



10th February 2023

## S.A.F.C Flagbearers

# THORNHILL ACADEMY STUDENTS 'GIVEN THE CHANCE TO SHINE AGAIN' AT SUNDERLAND VS FULHAM GAME



Students were rewarded for excellent attendance and behaviour

Eight proud students from Thornhill Academy, part of Consilium Academies, were chosen by Sunderland A.F.C to be flag bearers for the FA cup match against Fulham, which took place on Wednesday 8 February.

Year 7 and 8 Thornhill students were given the unique opportunity to walk out on Sunderland AFC's pitch prior to kick-off, as a reward for their 100% attendance and

excellent behaviour at the start of this term. Afterwards, they were lucky enough to watch the match and experience the atmosphere of the stadium.

The opportunity comes as part of the school's attendance and behaviour strategy, which rewards students with exciting prizes when they attend well and behave as expected.

Thornhill students also walked out on Sunderland's pitch as flag bearers in their home match against Middlesbrough on Sunday 22 January, with their excellent behaviour leading to a second opportunity to do the sole pitch walk this week.

The tickets were kindly provided by teacher supply agency, AK Teaching, who are one of the main sponsors of Sunderland A.F.C.

**After the FA Cup match, one Thornhill student said:**

"This was the best experience ever, the players waved at me, and it's made my life!"

**At collection, a parent said:**

"Thank you so much for the opportunity you have given my son and the support you offer in school. It really is appreciated how much you care about him."

**Susan Hamilton, Headteacher at Thornhill Academy, part of Consilium Academies, said:**

"It was an honour for our students to be given the chance to shine by Sunderland A.F.C and make our school community proud twice in a row.

"At Thornhill we have a positive school culture which rewards and praises excellent attendance and behaviour. These students thoroughly deserved this wonderful experience, and we look forward to rewarding more students in this way across the year. Thank you to AK Teaching and Sunderland A.F.C for these opportunities."

### **Key Term Dates**

2<sup>nd</sup> February Year 11 Parents evening from 3:30pm

9<sup>th</sup> February Year 9 Parents evening and options event from 3:45pm

13<sup>th</sup> February Year 11 GCSE Mock Assessments

## Year 9 Options Evening



On Thursday, we had over 75 families at our Y9 options evening, it was a great opportunity for parents/ carers and students, to speak to our teachers and gain a better understanding of the choices programme- If you missed the evening, your child will be given an options booklet and an options letter, to return to school, with an initial expression of interest.

# Year 11

## Celebration and Success

**Year 11 Prom** – A letter has gone out to announce our Year 11 Prom. This years Prom will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 at the Stadium of Light, further information to follow.

**Mock Exams** – We would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 11 the best of luck for their mock exams commencing next week.

**History Drop down-** Well done to all Year 11 students who took part in the History Drop down last week. This was an intensive 4-hour session but the feedback from students was great, and their hard work and commitment will surely pay off in their mock exams starting soon. During the session, we studied how the Native American's way of life ended and we completed the American West unit. Keep up the hard work year 11!!

**Period 6 sessions-** this week's P6 super stars are our maths students. It was great to see 2 busy rooms with students focused on improving their translations! Well done, Mrs Onoka and the maths team!



## Revision and Intervention

This work might be tricky but remember you have access to support from askOLA. Visit [www.askola.io](http://www.askola.io) to login if you need it.



**AskOLA-** Don't forget students can askOLA if they need help with homework or revision. 9am to 9pm 7 days a week!

**Homework-** Independent revision and practice is so important for our student's success. To help guide them in this study, our homework is an essential starting point. If we work together, we can increase students' engagement and chances of success. We will keep parents informed as below:

- 1 missed HW- parents will be informed via text
- 2 missed HW- parents will receive a formal letter offering ideas of how parents can support, along with information about the opportunities available in school to support.
- 3 missed HW- parents will be invited to discuss their son/daughter's homework and any additional support that might be required.

We know that with teachers and parents working closely together we can increase progress and achievement.

**English assessments-** To support students' preparation for English GCSEs there have been weekly assessments in English. These have taken place in formal exam venues to help increase student familiarity with this. Our final English exam practice is on Monday

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February Breakfast Workshop from 8:00am. Assessment starts at 8:45am. **Attendance and punctuality on this day is vital.**

### Key Dates

**February 13<sup>th</sup>:** The next round of Mock exams to help prepare and guide student towards the summer exams start in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> February and will continue after half term for a further 2 weeks. Timetables for these will be issued in advance. Please use link to view timetable on our school website:

<https://www.thornhillschool.org.uk/page/?title=Exam+Timetables&pid=76>

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Geography Twilight- 12:45pm to 5pm. All Geography students are to attend a twilight session to help prepare for their upcoming fieldwork trip. This is an essential component to the course so support with this preparation will be valuable to all students... go on have some pizza too!

**February 16<sup>th</sup>:** History Live Drop-down day for all History students

**March 10<sup>th</sup>:** Science revision retreat!

**May 15<sup>th</sup>:** We have 10 school Weeks left until the first GCSE exams which start the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** - Prom at the Stadium of Light



## Spotlight on Thornhill Curriculum



Each week we will focus on a different curriculum area to share with parents the experiences, activities and learning taking place at Thornhill.  
This week we put the spotlight on...

### Geography

#### What have we been learning?



## English



### Year 11 English Updates

Firstly, I would again like to congratulate our year 11s for their conduct in the assessment on Monday. Our next assessment is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February. We would like to invite all year 11s to join us for quizzes and some friendly support from 8am onwards. The focus for the assessment is poetry. We advise that they revise the power and war poetry to prepare.

**Spoken Language:** Assessments will commence as of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Pupils have been allocated their time slot and will be provided with appointment slips. I must stress that all pupils **must** complete this assessment, as it is part of their language course. The timetable for appointments will be displayed in room 12 for all to see. Pupils will be expected to deliver a speech on their chosen subject. This will be followed by a brief discussion to enable them to develop their thoughts in more detail. We would really appreciate your support in ensuring that all of our pupils are prepared for this examination.

## Science

Reminder that Y11 students have a science knowledge test every week 2, to support preparation for their Science GCSE examinations. Revision material is available on Class Charts as well as the benefits of askOLA to support revision at home. Parents will be updated with the percentage achieved.

### Science Revision Weekend



Year 11 students will have the opportunity to attend a science revision weekend 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March, at Newby Wiske Hall – North Yorkshire. Teacher-led revision sessions will take place across the weekend combined with

motivational adventure activities to support our students with their science revision. Every day will include 4 x 1 ½ hour activity sessions along with evening entertainment.

## The Ocean at The End of the Lane – School Trip

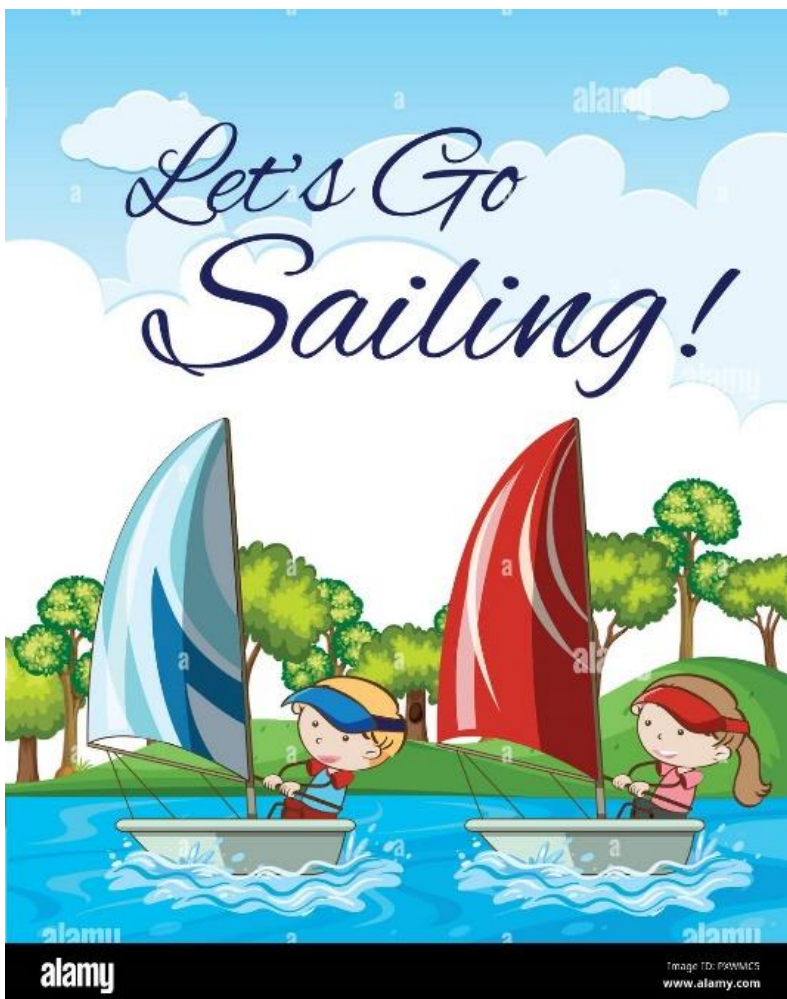
On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 2:30pm, 45 students are going to have the fantastic opportunity visit Sunderland Empire to watch the National Theatre’s major new stage adaptation of the Ocean at the End of the Lane.

These tickets will be completely FREE and will be open for Y10 GCSE Drama and Y9 students. This is a fantastic opportunity that should not be missed! If you are interested, please come and obtain a letter from Mr. Leadbetter or Miss O’Neill on Monday. Tickets will be given on a first come, first served basis, and must be handed in to Miss O’Neill by the 10th of February.



Trailer: [Trailer: The Ocean at the End of the Lane | West End - YouTube](#)

## All Aboard!!



You may have seen through our social media streams, an amazing opportunity for our current Year 9 cohort next year. Setting sail from Royal Quays Marina, North Shields on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 12 students will be selected to spend 5 days and 4 nights aboard a fantastic fully funded sailboat, travelling up and down the northeast coast, stopping off at local ports to spend days on the beaches and going on fantastic adventures!

If this is something your child in would be interested in, they can apply for a place by completing an application form, explaining the reason why they should be chosen for

this once in a lifetime experience. Applications should be no more than one side of A4 paper,



and can be handwritten or typed. If you have any further questions, you can visit the organisations page via the link: <http://www.oynorth.org.uk/> or contact Mr Haley- Head of Year 9.



## JOIN HISTORY AND FRENCH IN 2024

### REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH MISS HARRIS/MRS TODD



#### **World War 1 trenches**

Experience a WWI trench as we visit the Somme. Learn about the horrors of World War One first hand as we visit this iconic battlefield.



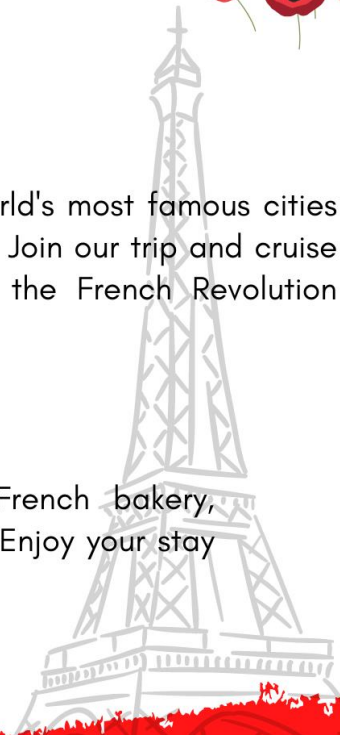
#### **Paris**

Enjoy a day trip to one of the world's most famous cities taking in all the sites and sounds. Join our trip and cruise on the Seine. Visit the sites of the French Revolution including the Bastille Prison



#### **French experiences**

Including amazing visits to a French bakery, Market and a chocolate factory. Enjoy your stay in a 17th Century Chateau.



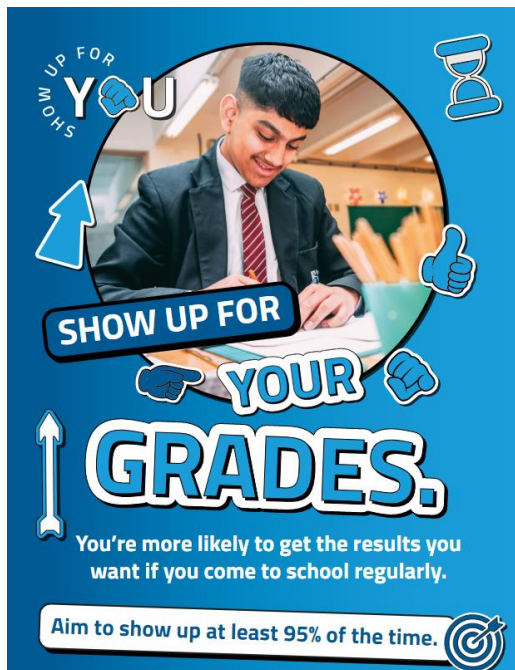
## Music

Choir Relaunch

Love singing?  
Everyone welcome.  
Join our new choir  
on Monday after  
school. This  
Monday  
13<sup>th</sup> February 245 -  
3.30pm. On  
Monday we will be  
joined by  
Sunderland Music  
Hub's Laura Taylor who will lead the choir with an exciting new repertoire.



## Attendance



### Attending School on Time

The school day starts at 8.40am for all students, students arriving after this time are late and as a result, they are missing valuable learning time. Registers will remain open for 30 minutes, closing at 9.10am. Students who are extremely late, arriving after 9.10am, will be marked with a U code which means they will not gain their legal morning mark, this will impact negatively on your child's attendance.

**Students arriving at school ready to start the day at 8.40am - On Time – Good Work**

Student arriving between 8.40am and 9.10am - Late – late message via InTouch will be sent to student contacts

Students arriving after 9.10am - will be marked U on register – student will not attend for the morning session – U code is classified as unauthorised absence

### The Importance of attending In-School Meetings

In-School meetings are very important, here at Thornhill Academy we want every child to succeed, not only in school but life after school.

Meetings are booked to discuss your child's personal needs and support, if you are unable to attend a meeting that has been scheduled for you, please contact the school to re-arrange. It is vital that you attend these meetings.

## Attendance Ladder



## Wellbeing Weekly

We are excited to introduce our Wellbeing Weekly section of our parental bulletin. Every week we will be sharing thoughts, tips, and advice to support student, parent and staff wellbeing. The first focus is advice around a weekly check in. If you feel you need further advice and support



from the Academy around your child's mental health and wellbeing, please contact Miss Leigh Coates, Head of safeguarding and wellbeing.

## 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.

## Community Engagement Survey – Parents

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January you received a link via email/text inviting you to take part in our annual Consilium Community Engagement Survey.

Completing this survey gives you the opportunity to tell us how we are doing and where our priorities should be placed.

You are a vital member of our community, and we value your opinions and feedback as we strive to be even better and provide your children with great opportunities and the best education – allowing them to succeed both in the classroom and beyond.

It is crucial that we receive as many responses as possible, so we gain a representative understanding of your views. Therefore, we will be giving away a £100 gift voucher to one lucky respondent to the survey. The deadline for submissions is 24th February.

We look forward to receiving your responses and hearing your thoughts.

## 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>

At Thornhill Academy we understand the importance of sharing information and news with our parents and carers. Each week we publish our Parental Bulletin to ensure you are kept up to date with recent school news.

We also want to hear from you! We love to share good news stories and the amazing accomplishments made by our pupils.

If you have some good news to share about your child, please get in touch via email: [thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com](mailto:thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com)



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