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# Parental Newsletter

## Message from Head Teacher

This week there have been some great extracurricular events for our students. On Wednesday, the music department were invited to take a group of students to the City Hall. Ten solo singers produced two hours of entertainment, as members of the public enjoyed the various food stalls that were there. It was wonderful to hear that so many of the public approached our staff commenting on the outstanding voices and conduct of our students.

On Thursday, a group of year 9 and 10 girls, who have either chosen GCSE Design Engineering as an option subject, or who are already on the course went to Sunderland College, town centre campus to participate in a competition celebrating women in construction. This was a great experience for our girls in technology. Five local schools participated, with the aim to design and build a structure from Lego, calculating the cost of the build and producing an outline design. Mr Miller accompanied the girls and commented that our pupils were outstanding, and he couldn't have been prouder of the way they interacted with each other and with the professional women in the industrial areas. We look forward to future challenges of this nature.



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Students in year 11 and staff, continue to work hard with the final pushes towards GCSE exams. These include a whole range of additional intervention opportunities during the school day, evenings and at weekends. It's great to see the engagement of our students. Next week they will be receiving their long-awaited maroon leavers hoodies, which we know they will wear with pride in their final weeks in school.

Once again, we have a bank holiday this weekend which will see a moment in history which most of us have never experienced, the coronation of the monarch. We know many of our students are excited about experiencing this.

We look forward to welcoming all our students back into school at the normal time on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Sue Hamilton

## Important Parent Reminders

Thornhill Academy want to make communication with you easy and ensure that you never miss an important message about your child's education. We would like to thank the parents/carers who have already signed up and encourage anyone who has not done this yet, to do so.

There are some easy steps that you can follow to help us achieve this:

- Ensure that we have up to date contact details for you and all emergency contacts.
- Sign up for the school Parent App – if you have not registered yet and need an activation code, please contact the main school office, and then simply download the free SIMS Parent App through Apple store or Google Play store.
- Log into Class Charts to follow your child's progress, view timetables, review behaviour and communicate with school staff.
- Use ParentPay as a way of adding funds to your child's lunch account, pay for school events and trips, etc. This is the safest and quickest way to make payment to the school and helps us move towards our goal of being a totally cashless site.
- Log into the website frequently to see the latest news from [Thornhill Academy](#)
- Follow the website link to add your details to the Free School Meals portal. Even if you are not currently entitled by registering with the portal we will automatically be notified if due to a change in your circumstances your child becomes entitled to Free School Meals [Free School Meals portal](#)

**If you have any questions about accessing these services, please contact the main school office who will be more than happy to help you set up the communication channels.**

We are committed to keeping you informed of all aspects of your child's education – please sign up to enable us to achieve this.

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

# Spotlight on Curriculum

## Sports Leaders

The Sunderland School Games Swimming Gala is coming up in May. In preparation for this upcoming competition, our pupils have been working extremely hard training for this. This week we focused on their starts, turns and racing changeovers, ready for the relay races. Next week we will look at speed and diving. Good luck team.



Our Sports Leaders and cricket club have been working with our local community cricketers to develop their skills and knowledge, in order to assist later in the summer at some primary cricket festivals.



# School News



Thornhill put on a great show at the City Hall for their Royal food fayre on Wednesday. Amazing performances from all pupils.



## Work Experience

Just a reminder for all year 10 students to ensure they are organized, with a workplace experience by 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Students can either:

Organise their own placement by approaching a company and completing our online form (linked below) with the company's details. Our vetting service will then do the rest!

Sign up for a virtual workplace experience via Springpod. We advise that all students make an account and browse opportunities available to them.

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

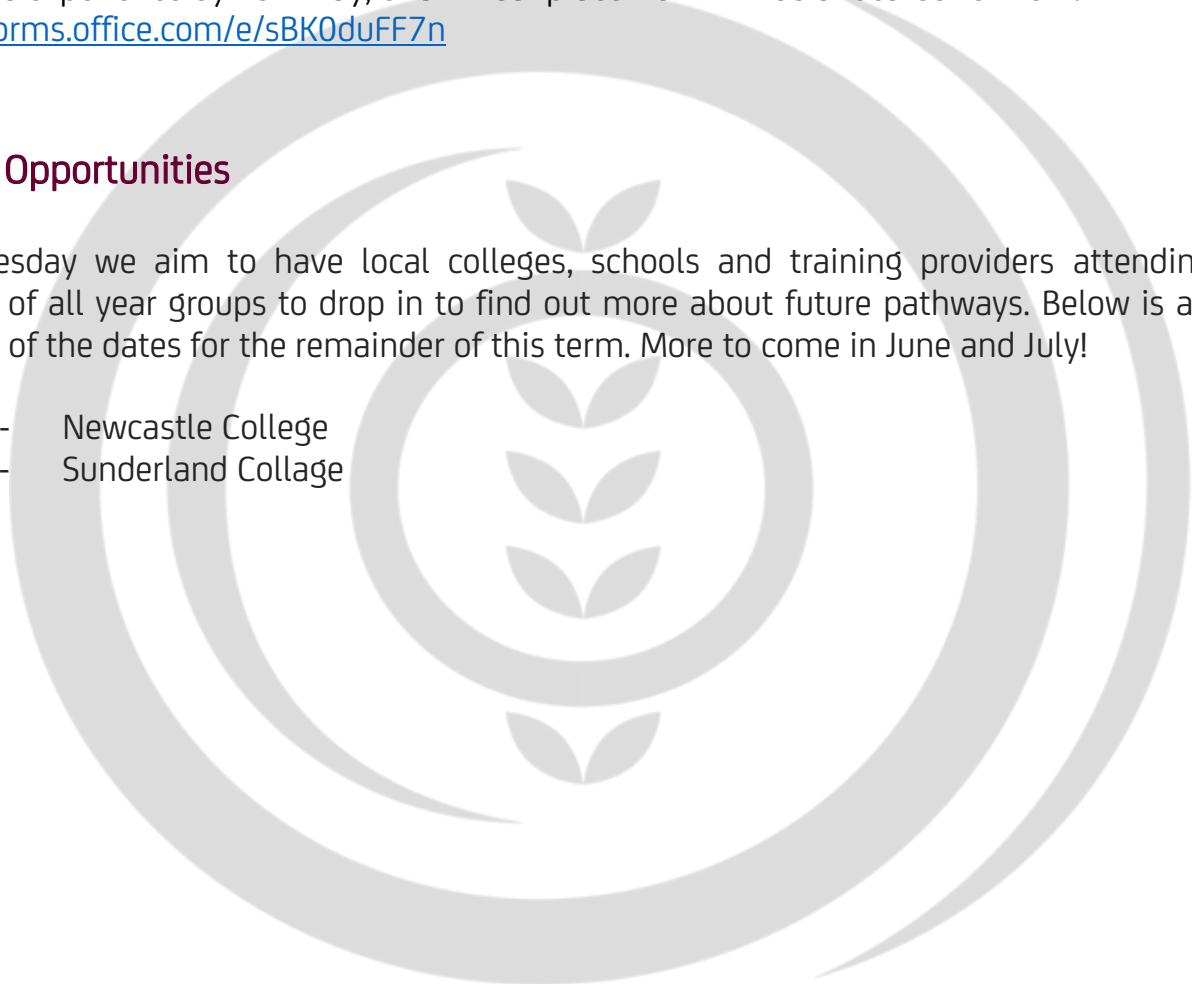
Either way, all students must have completed the online form indicating their chosen workplace experience by 19<sup>th</sup> May, or a virtual placement will be allocated to them.

<https://forms.office.com/e/sBK0duFF7n>

## Careers Opportunities

Each Tuesday we aim to have local colleges, schools and training providers attending students of all year groups to drop in to find out more about future pathways. Below is an overview of the dates for the remainder of this term. More to come in June and July!

16<sup>th</sup> May- Newcastle College  
23<sup>rd</sup> May- Sunderland Collage





## Student Council

Our student council met last term to discuss 2 key areas of importance to the student body. These were The Spirit of Thornhill and Extracurricular Opportunities. Since then, head students have met with the Senior Leadership Team to share their proposals for improvement. Below is a summary of their discussions and agreed next steps.

What we discussed	What ideas we explored	Our first next steps
<b>The Spirit of Thornhill</b>	Ways to celebrate our diversity. Ways to create more competition and events the whole school can get behind. Ways to build the reputation of Thornhill in the community.	To organise a Culture week in July for all students.  Head students to meet with Heads of Departments next week.  Head students to issue a survey to all students and staff.
<b>Extra-Curricular Opportunities</b>	How to broaden the options available to us. How to ensure the opportunities are more consistently available. How to get student leaders and older students involved in running activities.	

We are very excited about creating a Culture Week in the summer term and if any parents would like to be involved or suggest ideas for how we might celebrate this please contact Mrs Crooks at [cherry.crooks@consilium-at.com](mailto:cherry.crooks@consilium-at.com)



Over this half term, we will be recruiting more students to become involved in our council. This will start with appointing our new Head Students from year 10, who will take over after May half term, as our current year 11's move on and hand over responsibility. As democracy is one of our fundamental British Values, we will be holding a whole school election to vote in new members of our school council, who will represent our school student community and voice. We have so many students who we encourage to take part in this opportunity to be more involved. If students wish to be involved, support and guidance is available on Class Charts.

### PE After school club

The PE Departments new after school timetable for this term. No experience needed, just come along after school, and try some new sports, or develop those existing skills from your PE lessons. Everyone welcome.

## Thornhill PE Department

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
<b>Week 1</b> <b>Netball</b> Mrs Corrigan Sports Hall	<b>Week 1</b> <b>Football</b> Mr Hayley/Coach Football Field	<b>Week 1</b> <b>Tennis</b> Tennis Courts	<b>Week 1</b> <b>Football</b> Mr Hayley/Coach Football Field	<b>Week 1</b> <b>Fitness/Metafit</b> Mrs Corrigan Fitness Suite
<b>Week 2</b> <b>Swimming</b> Mrs Corrigan Swimming Pool	<b>Week 2</b> <b>Football</b> Mr Hayley/Coach Football field	<b>Week 2</b> <b>Tennis Club</b> Tennis Courts	<b>Week 2</b> <b>Football</b> Mr Hayley/Coach Football field	<b>Week 2</b> <b>Fitness/Metafit</b> Mrs Corrigan Fitness Suite

# 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 and Visits

## Wicked

The music department are pleased to announce that they have secured excellent stall tickets for Wicked on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024. This matinee performance, due to the date, is only available for Y7 Y8 and Y9. The option to pay for tickets on ParentPay will be open shortly.



# Derwent Hill 2024

15TH - 19TH JULY 2024



HILL WALKING AND  
ORIENTEERING



CANOEING



ROPE COURSES



The 5-day course will allow pupils to improve their self-awareness, ability to work with others and as part of a team to solve problems and increase their enjoyment of learning. Pupils will be able to do this through a range of activities



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**More Information  
see Miss Crossley**

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.

# 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](mailto:mark.leadbeater@consilium-at.com) if you have any queries regarding the trip.

# LIVERPOOL

JUNE 29th  
2023

TGI FRIDAYS

## Flamingo Land Trip

We are planning an end of year school trip to Flamingo Land on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Assemblies

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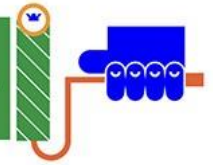
This week our assemblies have focused on our King's coronation this weekend. Students were asked what it means to be British, and how our royal family relates to this. We reflected upon the history of our monarchy and, whilst steeped in tradition, how it is becoming more modern.

Finally, students were asked to think about how they might mark this occasion as a significant event in their lifetime. We shared the King's aim for our extra bank holiday to focus on the Big Help Out and asked students to co-aid how they can support their local community.

<https://thebighelpout.org.uk>



Lend a hand. Make a change.



**MONDAY  
8TH MAY**

### National Citizen Service

This week Year 11 received an assembly introducing them to the National Citizen Service. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to get involved in not only supporting their communities, but to develop their wider skills which will stand them in good stead for their future. This is a highly subsidised national programme, only available to students in year 11. Please look out for more information on our website and via Class Charts announcements.

<https://wearencs.com>

A large 3D graphic of the word 'NEWS' in white and black letters, set against a blue background. The letters are thick and have a white outline, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The background is a gradient of blue, with a darker shade at the bottom.

# 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 Information

## 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:

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Don't forget to follow us on social media for the latest updates on school activities



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