Year groups: All	Improve health and wellbeing. Different types of fitness ranging from, bootcamp to spinning. Any fitness level to start, will be competing against your own PB.	Communication Resilience Practice Independence	✓ Teacher ✓ Sports science ✓ Coach ✓ Leisure industry ✓ Personal trainer	Every Thursday 2:45pm	Fitness suite
Girls Multisports	Join our multi sports clubs and enjoy an introductory taste to a variety of sports	Communication Resilience Practice	✓ Teacher ✓ Sports science ✓ Coach	Every Friday 3.00pm	Football Pitch

Curriculum Area: PE Year groups: All	and physical activity opportunities led by our wonderful YAV staff.	Independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Professional athlete ✓ Leisure industry ✓ Personal trainer 		
Cricket Curriculum Area: PE Year groups: Year 7 and 8	Join our cricket team, no experience required. Opportunities to develop team building skills, leadership roles, communication skills and more. You will represent the school in fixtures, matches and tournaments across the city.	Communication Resilience Practice Independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Teacher ✓ Sports science ✓ Coach ✓ Professional athlete ✓ Leisure industry ✓ Personal trainer 	Every Wednesday 3.00pm	Sports Hall
Art Club Curriculum Area: Art Year groups: Year 7-11	Do you have a creative streak and enjoy expressing yourself through sketching, painting, modelling, collage or computer graphics? This is your chance to explore your creativity and see what you can produce when there are no boundaries on your imagination!	Creativity Practice Communication Resilience Risk-taking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Artist ✓ Designer ✓ Product designer ✓ Interior designer 	Every Thursday and Friday 3.00-4.00	Studio 1
Diversity Club Curriculum Area: Learning Support Year Groups: Year 7-11	A student led group, exploring issues related to the LGTBQ+ community in a relaxed and non – judgemental way. We will also look at all nine of the protected characteristics and how to promote them.	Confidence Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Counsellor ✓ Community work ✓ Charitable work ✓ Discussion and support roles ✓ Events Manager ✓ Social Media Coordinator ✓ Team Leader 	Every Thursday Lunchtime 12:15 – 12:45	LS3
Homework club	An opportunity for students to complete homework with the support	Practice Confidence		Every Monday 2.45-3.30	LRC

Curriculum Area: Learning Support Year Groups: All	of a member of the learning support department at school.	Independence		Every Wednesday 2.45-3.30 Every Thursday 2.45-3.30	
Starfish club Curriculum Area: Learning Support Year Groups: Years 7, 8 and 9	An opportunity to meet other students with Andy and his team from YFC. Students will participate in a range of activities to support teamwork and positive social skills	Communication Practice Collaboration Confidence Independence Leadership Enquiry Creativity		Every Monday lunchtime 12.15 - 12.45	LS2
Lunch Club (Invitation only)	Selected students can come into learning support during lunch to play board games and develop their social skills in a fun way.	Communication Practice Collaboration Confidence Independence Leadership Enquiry Creativity		Every lunch time.	LS2
Drama Club Year Groups: All Year groups welcome! For "Theatre Nights" we will host different	Come and join Miss O'Neill this half for some fun and games! Meet new people and be creative, working with scripts and creating original performances. We will also be hosting "Theatre Nights" for KS3 and KS4 pupils. This will be an opportunity to watch	Communication Collaboration Confidence Independence Enquiry Creativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Performer ✓ Director ✓ Team leader ✓ Teacher ✓ Set, costume and lighting designer. 	Drama Club: Every Monday 3:00- 3:45 Theatre Nights: Dates and times will vary. Keep your eyes peeled for posters going up around school!	Drama/dance studio.

showings for KS3 & KS4	recorded productions at the National Theatre.				
Reading / Book Club Year Groups: All Year Groups welcome!	Come and join Miss Marriner and the Literacy Leaders at Book Club to dive into your favourite book, discuss stories with friends and read and debate in groups! There'll be opportunities to quiz on your reading book too.	Communication Collaboration Confidence Independence Enquiry Creativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Teacher ✓ Nursery / Early Years Practitioner ✓ Digital copywriter ✓ Journalist ✓ Marketing ✓ Publishing / Proof-reader 	Reading/Book Club: Every Wednesday 2.45-3.30pm.	LRC



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