



2nd December 2022

Festive Attendance Giveaway

Parents / Carers, we are delighted to be able to have over £500 worth of vouchers to give away for individual prizes to students based on Attendance during this festive period. There are 16 different prizes to be won, including 2 x £75 vouchers for your child to win and choose where to spend it.

All prizes will be drawn on Tuesday 20th December, however, we must have your child in school for that day in order to qualify for the big Draw at breaktime.

Students will be able to claim tickets for the draw on a daily basis by simply being in school. This means the more days they are in school the more tickets they will have and in turn better chances of winning.

On the final day of term, 20th December, each child will be rewarded an additional 10 tickets to maximise their chances of winning.



ParentView Questionnaire

We would love to hear your views on our school. Please take a moment to register via email and complete the 2-minute questionnaire about Thornhill Academy using the link below.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>



Year 7, 9 and 10 Assessments

We wish all students good luck in their upcoming assessments over the next 2 weeks. Most assessments will take place in classrooms however, to support our older students, some assessments will take place in our formal exam venues.

Students will go through these routines and expectations with tutors beforehand. Parents, please look out for an announcement on Class Charts where we will share with you our expectations and the guidance given to students. It is so important for students to be comfortable and familiar with these more formal environments to support them in being successful in their future GCSE examinations.

Good Luck everyone!

Christmas Holidays

The last day of school is the 20th December, the first day of the holidays is 21st December and we will return to school on 4th January 2023.

Information from Local Authority

**Holiday Activity and Food
STARS SEND Event**

For children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, their families and carers

Location:
Monument Centre & Barnwell Academy

Date and time:
Tuesday 3 January
11am to 3pm

Free, accessible and inclusive

Angela's Ark | Cosmos Planetarium | Face Paint | Music Hub | Big Science | Nutritional Education | Sunderland Climbing Wall | Arts and Crafts | Signposting Services | Autism Outreach Team | Sunderland People First | Hot, Healthy Meal | Parent-Carer Forum | Careers Advice | plus more!

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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 check the data collection sheet as this shows the details that we hold for you and your 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 button on the page.

We have included below 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

Travel Disruption

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

* 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.

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 child's jacket inside of the school building and the type of jacket they must wear to school. Please be reminded that body warmers, sports jackets and hoodies are all unacceptable pieces of uniform for Thornhill.

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