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Parental Newsletter

Message from Head Teacher

It is great to be back in school following the Easter holidays. However, during those 2 weeks, Thornhill has been a hive of activity with many staff and Year 11 students working together in revision sessions to continue with preparations towards GCSE's. In addition to this, we have had contractors on site doing a range of projects to ensure our learning environments enhance and support an improved learning experience for staff and students.

Today we had a visit from Julie Elliott, the MP for Sunderland Central. She is always keen to talk to our young people. Today she met with members of our student council and some of our senior students to talk about democracy. This was a great experience for them. Julie is always keen to come into school and find out what is happening.

Today also marks the end of Ramadan and the arrival of Eid for our Muslim staff, students and their families. We are very proud of how our Muslim students have dealt with fasting during the last month. We know how much they have been looking forward to Eid. We wish all those in our Thornhill Muslim community well at this time.

Eid Mubarak!

Sue Hamilton

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School News

Important information from Sunderland Council

Please find below some information on the UK Emergency Alerts system which will be tested on Sunday 23 April at 3pm.

Assets

On Sunday 23 April 2023, there will be a national test of the UK Emergency Alerts system.

The UK government's new Emergency Alerts system is now live. The system will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger.

It will be used to warn you in the event of emergencies, such as severe flooding. Emergency Alerts are sent to all compatible mobile phones within an area of risk.

They don't track your location, need your phone number, or collect personal data. Only the government and the emergency services will be able to send them. If you don't have a mobile phone, you'll still be kept informed through other channels.

If you get an Emergency Alert on your phone, you'll hear a loud, siren-like sound. A message on your screen will tell you about the emergency and how best to respond. You'll be able to check an alert is genuine at gov.uk/alerts. If you receive an alert, read the alert carefully and follow the instructions.

You can opt out of receiving emergency alerts; for more information on how to opt out please go to gov.uk/alerts

To find out more about Emergency Alerts, visit gov.uk/alerts

Free School Meal Applications

We are asking all parents/carers to apply for Free School Meals using our quick and easy online form. We encourage everyone to apply, if your circumstances change, you will automatically be enrolled and your child will start receiving free school meals right away. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you register them for this, the Academy will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. This additional funding is used to improve educational provisions and resources at the academy. Please complete the application here: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Search for a Star




Vocal Showcase



**VOCAL
SHOWCASE**
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30.03.23

The Choir performed at 17Nineteen as part of Sunderland Music Hub's Vocal Showcase this week, and smashed it. Have a look at their performances by scanning the QR code. We would love you to join our Choir too. We have some exciting plans for the Summer.



 SCAN ME



 SCAN ME

"LEAN ON ME"

**MONDAY AFTER
SCHOOL**

"COME ALIVE"

ALL WELCOME

 [Thornhillacademymusic](https://www.instagram.com/Thornhillacademymusic)

 [@MusicThornhill](https://twitter.com/MusicThornhill)

English Masterclass

English Department Masterclass



Calling all year 11 students

GCSE English Literature Masterclasses begin this Saturday Via ZOOM.

Invites will be sent via class charts to all pupils in year 11.

Next session: Saturday 22nd April 10:45am until 11:30am.

The focus for this week is 'Romeo and Juliet'.

An announcement will be sent via class charts on Friday as a reminder to all.

A copy of the resources will be uploaded prior to the event.

I hope to see as many of you as possible, but if you are unable to attend, please make use of the resource to support your revision.



GCSE French speaking examinations

Next week sees the year 11 French Speaking examinations taking place on Thursday 27th April. If your child is taking their exam, please ensure that they know the time they are expected to attend and that they are fully prepared. The times have been posted on Class Charts for the pupils. Any concerns or questions please email me at deborah.todd@consilium-at.com

Work Experience

This week Year 10 students have been introduced to their workplace experience opportunity to take place at the end of the summer term. Students have a choice to organise their own face-to-face experience, or take part in a virtual programme via the Springpod online platform.

[It's time to take control of your future | Springpod](#)



Both methods have their benefits, all students will be able to explore the world of work to help build knowledge of careers, and future jobs, develop confidence and workplace skills, and have that amazing experience to put on their CVs when applying for education, training or employment in the future.

We would encourage all student to sign up to the platform the link to the video below will share more information with students and parents as to how to sign up and what they can offer. Year 11 have also been asked to explore their own virtual work experience before they move on to their new adventures in September!

https://youtu.be/rXcwYx_DTSU

We look forward to supporting students to get the most out of this careers and workplace opportunity. For any further information please contact Mrs Crooks.

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.

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**

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



Standards & Expectations – Uniform

As we have approached the start of the new term, we would like to ensure that we have the highest possible standards and expectations for all of our young people. You should have a received a letter outlining the standards and expectations that we expect from each student. Whilst the large majority of students wear their uniform with pride and attend school in the correct school uniform standards are not where we want them to be.

Main Academy Uniform



Thornhill Academy Uniform



Thornhill Academy Uniform:

What you need:

- Black embroidered blazer
- White shirt with a collar
- Maroon and silver striped tie
- Black V Neck Jumper (optional) no sweatshirt
- Black Charleston style skirt
- Black trousers (no jeans or leggings)
- Black school shoes (no trainers)
- Dark coloured waterproof coat



You will need a bag and a pen, pencil and ruler.

Thornhill Academy Uniform

- No excessive or heavy make-up
- Short, neutral-coloured nails only
- Baseball caps are banned, and other hats/hoods must not be worn inside the buildings
- No jewellery except a single pair of stud earrings and a watch
- No extreme haircuts, lines, or shading
- Mobile phones are not permitted and will be confiscated if seen or heard
- No smart watches

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

MUSIC AND HISTORY

Instalments 1:
£10.00 28/02/2023

Instalments 2:
£20.00 31/03/2023

Instalments 3:
£15.00 30/04/2023

Instalments 4:
£15.00 31/05/2023



UPDATE

We are excited for our Liverpool trip and plans are taking shape. We have booked TGI Friday for food before we return to Sunderland. A letter with itinerary, menu choice and further details will be released shortly. Please contact mark.leadbeater@consilium-at.com if you have any queries regarding the trip.

LIVERPOOL

JUNE 29th
2023

TGI FRIDAYS

Year 7 Year 8 Year 9

Visit FRANCE

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.



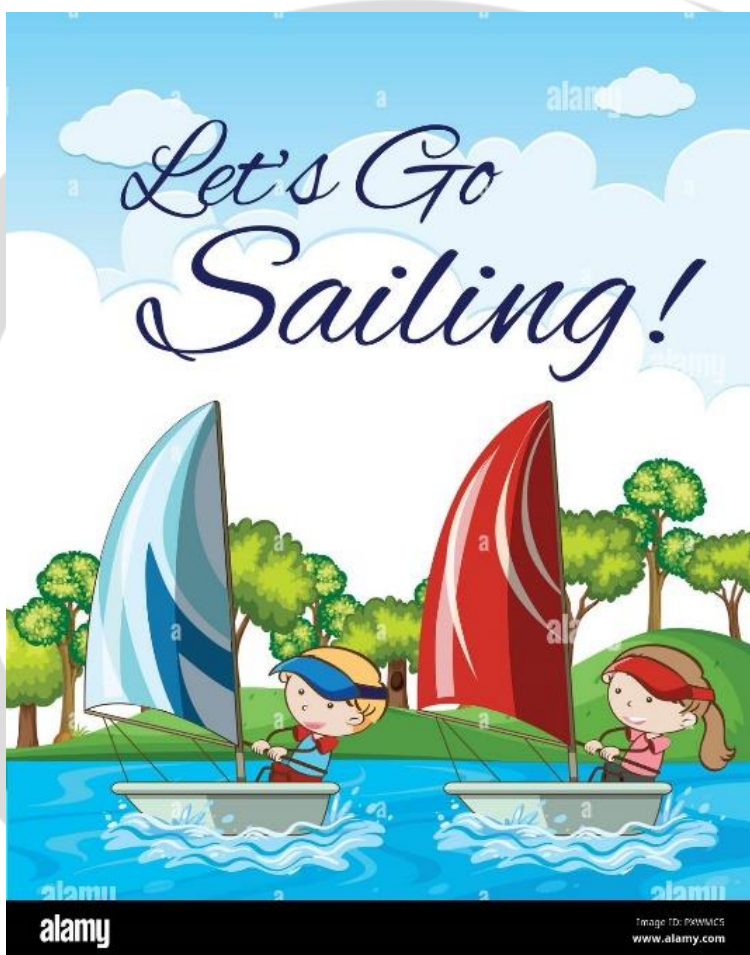
KS3 – Don't forget about the amazing opportunity to visit France next year. Register your interest with Miss Harris or Mrs Todd.

More details to follow soon.

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.



Flamingo Land 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.



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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