



21st October 2022

Spooky Stories

Thornhill is ready for Spooky Season! The Literacy Leaders have been busy identifying their top Halloween Reads and Frankenstein's Monster and Pumpkin have helped:



Reading Buddy

Literacy Leaders are starting a Reading Buddy Intervention with a group of Year 7 students from Friday 4th November during Tutor Time. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to build confidence in their reading and work with our older students who will support their progress.

Year 7 Parents' Meeting Survey

We would be most interested in your feedback about our Year 7 Parents' Meeting, which took place on Thursday 20th October. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete. Thank you

<https://forms.office.com/r/ivfndu81LH>



Half Term Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Young Professionals are running a series of online virtual work experience events over half term that our Year 10 and 11 students might be interested in taking part in:

On **Monday 24th October** from 9am - 4pm we're hosting a virtual Careers in Business, Accounting and Finance Work Experience Day. We have Big 4 constituents PwC and KPMG as well as Grant Thornton, Mazars and CIMA joining us to run a variety of workshops and real-life case study activity sessions to give students a taste of professional life at each company.

Registration link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Business-Accounting-Finance-WEX>

On **Tuesday 25th October** is our virtual Law Work Experience with Browne Jacobson from 9am - 4:30pm. If you're interested in a career in the legal profession and are looking to secure a training contract, work experience, a Solicitor apprenticeship, an in-house GC role or gain a Pupillage – then attending this event will **increase your chance of success**.

Following on from the student daytime event we are going to be running a shorter parent / guardian event that will discuss the kinds of careers within the legal industry, legal apprenticeships and where to find them with a Q&A to wrap things up. This is from 6:00pm - 7:15pm. The same Zoom link will be used for both events.

Registration link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Browne-Jacobson-Law-Work-Experience>

Also on **Tuesday 25th October** is our online Careers in Engineering, Construction and Property Development Work Experience. We have Mott MacDonald, Berkeley Group, British Airways, Babcock International and Siemens joining us for a day of interactive sessions and workshops.

Registration link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Engineering-WEX>

Our final online event for the week is our virtual Careers in Technology Work Experience taking place on **Wednesday 26th October** from 9am - 3pm. For this we have BT, PwC, Capgemini, WTW and World Wide Technology joining us again to run various workshops, activities and Q&A sessions.

Registration link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TechTheFuture-WEX>

Certificates of completion will be awarded for all of the events to students who complete the full days.

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/>

Tyne and Wear Fire Service Visit

Year 7-9 students have this week had an assembly delivered by Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue on the topic of firework safety and anti-social behaviour. Please see below the anonymous Fire Stopper flyer that was shared with students. The number can be used to report fires that have been deliberately started in the area. The personnel who came into school all praised the attitude, behaviour and maturity of our students during their assemblies. Well done Key Stage 3.



**Be a
FireStopper.**

**Deliberate
fires destroy
communities.**

Tell us what you know
FireStoppers.
0800 169 5558
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100% anonymous. Always.



Oracy



At Thornhill we are starting to have a big push to develop oracy and pupil confidence. Oracy is the ability to express yourself clearly and communicate with others effectively through spoken language. A key part of oracy is for children to think carefully about the language they're using, and tailor it to their subject, purpose and audience.

Oracy involves embracing different speaking skills, such as:

Discussion: exchanging ideas with others

Instruction: telling someone what to do, or explaining facts

Dialogue: having a conversation with someone, listening, and showing an interest in what they say

Oracy isn't, however, just about being a good talker – or talking lots. It also includes listening to others and responding appropriately.

How you can support your child at home.

Ask your child, 'What did you do today?' and they'll often claim they can't remember, so find different ways to talk about what they've been up to. Eating your evening meal as a family is a good way to encourage conversation, while older kids are often chattier in the car, where they feel less like they're being interrogated. Each week I will give some questions that will support to elicit information.

Questions about schoolwork

1. Tell me one thing you've learned today that you didn't know this morning.
2. What did you do today that made you feel proud?
3. What word did your teacher say the most today?
4. Did you need to ask your teacher for help with anything?
5. **What did you do today that made your brain work really hard?**
6. Did you do anything that made your teacher say, 'well done'?
7. Were you bored in any lessons today?

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!!!

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.

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Wider Curriculum Timetable Term 1

| | <u>Before School</u> | <u>Lunchtime</u> | <u>After School</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| <u>Monday</u> | Breakfast Club | German Club Starfish Club Lunch Club (by invitation only) | Coding Club Digital Leaders Ukulele Club Science Club STEM Aspirational Sessions Drama Club Sports Leaders Netball/Basketball Homework Club |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | Breakfast Club | EAL Club Lunch Club (by invitation only) | |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | Breakfast Club | Lunch Club (by invitation only) | Fashion & Interior Design Ensemble Christmas Concert Rehearsal Reading Club Cricket Reading/Book Club Sports Leaders Swimming Homework Club |
| <u>Thursday</u> | Breakfast Club | Diversity Club Lunch Club (by invitation only) | Green Team Cre8tive Sports Leaders Futsal Health related Fitness Art Club Homework Club |

| | <u>Before School</u> | <u>Lunchtime</u> | <u>After School</u> |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| <u>Friday</u> | Breakfast Club | Lunch Club (by invitation only) | Hidden histories Choir Girls Multisports Art Club |

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 |
|--|---|---|--|----------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Coding Club</i> Curriculum Area: Business and ICT (SCO) | 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 |
| Year groups: Year 7-9 | | | | | |
| <i>EAL club</i> Curriculum Area: MFL | Open to all EAL pupils | Communication Resilience Practice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism • Travel | Every Tuesday lunchtime | MFL 2 |
| Year groups: All EAL pupils | | | | | |
| <i>German club</i> Curriculum Area: MFL | 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 |

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|--|---|--|--|--|------------|
| Year groups: 7-9 | | | | | |
| Green Team Curriculum Area: Geography | 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change analyst • Environmental Management consultant • Surveyor • Pollution analyst • Town planner • Conservation | Meetings to be agreed within the team. | 24 |
| Year Groups: 9-11 | | | | | |
| Cre8tive Curriculum Area: DT | 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design • Production • Engineering | Every Thursday 3.00 - 4.00 | Workshop 1 |
| Ensemble Wednesday Curriculum Area: Music | 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musician | Every Thursday 3.00 – 3.45 | Music |
| Year groups: Year 7-11 | | | | | |

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| <p>Ukulele Monday</p> <p>Curriculum Area: Music</p> <p>Year groups: Year 7-11</p> | 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. | <p>Communication</p> <p>Resilience</p> <p>Practice</p> <p>Independence</p> <p>Risk-taking</p> <p>Leadership</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musician | Every Monday 3.00 - 3.45 | Music |
| <p>Choir Friday</p> <p>Curriculum Area: Music</p> <p>Year groups: Year 7-11</p> | Join our choir, singing many popular songs. Opportunities to perform and represent the school in concerts and in city events. | <p>Communication</p> <p>Resilience</p> <p>Practice</p> <p>Independence</p> <p>Risk-taking</p> <p>Leadership</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musician | Every Friday 3.00 - 3.45 | Music |
| <p>Doorstep Gigs</p> <p>Curriculum Area: Music</p> <p>Year groups: Year 7-11</p> | Your chance to sing in the yard. Open mic policy, come and have a go. Fantastic to gain performance skills and develop your confidence. | <p>Communication</p> <p>Resilience</p> <p>Practice</p> <p>Independence</p> <p>Risk-taking</p> <p>Leadership</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical Theatre • Singer | Every Tuesday Breaktime (Weather permitting) 11am | Music |
| <p>Science Club</p> | Do you want to have a go at growing crystals, firing water rockets, making | <p>Communication</p> <p>Practice</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vet • Nurse | Every Monday 2.45pm – 3.15pm | Lab 1 |

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| Curriculum Area: Science Year groups: Year 7, 8 & 9 | bath bombs or designing and making kaleidoscope? If you do, then come along to science club and have fun with experiments. | Collaboration Confidence Independence Risk-taking Enquiry Creativity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dentist | | |
| STEM Aspirational Session Curriculum Area: Science Year groups: Year 9-11 | 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. | Communication Practice Collaboration Confidence Independence Risk-taking Enquiry Creativity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineer • Midwife • Doctor • Marine biologist • Primary school teacher | Every Monday starting November 2022 2.45pm – 3.30pm (dependent on college availability) | Lab 6 |
| Sports Leaders Curriculum Area: PE Year groups: Year 10 and 11 | 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. | Communication Practice Collaboration Confidence Independence Leadership Resilience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher • Sports science • Sports journalist • Leisure industry • Personal trainer • Coach | Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 2:45pm | Sports Hall |
| Netball/Basketball Curriculum Area: PE Year groups: All | Join our successful netball team, no experience required. Opportunities to build team 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 Monday 2:45pm | Sports Hall |
| Futsal | The ideal sporting activity for someone looking for a new sporting challenge. | Communication Resilience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher • Sports science | Every Thursday 2.45pm | Sports Hall |

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| Curriculum Area: PE Year groups: Yr 7-9 | 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! | Practice Independence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach • Professional athlete • Leisure industry • Personal trainer | | |
| 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher • Sports science • Coach • Leisure industry • Personal trainer | Every Thursday 2:45pm | Fitness suite |
| Girls Multisports Curriculum Area: PE Year groups: All | Join our multi sports clubs and enjoy an introductory taste to a variety of sports and physical activity opportunities led by our wonderful YAV staff. | Communication Resilience Practice Independence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher • Sports science • Coach • Professional athlete • Leisure industry • Personal trainer | Every Friday 3.00pm | Football Pitch |
| Cricket Curriculum Area: PE | Join our cricket team, no experience required. Opportunities to develop team building skills, leadership roles, communication skills and more. You will | Communication Resilience Practice Independence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher • Sports science • Coach • Professional athlete | Every Wednesday 3.00pm | Sports Hall |

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| Year groups: Year 7 and 8 | represent the school in fixtures, matches and tournaments across the city. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leisure industry Personal trainer | | |
| 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 LGBTQ+ 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 Curriculum Area: Learning Support Year Groups: All | An opportunity for students to complete homework with the support of a member of the learning support department at school. | Practice Confidence Independence | | Every Monday 2.45-3.30 Every Wednesday 2.45-3.30 Every Thursday 2.45-3.30 | LRC |
| Starfish club Curriculum Area: Learning Support Year Groups: | 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 | | Every Monday lunchtime 12.15 - 12.45 | LS2 |

| Activity Name | Description | Thornhill Traits | Career Links | Day and Time | Room |
|--|---|---|---|--|---------------------|
| Years 7, 8 and 9 | | Enquiry Creativity | | | |
| 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 showings for KS3 & KS4 | 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 recorded productions at the National Theatre. | 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. |
| 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 |

