



Thornhill
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Parental Newsletter

Message from Head Teacher

It's lovely to start to believe that the cold weather may finally be behind us, and we can start to look forward to longer hours of daylight and more opportunities for after school activities. Over the last few weeks our sports teams have started to be involved in games and competitions. On Wednesday it was the turn of our Years 9 and 10 netball players. They were great ambassadors for our school.

I always love to hear people external to our school speak positively about our amazing young people.

On Thursday the school nurses were on site to complete a round of immunisations and do some catch ups. They spoke very positively about our amazing young people and our helpful and friendly staff.

Wednesday was the start of Ramadan; we are very proud of our Muslim students as they cope with fasting during daylight hours. This is certainly not an easy thing to do and requires resilience and determination. As a school, we will help to support them during this time.

Next week we will have our rewards activities. It's great to be building this termly into our Thornhill calendar and rightly rewarding our students for all the great things they do, both in and out of the classroom.

Finally, can I remind any further parents who are interested in supporting our school by becoming a member of our Local Academy Board (school governance) that the meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th March at 5.00pm. Please could you follow this link [Local Academy Board - expression of interest](#) to express an interest. If you are unable to make the meeting, please still complete the link so that we are aware of your potential interest.

Sue Hamilton

Headteacher



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To view all Parents Letters please click the link below:
[View Parents Letters](#)

Important dates

Upcoming College Open Days

Newcastle Sixth Form College – Wednesday 29th March (4:45 – 7:30pm)

Spotlight on Curriculum

English

What have we been learning?



The English department would like to give a huge round of applause to all of our students for their ongoing hard work and resilience in lessons. We are thrilled to be able to showcase some of the fantastic work currently being completed.

Year 7

Year 7 have been exploring rhetoric in the form of campaigns. They've watched Greta Thunberg deliver a stirring speech on climate change, analysed audience reactions and are planning to write their own inspirational account of what we can do to protect the planet. This half term, we are focusing on key skills that will support the students throughout their time at Thornhill, such as analysis, inference and their use of persuasive language techniques. They have been developing these skills since their arrival at school in September and are putting them to good use!

Monday 14th March 2023
 Reading a speech

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Monday 15th March 2023
 Reading a speech

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Year 8

Year 8 have been studying non-fiction rhetoric texts centred on the topic of Crime and Punishment. Over the last few weeks, students have been enjoying the challenge of comparing the perspectives of prison life from the Victorian Era to the modern day. All pupils are working hard as they develop their analytical and evaluative skills, sharing their opinions through discussion, using textual references to support them.

Friday 10th March 2023
 Modern Prisons: Life conditions

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Friday 10th March 2023
 Modern Prisons: Life conditions

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Distortion in Intellectual Property

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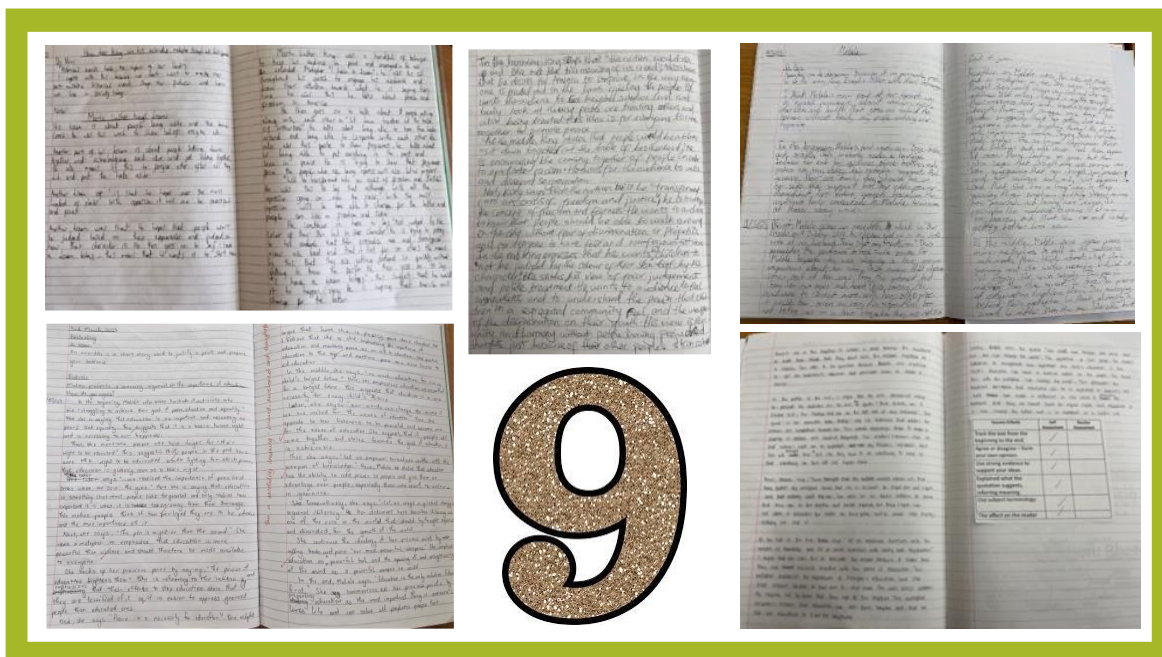
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Year 9

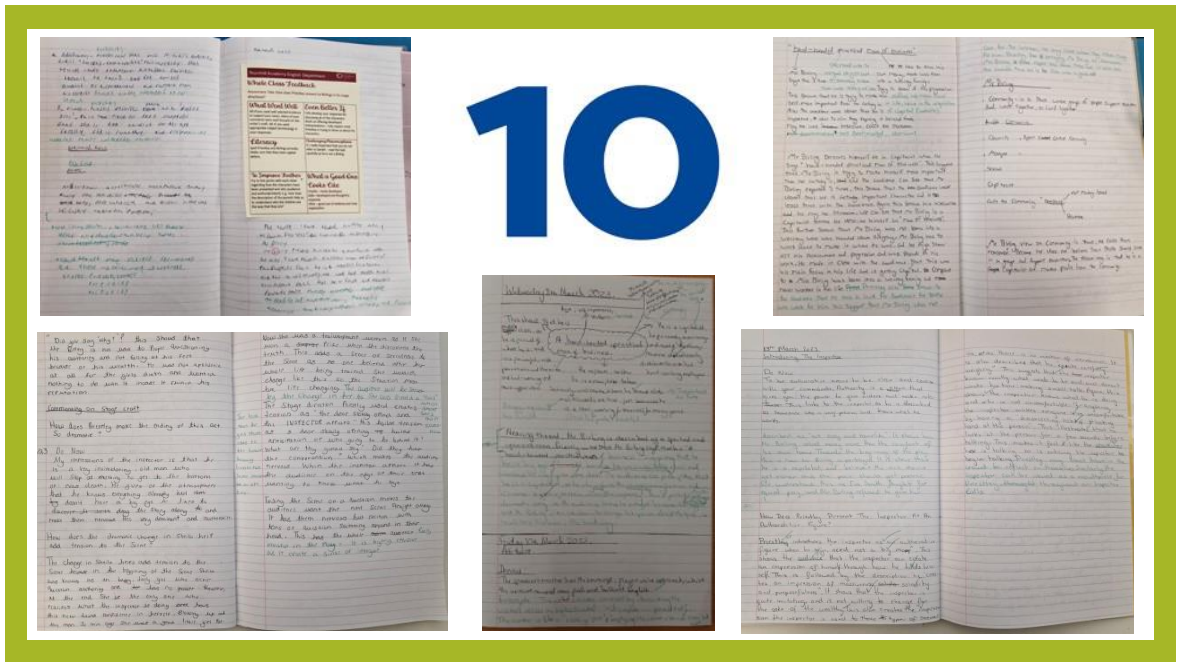
Currently, pupils are exploring the power of rhetoric and considering key attributes of inspirational speakers who have dedicated their lives to fight for freedom and equality, challenging injustice and offering peaceful solutions.

Over the last few weeks, they have been working hard analysing and evaluating how writers convey their important messages to the world around them, inspiring change. All pupils are to be commended for their mature approach to such important issues such as racism and prejudice.



Year 10

Pupils have been delving into stage craft through the study of An Inspector calls, covering some challenging concepts such as discrimination and social status. All have been analysing the author's craft, focusing on how the characterisation and plot development, as well as authorial intent. They have displayed fantastic attitudes to learning as they continue on their successful GCSE journey!



KS3 Reading Lessons

We would like to say a massive well done to our top 5 most prolific Accelerated Readers. We currently have 4 pupils that have made it to word millionaire status and there are several more who are getting there quickly. Please continue to encourage your children to read for 20 minutes every day – this is one of the most important things that you could do to help them improve their education and help them develop a love for reading. We are continuing to develop our library stock with over 3,000 books now having been procured during the school year. We really do believe that books are the building blocks of education – you can see some of our pupils took this literally when they helped with unboxing the newest set of books and decided to make a book fort.




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NAME	Words Read Sept 22 - Mar 23
Rawdah Begum	1,580,683
Thomas Cummings	1,529,904
Daniella Amaebite	1,422,533
Melissa Douglass	1,007,300
ImogenMcDermond	947,793



Congratulations to Thomas Cummings who has recently surpassed 1.5 million words on Accelerated Reader! He is currently reading the 12th book in Robert Muchamore's Cherub series, which he began in January, and is already planning his next read.







School News

Girls Netball Tournament

A huge congratulations to our Netball team at last night's tournament, they played against all all of the local schools in Sunderland and just missed out on gaining a place. They played fantastically well and did an amazing job of representing the school. We are so proud of you all.



Year 11 Prom

Prom will take place on Thursday 22nd June at the Stadium of Light. Arrival from 6:30pm. Prom tickets will be available for purchase next week on Parent Pay or via school reception – price of tickets will be £38.50.

We have launched our attendance initiative which can see pupils earn up to £18 off prom. Each week of 100% attendance for the next 12 weeks will see £1 off prom each week. If pupils have 100% attendance for all 12 weeks, a 50% bonus will be given, giving a total of £18 off tickets – reducing price to £20.50.

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

All orders must be placed by 01/04/23

To place an order, please visit the following website: <https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/>
Our School Unique ID is: 27474YR1

Would you like to volunteer at a World Class Event?

British Triathlon are looking for volunteer 'Tri Makers' to volunteer at this summer's World Triathlon Championship Series Sunderland 2023 (29th and 30th July, Roker). The World Triathlon Championship Series will be held for the first time in Sunderland on 29-30 July 2023 when the world's best triathletes will compete along the Sunderland seafront starting from the spectacular Roker Beach. Alongside the elite athletes, there will also be swim, bike, run events for participants of all levels and experiences. You can help to make World Triathlon Championship Series Sunderland happen by applying to volunteer to be a Tri Maker at the 2023 event.

We have a variety of volunteer opportunities (please see the list of roles below and attached posters and information). We encourage you to get involved whether you are a triathlon enthusiast or completely new to the sport. We will have roles available from Friday 28 July for event preparation and throughout the event weekend 29-30 July.

By being a Tri Maker, you can contribute to the success of one of Britain's most prestigious triathlon events and experience an event like you've never experienced before by volunteering to be part of an exciting weekend of swim, bike, run. For more information or queries please contact: trimakers@britishtriathlon.org.

[Volunteer - 2023 World Triathlon Championship Series Sunderland](#)



World Triathlon
Championship Series
SUNDERLAND
2023

29-30
JULY 2023

VOLUNTEER

- BE A TRI MAKER

- **Be part of a world class sporting event**
- **Gain valuable experience**
- **Help to promote Sunderland**
- **Volunteer as part of a great team**

REGISTER NOW AT
bit.ly/Sunderland2023



Are you interested in our vacancies?

Thornhill Academy – Invigilators Required

Are you (or someone you know) at university or retired and would be interested in becoming one of our diligent exam invigilators?

You must be **available between Monday 15th May until Wednesday 28th June 2023.**



Please contact Thornhill Academy for more details on **0191 500 7981** or email **thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com**



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Local Academy Board parent vacancy

In the coming months we will have a parental vacancy on our local academy board. We would like to invite anyone who is potentially interested in this position to meet with the Head Teacher and Chair of the Local Academy Board on Wednesday 29th March at 5pm in school. If you would be interested, please complete the following Google form [Local Academy Board - expression of Interest](#), or contact school reception and leave your contact details. The role of the Local Academy Board within our school and trust is explained below.

Consilium is a Multi-Academy Trust with a family of nine schools across the north of England. Within each school a Local Academy Board has been established. Local Academy Boards (LAB's) may also be known at other Trusts as 'Academy Committees', 'Local Governing Boards' or 'Local Advisory Committees'.

LABs are a formal and important part of the governance of Consilium Academies and the contributions of members are very much valued by the Trust Board.

Each LAB is composed of different members, two of which are elected by parents and carers of children on roll at the school. Parent members are elected through a process which is defined in a key document called the Articles of Association. Two further members of the LAB are appointed by staff within the school, and the remaining members (including the Chair) are appointed by the Trust Board.

Parent LAB members play an important role within the Board. The role is to support the Trust itself and provide insight on behalf of other parents of students who attend the school. A key function of the LAB is to engage meaningfully with all parents and [carers as a whole](#).

Some of the typical areas which are covered at local level may be:

- Support of the efficient and effective operation of the Trust and its policies
- Support and challenge (where appropriate) to the school leaders, particularly around issues related to school performance, pastoral [care](#) and the safeguarding of pupils
- Share issues and risks with the Trust Board if necessary
- Scrutiny of reports which may be supplied by school leaders or members themselves
- Provide a meaningful link with the community, parents and the students of the school, sharing feedback with the Board, regarding challenges but also to celebrate successes
- Provide feedback to the Trust Board in relation to policies and practices which are personal to the school (policies which are delegated to the LAB are identified in a document called the Scheme of Delegation).

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Spotlight on Safeguarding

Sharp Reporting System - Were you aware Thornhill has a web based anonymous reporting function? This is the direct link to the reporting feature, but this can also be accessed through the school website <https://thornhill.thesharpsystem.com/>

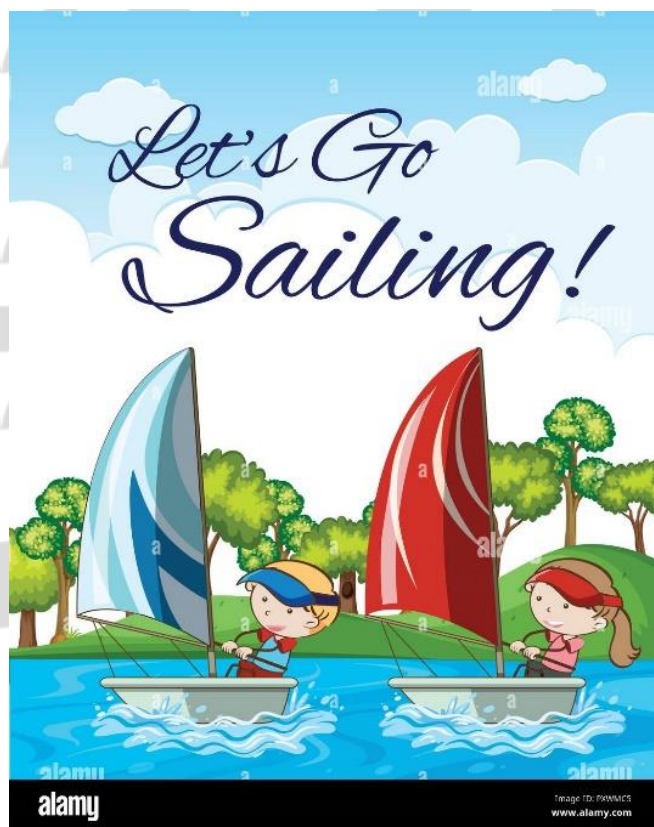
School Nurse Drop ins - At Thornhill the wrap around and wider care of our pupils is paramount to ensuring they feel fully supported. We have moved our School Nursing drop-in sessions from the LRC, to our new Safeguarding and Wellbeing area of the school (Students would know this as where learning support used to be). The school nurses will be in school every Wednesday Lunch time and will discuss any health-related issues with students and sign post them to appropriate support. Students can gain further information from Miss L Coates.

Trips & Visits

All Aboard!!

You may have seen through our social media streams, an amazing opportunity for our current Year 9 cohort. Setting sail from Royal Quays Marina, North Shields on Monday 15th 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.



KS3 – Don't forget about the amazing opportunity to visit France next year. Register your interest with Miss Harris or Mrs Todd.

More details to follow soon.



JOIN HISTORY AND FRENCH IN 2024
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH MISS HARRIS/MRS TODD



World War 1 trenches

Experience a WW1 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.



End of Summer Term Trip

We are planning an end of year school trip to Flamingo Land on Monday 17th July. In order to establish the cost and travel arrangements, we are asking all parents to complete an

expression of interest form which has been pinned in Class Charts announcements. Please can this be completed at your earliest convenience, no later than 31st March.



Attendance

SHOW UP FOR YOU

95%+

SHOW UP ON TIME.

Being even 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 whole days of lost time. Show up for you.

Consilium Academies Thornhill Academy

Alumni Network

If you are a former pupil, we want to hear from you!

We are extremely proud of our Alumni. When our students leave following completion of their GCSEs, they progress on to some incredibly exciting and far-reaching pathways.

What is it?

The Consilium Alumni will be a network of former students across all Consilium Academies.

The Alumni programme aims to:

- Allow continued support where needed for our former pupils
- Create a network of former pupils who are now in further education or employment, who may be able to use this experience to inspire and support current students
- Celebrate the achievements of former pupils
- Advertise local jobs which may appeal to former students and their families

Who can join?

Any former student or staff member from one of our Consilium Academies schools.

Join our network today and help us continue to build our Consilium community!

[Sign up here](#)

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. It also provides the opportunity to share information such as attendance, termly assessments, conduct, school reports and sending messages to or from school.

Once you are 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 the parent guide on how to register for the App below.

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

Parent App Step 2 - Download SIMS Parent App and Log in

thr-enquires@consilium-at.com

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

Get in touch

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

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