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Parental Newsletter

Message from Head Teacher

It's hard to believe that we are a week into the final term of this academic year.

Year 11 have one more full week in school, before the majority of them complete their exams. I have written separately to Year 11 parents about the arrangements for next week.

Whilst Year 11 will soon leave us, normal school life for all other year groups continues. However, it is lovely to see lots of extracurricular events and trips planned in the coming weeks for all our students – it's going to be a very busy half term!

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School News

New Staff Member

“We wanted to introduce Mr. Hutchinson, he has been working with us as a mathematics scholar this academic year. He is due to graduate from this course with a first-class grade. We are very proud of his achievement! Prior to this he studied mathematics at the University of York and has come back to Sunderland to teach the subject he loves. We look forward to continuing to work with him next year. Hopefully, his academic prowess will inspire your child to go on to study mathematics at A level and beyond!”



Lunchtime pop ups

Our lunchtime drop-ins continue, as post 16 providers pop up in our LRC each Tuesday lunchtime, for all year groups to pop in and find out more about their future pathways. This week SETA training, who support training and apprenticeships were in school, and below is an overview for this term:

Tuesday 13th June -	Southmoor 6th form
Tuesday 20 th June -	ASK and Newcastle UTC
Tuesday 27 th June -	Sunderland College
Tuesday 4th July -	Newcastle

Apprenticeships

For year 11 looking for apprenticeship opportunities in September, below is a link to the latest vacancies via our website. This displays local vacancies at intermediate level (level2/ GCSE equivalent) and Advanced Level (Level 3/ A level equivalent).

WISDOM

Newcastle University is opening its doors to female students next week for anyone interested in a future in science or maths.

There will be representatives from the National Audit Office, NHS, Scott Logic, Baker Hughes, DWP and many schools from within the University.

This is a great event for any girls and their families to attend on the 14th June anytime between 4:30pm and 7:30pm.

Further information and the online sign-up form can be found at <http://go.ncl.ac.uk/wisdom>



WISDOM



Women In Science Doing Outstanding Maths & Physics

There are many successful women who use mathematics (& physics) in a variety of interesting ways every day in their careers. Here we aim to give you (your Mum, Grandma, Auntie, Dad or other interested guardian) the opportunity to hear from and meet Women In Science Doing Outstanding Maths & Physics.



WHEN

Wednesday 14th June, 2023 4.30pm-7.30pm



WHERE

Herschel Building, Newcastle University.



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TALKS INCLUDE

"Monster black holes and quasars"
Dr Vicky Fawcett

"Saving the planet with
mathematics"
Dr Laura Wadkin



SCAN ME

For further information and to **sign up** please go to
<http://go.ncl.ac.uk/wisdom>

Apprenticeships support

This week Jodine, from ASK, supported some of our year 11 students, to register and begin their applications for apprenticeships. In addition, students were guided through the application process, and potential assessment activities, a really valuable experience. We look forward to working with Jodine in the future, as a regular visitor for our Key Stage 4 students. Please see our website for the most up to date apprenticeships available in the North East.



Apprenticeships

Year 10 Careers Interviews

All students are entitled to independent careers advice before they leave school. This will begin in year 10 and follow into year 11. Next half term, we will begin to allocate students an appointment to attend during the school day. They will get a chance to discuss their career and future ambitions, and gain guidance to support their next steps. An action plan will be devised and shared with the student too.

Year 10 Taster Sessions

We are pleased to announce that we are setting up a Taster Day for our current Year 10 to spend the day at Sunderland College and experience some of the courses they have on offer. This will take place on Wednesday 21st June.

Students need to access this link:

<https://sunderlandcollege.ac.uk/.../year-10-taster-sessions/>

in order to choose which venue and which courses they would like to participate in

Students will walk to the college with staff and be dismissed from their chosen venue at the end of the day

If students do not make a choice, a place will be allocated for them onto any courses left available

English Reading Challenge

[Summer Reading Challenge Parental Bulletin.docx](#)

RAF Visit

On Thursday 6th July, we have a very special day planned with a visit from the RAF! This is something unique to our school. The instructors will deliver a 2-hour session on a range of activities, practical leadership tasks, STEM, physical training, and a presentation from the Royal Navy. Keep a look out for an expression of interest form in order to register!

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
<i>After school</i>	<i>After school</i>	<i>After school</i>	<i>After school</i>	<i>After school</i>
Week 1 Netball <i>Mrs Corrigan</i> <i>Sports Hall</i>	Week 1 Football <i>Mr Haley/Coach</i> <i>Football Field</i>	Week 1 Tennis <i>Tennis Courts</i>	Week 1 Football <i>Mr Haley/Coach</i> <i>Football Field</i>	Week 1 Fitness/Metafit <i>Mrs Corrigan</i> <i>Fitness Suite</i>
Week 2 Swimming <i>Mrs Corrigan</i> <i>Swimming Pool</i>	Week 2 Football <i>Mr Haley/Coach</i> <i>Football Field</i>	Week 2 Tennis <i>Tennis Courts</i>	Week 2 Football <i>Mr Haley/Coach</i> <i>Football Field</i>	Week 2 Fitness/Metafit <i>Mrs Corrigan</i> <i>Fitness Suite</i>

School Games Charter

This academic year, Thornhill Academy has taken part in the Sunderland School Games Charter. This programme has been developed to focus on the health and wellbeing of pupils through sport and physical activity opportunities and community involvement. We are delighted to say we have achieved Silver for 2022 - 2023. Well done.



SILVER active Sunderland School 2022-23



Change 4 Life

This week, our Y7 have been experiencing the Change 4 Life programme. Its purpose is to inspire a social movement that all parts of life and the community can help to play a part in improving our pupil's health, wellbeing, and physical activity. The Y7 have taken part in some theory sessions and different physical activities during their PE lessons to promote this. They are thoroughly enjoying these sessions and are very interested in participating. Keep up the good work.

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

France Trip



JOIN HISTORY AND FRENCH IN 2024
PICK UP A LETTER FROM 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

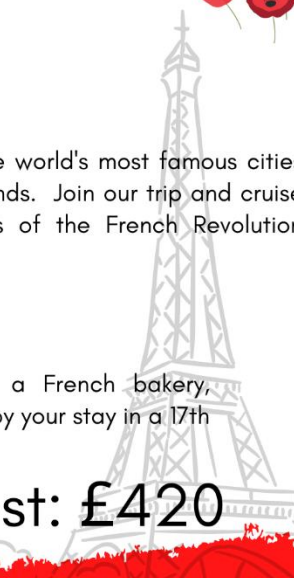
Enjoy a day trip to one of the world's most famous cities taking in all the sites and sounds. Join our trip and cruise on the Seine. Visit the sites of the French Revolution including the Bastille Prison



French experiences

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

Cost: £420



Details of our existing trips can be found by clicking on the links below:

Geography Trip

[Derwent Hill Trip details](#)

Liverpool Trip

[Liverpool Trip details](#)

Flamingo Land Trip

[Flamingo Land details](#)

Wicked

[Wicked Theatre Trip details](#)

Assemblies

On the 13th June, year 10 will have an assembly talk from Southmoor 6th form about their post 16 options. From this, interested students will be able to sign up to a taster afternoon on the 12th July.

Standards and Expectations

School Bag and Equipment

At Thornhill Academy we have high expectations of our students, and we expect students to be 'Ready to Learn' when they arrive in school. With this in mind, the uniform policy will change in September 2023 to include a school bag and correct equipment as compulsory items.

The following items must be carried by each student, each day:

- Black Rucksack or Black Tote style bag (Must be large enough for an A4 file)
- Pencil case
- 2 black pens
- 1 green pen
- 2 pencils
- 1 Ruler

To help to support parents a pencil case including the correct equipment can be purchased from school at a budget price. These items will be payable via Parent Pay.

School Bag:

The following bags are examples of what is appropriate.



As we approach half term, we would like to ensure that we maintain the highest possible standards and expectations for all of our young people. Whilst the large majority of students wear their uniform with pride and attend school in the correct school uniform each day, we would like to outline our expectations so that is clear for all parents/carers.

MAIN ACADEMY UNIFORM

	Guidance
Black Blazer embroidered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of the blazer with an alternative jacket, hoody or tracksuit top is not allowed.
Formal white school shirt - to be tucked in	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is not a polo shirt.
School maroon and silver striped clip-on tie	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The tie must be worn at all times.

Black V Neck Jumper (ONLY)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round neck sweatshirts are not an alternative. • The wearing of the jumper does not replace the wearing of the blazer.
Black school shoes – Leather type		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footwear must be 100% black with no logos. • No trainers or canvas material.
Dark coloured Waterproof Coat (ONLY)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hoodies, tracksuit tops, sweatshirts, denim jackets. • Not to be worn under the blazer. • Not to be worn inside of the building. • Non-uniform items will be confiscated.
Black Tights	or Black/White Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No patterned tights.
Formal Black Trousers	or Black Charleston skirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skirts must be a Black Charleston style skirt with a flat upper section and pleated lower section. • Short 'tube' type designs are not acceptable. • Trousers must not be denim, jeans, or jean style. • No leggings are allowed.
Important information to also note:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Jewellery which can be worn, is a single pair of stud earrings and a wristwatch. This will be confiscated if worn. • No extreme haircuts, lines, or shading. • Mobile phones are not permitted and will be confiscated if seen or heard.

Alumni Network

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

Thank you for the overwhelming support we always receive from parents. 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: thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com

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