



11th November 2022

Remembrance Day

Each year at Thornhill, we remember those who have fought for our country over the years and signify the importance of Remembrance Day. Today, students who are in the cadets wore their uniforms with pride to mark the occasion. Our Literacy leaders read a war poem, which was followed by two representatives from each year group laying poppy wreaths with messages on them from their year group to commemorate those who have fought, not just during WWI, but for all wars. The Last Post was played to mark the start of the two-minute silence at 11am. The centre piece for our focus was a dove with poppies cascading behind it. This was very imaginatively created by our art department. The ceremony was filmed by our media leaders and was live streamed through zoom to the rest of the school. It was a beautiful ceremony to be a part of as a school and rightly something we should always acknowledge.



Consilium Awards Evening



At our Awards Evening last week, the Trust's runner up for excellence was Gary Rice, Director of Learning and the award for integrity went to one of our star pupils Ellie Watson – well done to everyone who was nominated, we are so proud of you all.

Community Voice

As part of our regular Community Voice within our school and trust, we are asking parents and carers to complete a very short questionnaire which will take no more than a few minutes to complete. Please see link below:

[Parent Survey](#)

In addition, there will be a full day of stakeholder voice which will involve staff and students during the day. After school there will be an online meeting with a member of the trust for parents to give more detailed stakeholder feedback. We anticipate this meeting being at around 4pm. If you would be interested in being a part of this group, please can you register your interest by clicking on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/U45dPSzftM>

Consilium Student Council

We are delighted that two of our students have been successfully elected to the first ever Consilium Student Council following a recent ballot. There were 38 applications from students across the Trust, all of a very standard. Alexia Bursic and Ismael Ali, both Year 10 students, have been appointed alongside 10 students from other Consilium schools and will attend their first meeting later this month. The aim of the Council is to allow students from across the Trust to discuss issues which are important to our students and to give the students a voice at Trust level. Well done to both.

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 and Odd Sock Day on Monday

We are taking part in Anti-Bullying Week 2022 starting on Monday 14th November which this year has the theme of "Reach Out". As well as the activities we have planned in school, we would like to invite all staff and students to wear odd socks or wacky patterned tights to school on Monday to celebrate Odd Socks Day. Full uniform must still be worn alongside the socks or tights.



Oracy

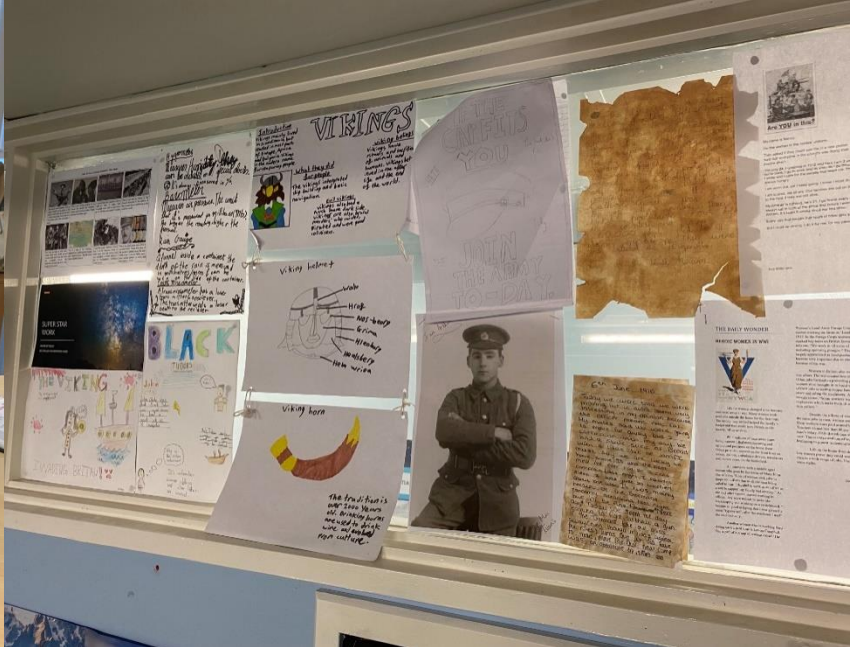
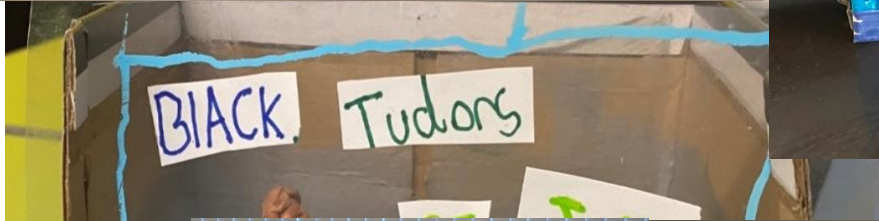
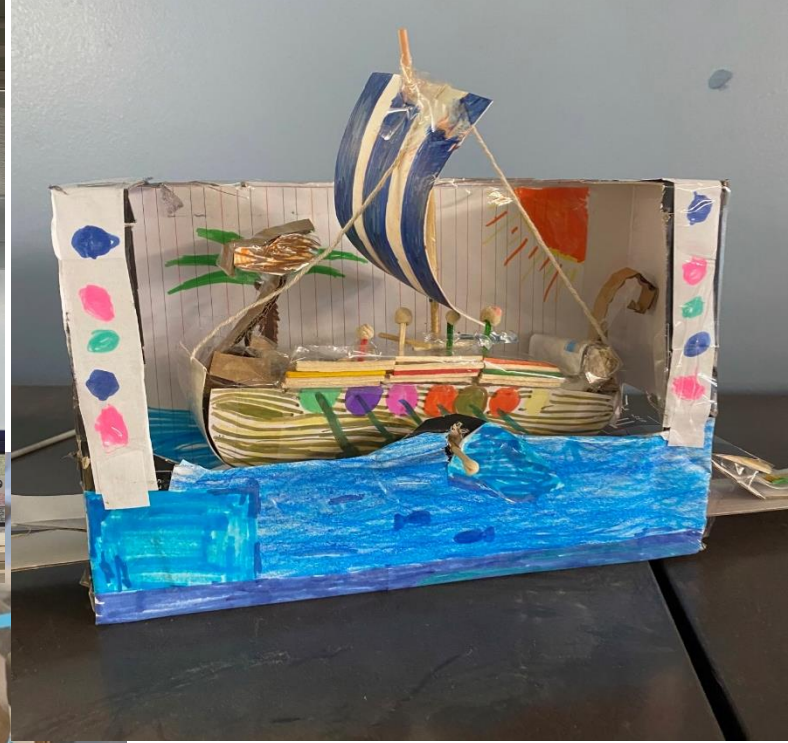
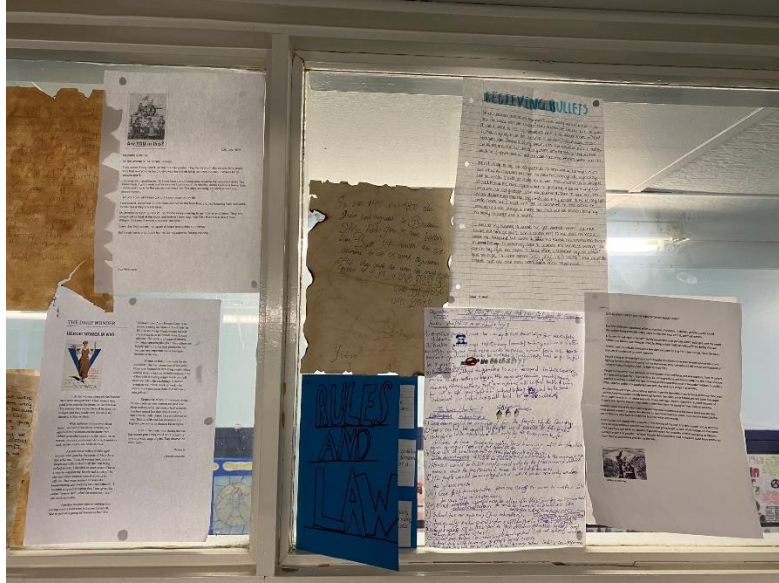
The foundation of all communication is human language and although it's easily taken for granted, it's the most complex skill we will ever learn.

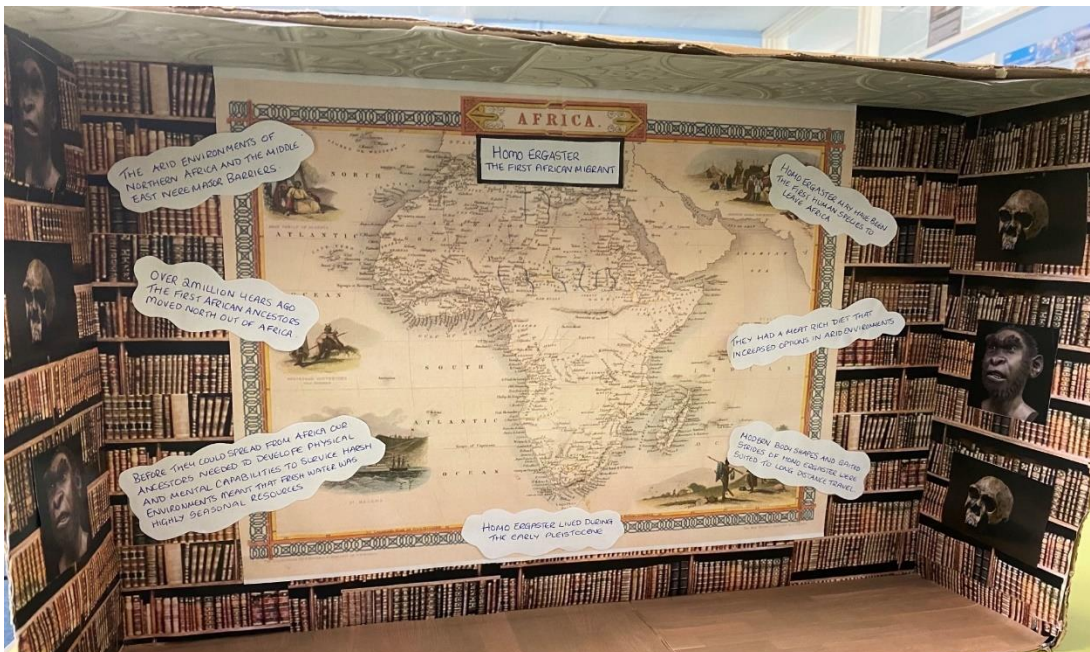
Following on from the section on oracy 2 weeks ago, here are some more questions that might spark a conversation with your child about their friendships in school.

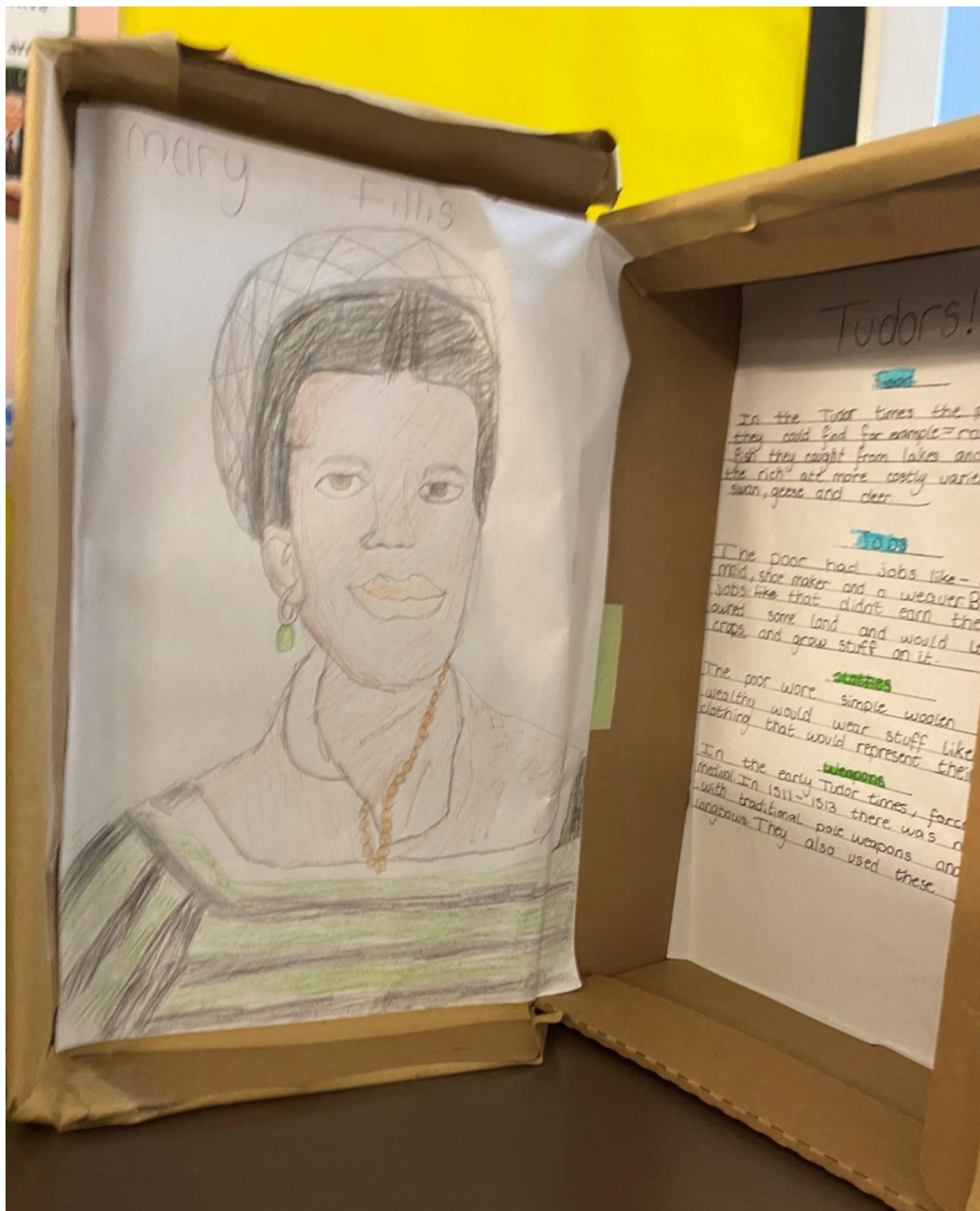
1. Who do you most enjoy talking to at school?
2. Who did you sit next to today?
3. Who made you laugh the most?
4. If an alien spaceship landed in the school playground, who would you want them to beam up?
5. Who'd be the most likely to survive a zombie apocalypse?
6. Who in your class has a talent that you really wish you had?
7. Which one of your classmates do you think would be the best prime minister?
8. Who would be the most likely to win I'm a celebrity?

History Projects

A massive thank you and well done to our history classes for their homework projects coming in. We have received some really amazing pieces and can see the time thought and effort that's gone into these.







Parent App

We are encouraging all parents/carers to sign up to the SIMS Parent App.

The App enables us to communicate easily with you and allows you to keep your child's information up to date.

Once signed up, please can you check the data collection sheet as this shows details, we hold for you child.

At the end of the process, you will be required to review the changes and submit to the school for us to process your changes.

If there are no changes, please ensure you click on the confirm no changes, on the page.

We have included the parent guide on how to register for the App.



SIMS PARENT APP

QUICK SETUP GUIDE

The SIMS Parent app allows us to easily communicate with you, the parent/carer. Whether it's sharing information such as attendance, termly assessments, conduct, school reports and sending messages to or from the school. The app also allows you to keep your child's information up to date! All of the information is easily accessible from the convenience of your smart phone, tablet or PC.

We can now easily send automated alerts and notifications directly to your phone! By sharing information with you on attendance, termly assessments, timetables or school reports and conduct, you can stay on top of your child's progress. A clear dashboard gives you an overview of your child's school life and the data collection functionality within the app and website lets you easily update your contact information too.



Follow the steps below to setup and install the SIMS Parent App.

STEP #1: Receive the Activation Email

1. We will send you an activation email. Simply click on the link inside the email from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account.
2. After clicking on the link in the email you will now be asked to login using your Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft (including Office 365) account username and password. Don't have one of those accounts then click on More for the option to create a Microsoft account.
3. You will be asked the date of birth for one of your children at the school.
4. Click Verify and complete your registration.

Now you just need to download the app!

*The email will be from noreply@sims.co.uk so please check your SPAM or JUNK folder if you cannot find it. If you still cannot find it then please contact the school on thr-enquires@consilium-at.com to confirm that we have the correct information for you.

STEP #2: Download SIMS Parent App & Login

The app is free to download and can be used on both iPhone and Android devices.

1. Open the Apple store or Google Play store on your mobile device.
2. Search 'SIMS Parent app' and select SIMS Parent by Capita PLC.
3. Click install to download the app
4. Once installed, open the app on your device.
5. You will be asked 'Have you received an invitation from your school and completed registration?' Click yes
6. Login using the account you signed up with.

Alternatively, you can login in via the website: www.SIMS-PARENT.co.uk

Internet Safety

It is incredibly important that we are able to safeguard our young people when they are accessing the internet. Please can we encourage all parents to ensure that they have enabled parental settings and firewall security where possible with the technology our young people have access to outside of school. This also includes the use of mobile devices such as mobile phones and tablets.

Within school we have the following systems in place to ensure that they remain safe when accessing the internet in school.

Trust IT Filtering and Monitoring Systems:

The Trust has 2 layers across schools for the filtering and monitoring of the IT systems:

Layer 1:

- The majority of the schools have RM SafetyNet in place which blocks inappropriate websites based on categories.
- The remaining schools have a separate product- either Smoothwall or SOPHOS XG.
- There is a plan in place for all schools to move to SOPHOS XG within the next 2 years (depending on length of contact time left with current provider).

Layer 2:

- IMPERO is the class-room management system in place. Key words will be detected and alerted to key people within the school. This system is installed across all schools.

All the school's software contracts are signed up with Southwest Grid for Learning (SWGFL). This is a tool that checks whether a school's filtering provider is signed up to relevant lists (CSA content, Sexual Content, Terrorist content Your Internet Connection Blocks Child Abuse & Terrorist Content).'

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Ms Luke or Mrs Crane.

Travel Disruption

All bus services across Sunderland will come to a halt, the dates include:

* November 15-19th November

* December 23rd December

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**, whether they are eligible for free school meals or not.



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!!!

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>
			Hidden histories
<u>Friday</u>	Breakfast Club	Lunch Club (by invitation only)	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) Year groups: Year 7-9	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
<i>EAL club</i> Curriculum Area: MFL Year groups: All EAL pupils	Open to all EAL pupils	Communication Resilience Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism • Travel 	Every Tuesday lunchtime	MFL 2
<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 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	<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 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	<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
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design • Production • Engineering 	Every Thursday 3.00 - 4.00	Workshop 1
Ensemble Wednesday Curriculum Area: Music Year groups: Year 7-11	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

Activity Name	Description	Thornhill Traits	Career Links	Day and Time	Room
<i>Ukulele Monday</i> Curriculum Area: Music Year groups: Year 7-11	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musician 	Every Monday 3.00 - 3.45	Music
<i>Choir Friday</i> Curriculum Area: Music Year groups: Year 7-11	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musician 	Every Friday 3.00 - 3.45	Music
<i>Doorstep Gigs</i> Curriculum Area: Music Year groups: Year 7-11	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical Theatre • Singer 	Every Tuesday Breaktime (Weather permitting) 11am	Music
<i>Science Club</i>	Do you want to have a go at growing crystals, firing water rockets, making	Communication Practice	<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

