



14th October 2022

Half Term Closure

Please be aware that the school will close at 2:45pm on Friday 21st of October and will re-open at normal time on Tuesday 1st of November. A reminder that the school is closed on Monday 31st of October for an INSET day.



Exam Grade Boost

On the 18th October, we invite all year 11 students and parents to our second Maximising Grades event. The aim of this is to share together how best to prepare for and perform well in these Mock Examinations. In this session we will cover:

- Examination rules and expectations as set by the JCQ
- Thornhill Revision Strategy focus
- Revision guidance, techniques and advice from key subject areas
- Managing exam stress

Our event will take place in our Tom Cowie Centre at 4:30pm on Tuesday 18th October. We cannot stress the importance of parental engagement in supporting the progress of students in this important year. Please can we ask you to indicate your attendance by completing this brief form via the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/M5UAWZDF5v>

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.

Women in Engineering

Women in Engineering Insight Experience

January & February 2023



Apply now for our 2023 Women in Engineering Insight Experience

Are you thinking about your apprenticeship options, but not sure what route's right for you?

Why engineering?

It might not be something you've considered, but a BAE Systems engineering apprenticeship gives you the opportunity to build valuable skills, gain new experiences, and work while you continue to learn – a solid foundation to help launch your future career.

Still not sure?

Then make sure you apply for our Women in Engineering Insight Experience. Taking place over four days early next year, you'll get a sneak-peak into what an engineering apprenticeship is all about and get to visit our sites. And if you like what you see, you could be offered a full-time position on one of our engineering apprenticeships, starting in Autumn 2023.

What our participants said:

"The best thing about the experience was going on site, learning lots of new skills and meeting loads of people that knew a lot about apprenticeships and BAE Systems, it really helped to get a better understanding."

Apply now!

There are a limited number of slots, so scan the QR code to apply now.



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We're one of the UK's leading STEM employers, bringing together 35,300 professionals nationwide across engineering, aeronautics, technology, procurement, project management and many more. Like you, we're passionate about helping young people embrace STEM subjects and discover careers in engineering and technology.

Together we can inspire bright minds from all backgrounds to access opportunities in our industry. At BAE Systems we serve, supply and protect those who serve and protect us – and provide opportunities for our 2,000 apprentices in learning to find a place to build meaningful careers.

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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/>

Careers in Healthcare Science Virtual Work Experience for Year 10 and 11 students

Learn about Healthcare Science Careers!

Are you interested in Science?

Do you want to support patients and their families and make a real difference to society?

Reach out for Healthcare Science is a fantastic opportunity for year 10-13 students to learn about the many and varied careers available in Healthcare Science. Programme Content Health Education England (London) has got together with Springpod provide a free virtual work experience, introducing the fascinating world of NHS healthcare scientists. Students will be able to take a peek inside the healthcare science world, be able to hear from the personal experiences of healthcare scientists, get career advice and take part in a series of fun activities.

For more information and to register for the programme please visit

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/reachout-for-healthcare-science-with-health-education-england>

Space Week Competition

As part of TechTober and Space Week at Sunderland Software City, they are running a Space themed competition for Year 7 and 8 pupils. Students have all been given a paper copy of the entry form with two tasks to complete. There will be a prize of an Amazon voucher. Entries need to be sent to jessica.sawyers@sunderlandsoftwarecity.com by 31/10/22 or can be brought to Mrs Crane by half term and I will forward for you.

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!

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.

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.

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