



Thornhill
Academy
Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

Parental Newsletter

Message from Head Teacher

It's certainly been a busy week in school. No sooner do year 11 finish their exams and year 10 are filling their seats in the exam hall, focussing on their assessments.

On Wednesday they had a day away from exams to attend a careers event at Sunderland College.

It's great to see them really focussing on the future. They have had some excellent role models in year 11.

Last night was the final farewell to year 11 with the Prom, which was held at the Stadium of Light. This was a fantastic evening shared by so many students and staff. Lots of very proud parents joined us at the start of the evening, to see the students arrive and share in those final moments of our year 11 being together for the last time.

I would just like to say a massive thank you to them and you too. Your support for your children has been massive. They may not personally have told you so, but they will absolutely have appreciated everything you have done for them, as do we.



Proud to be part of
Consilium
Academies

Thornhill Academy, Thornholme Road
Sunderland, SR2 7NA
0191 500 7981
thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com

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

School News

Culture Week



From the evening of the 25th to Friday 30th June, we are celebrating our Thornhill Culture Week. Our student council have discussed lots of ideas on how to share the 'spirit of Thornhill', and their favourite idea was to create a Culture Week. We have a vibrant and diverse mix of students from so many different cultures and countries, therefore it is important for us to celebrate and reflect on our own culture and identity, as well as others around us.

Throughout the week, learning in lessons will take a cultural slant, where students can enrich and broaden their learning in each subject area. There will be varied games, music and sports activities each lunchtime, and a tutor group competition. The restaurant will be celebrating too, with a different culture represented each day for students to try new food from around the world.

Students are most looking forward to our Cultural dress day on Friday 30th June. This will be a non-uniform day for students to come in their 'cultural' clothes. We will be asking for a £1 donation from students coming to school in non-uniform.

Business Breakfast

On 11th July, we have invited 7 different companies into school at 8am for breakfast. There will be an opportunity for all students to visit the Thumbprint Restaurant before registration, grab some breakfast and chat to the different employers. We have representatives from different sectors, including engineering, care, military, and travel!

There will be a treasure hunt challenge to complete too, to help students ask questions, and for the chance of winning a prize!



Business Breakfast
11th July, 8am-9am
Thumbprint Restaurant

Find out more about where your future could take you!

8-8:40am: meet with employers from a range of different sectors in our local area.

Complete our Business Treasure Hunt Challenge to win a prize!

Year 10 will gain extra time with tutors during registration too.

Where will your future take you?

LIEBHERR

Hays Travel

Taylor Wimpey

Thornhill Academy
Checking over, making a difference

Sunderland Care and Support
"Every day is a good day working for Sunderland Care and Support."
Sunderland Care and Support

LEARNING CURVE GROUP
LEARNING DOESN'T HAVE TO STOP AT SCHOOL

MFC MILITARY ACADEMIES

The poster features a large stylized arrow graphic on the left side, pointing upwards and to the right. It includes several small images: a group of men in military uniforms, a person working at a computer, a group of people in a meeting, and a person in a hard hat. The background is a mix of grey and white with red and black accents.

Year 10 College Taster Day

All year 10 students were invited to attend a taster day at Sunderland College. Students selected different sessions, ranging from 'Cyber Security and Robotics' to 'Welcome to the Dragons Den' to 'Medical Masterclass'. Students experienced the college facilities, including a fully working restaurant and kitchen, whilst making pizza. They visited the mechanics and engineering department to try out their spray-painting skills, and their 'Immersive Igloo' to explore travel around the world.

We are very proud of our year 10 students who fully engaged in these sessions and were a true credit to Thornhill. This experience, along with many others over the next 6 months, will help students to form their ideas, and plans for their next steps for life after Thornhill.

Careers pop up- Every Tuesday!

This week we invited Newcastle UTC and Jodine from the ASK programme, to our lunchtime pop up in the LRC. They shared with students, the different technical and apprentice pathways available to students after school.

Next Tuesday Sunderland College is back, this will be a great chance for year 10 especially, to follow up on their experience this week. We encourage students from all year groups to pop in to find out more!

All students are welcome to drop into the library every Tuesday lunchtime, to talk to different colleges, schools, and training providers to find out more about their future options. Next week we invite Jodine from ASK to share information about apprentices, and Jen from Newcastle UTC for more vocational options.

Humanities Visit to Hylton Castle

Hylton Castle 2023



This week students in year 7 had the chance to visit 600 year old Hylton Castle. Students had a tour of the castle grounds learning about the castle mysteries including the story of their resident ghost known as the 'Cauld lad'.

Year 7 also prepped early for their GCSE's by listening to a talk on medicine through time and brushing up on their field work skills by creating sketches of the castle.

We had an afternoon of fun being shown medieval Knights armour and even dressing up in the different attire, including shield, gauntlets, and carrying chain mail.

It was a fantastic day for both staff and students and the humanities department hope these photos show you what a great time we had!

THORNHILL ACADEMY MUSIC
PRESENTS



SUMMER

CONCERT

6th
JULY

£2
PARENTPAY
17 Nineteen

6:00
PM



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).



Apprenticeships

Careers

TRN Training Offer: Year 11 students interested in construction, have had an opportunity to talk to Elaine from TRN, who has offered students the opportunity to take part in a summer construction course, to support their progression into the construction industry.



Politics Talk: On Tuesday 4th July we have a Careers in Politics talk available for students to sign up to. This will share the range of jobs in politics beyond being an MP. To sign up please see Mrs Crooks.

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.



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>

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

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](#)

Wicked

[Wicked Theatre Trip details](#)

Assemblies

Assemblies this week have been presented by Mr A Miller, with the focus being on Communication. Pupils were reminded of the important part that communication plays in school and society, with employers ranking it the number one skill they look for when interviewing candidates. The final message from Mr A Miller, was that everyone has a voice and deserves to be heard.

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

Follow us

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



Twitter@thornhill_uk

Instagram@thornhill_academy

FacebookThornhill Academy