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Parental Newsletter

Message from Head Teacher

It's certainly been a very busy week at Thornhill.

This week we have had Culture Week, during which, students have experienced a variety of culture themed lessons and activities. Today culminated in a cultural dress day with many of our students wearing clothing from their own cultures. The diversity of our school is wonderful and something great to celebrate.

Also, this week, we welcomed the year 6 children, who will be joining us in September. They have made an excellent start to their time with us and have impressed staff with how keen and eager they are. We are really looking forward to them joining us as year 7.

As year 10 are still on assessments this week, we asked a group of students to look after the year 6 students. We have been very impressed with how they really stepped up to this responsibility and demonstrated fantastic leadership and people skills.

Three more weeks of term left and life at Thornhill isn't going to be slowing down anytime soon. We still have lots of events, trips, and for year 10, work experience to look forward to.

Sue Hamilton

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School News

Pastoral Update

As you are aware we made a number of changes to Tutor Groups at the start of this half term, and they have been very successful. We now have year groups located close by one another, to enable Heads of Year to visit students each morning. Students have responded positively to this.

- Due to staffing changes and Mr Haley moving on, we are making changes to our Pastoral Team. Miss Mills will be taking over the role as Head of Year 9.
- Miss Coates is doing such a fantastic job with our current Year 7 students that she will remain Head of Year 7 for our new students joining us in September.
- Miss Gray has been newly appointed to our team, to be Head of our current Year 7 cohort, when they move into Year 8 in September

The Pastoral Team from September 2023:

Year 7:	Miss Coates
Year 8:	Miss Gray
Year 9:	Mrs Reed
Year 10:	Miss Mills
Year 11:	Mrs Maitland

ParentPay App – REGISTER TO WIN!

At Thornhill Academy we are working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, instead making the school a cash-free environment.

We have a much more convenient way to pay for school meals, school trips and other school items on-line – *a secure service called ParentPay.*

Although, we have been using this on-line payment platform for some time, we are still seeing huge amounts of payments via cash on the school site.

By using ParentPay instead, your child will not have to carry cash and therefore remove the possibility of it being mislaid, nor will they need to stand in line to load money on to their lunch account or to pay for a school trip. Additionally, you can view all transactions and keep track of funds.

ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

You will have a secure online account, activated using a unique username and password; you will be prompted to change these, and to keep them safe and secure. If you have more than one child at our school, or children at other ParentPay schools, you can create a single account login for all your children.

Making a payment is straightforward and ParentPay holds a payment history for you to view at a later date; no card details are stored in any part of the system. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.

To encourage every parent/carer to sign up we will be entering everyone who has completed registration by 14th July 2023 into a prize draw for a £50 shopping voucher.

Those of you who are already registered and using ParentPay will automatically be entered. If you require activation details, please contact the main school office on 0191 500 7981 or via email thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com

Good luck!



Sunderland Council Healthy Schools Newsletter

<https://shorturl.at/EHLW3>



ROKER BEACH IS CALLING



29 - 30 JULY 2023



AJ BELL
World Triathlon
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Summer of Swim Bike Run

This summer Roker Beach plays host to the British leg of the World Triathlon Championship Series, taking place 29–30 July 2023. There are lots of ways to get involved.

Join in

The weekend isn't just for elite triathletes, there's lots of ways to get involved in this exciting event.

BIG Swim Bike Run	Swim Bike Run Mini	Sprint distance	Standard distance
Swim 200m Bike 10km Run 2.5km	Swim 50m Run 1km	Swim 750m Bike 20km Run 5km	Swim 1,500m Bike 40km Run 10km
For individuals wanting to try a triathlon	For families - back by popular demand	For anyone who wants to give triathlon a go - but over a shorter distance	For anyone who wants a challenge or to give it a go as a team and divide and conquer swim, bike, run

Help out

This is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference and to be part of a major international sporting event. The role of volunteers in the weekend is vital. You can register to become a Tri Maker to support over the event weekend. Roles include marshalling routes and supporting spectators.

Come along

The weekend will see an action-packed programme of races and activities with plenty of places to watch the action. We'll be sharing more about best spots and what's happening soon.

To find out more about taking part, helping out or coming along visit: www.mysunderland.co.uk/swim-bike-run

City of Sunderland **Events**



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ADVICE AND SUPPORT

PERFORMANCES FROM YOUNG PEOPLE



An event for children, young people and families to come and celebrate LGBTQ+ pride. This event is a joint collaboration with Together for Children and Sunderland City Council.

Activities include:

- **Curious Story Time**
- **Petting Zoo**
- **Yoga**
- **Arts and Crafts**
- **Sensory Zone**
- **Young Makers' Market**
- **Prevention Bus**
- **Vogue Dance Workshop**
- **Climbing Wall**



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Year 11 Mentoring Programme

I am really pleased to share with year 11 parents and students an amazing programme to support our aspirational young people. Migrant Leaders is a charity to support **16- to 25-year-olds** through their college and university life. This is open to the majority of our Thornhill students- those who are first- or second-generation migrants but also to our British community where students are disadvantaged*

Please take the time to watch the video link below and if you would like more information or support, please contact Mrs Crooks via Class Charts or via cherry.crooks@consilium-at.com

[Introduction to Migrant Leaders - For Students - YouTube](#)

I hope many of our amazing students take advantage of this opportunity.

**The definition of "disadvantaged background" includes indicators such as being the first generation in a family to be university educated, receiving free school meals, or having a below average household income, amongst other factors. Any one or more of these indicators suggests disadvantage*

Culture Week

It was very nice to see everyone dressed in their cultural clothes while celebrating the end of culture week. Students have celebrated culture week with many activities and have ended the week with an exhibit of their work. More will come on next week's bulletin and social media.

Careers

Lunchtime pop ups- Every Tuesday

This week we welcomed Newcastle College back and Penshaw View Training into our LRC this Tuesday to share different course, pathways, and opportunities with students. The LRC is open every lunchtime for students and Tuesday is always a careers focus. Students from all year groups are invited to drop in to find out more.

Business Breakfast

On the 11th of 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 all different sectors from engineering to care, to military to travel! There will be a treasure hunt challenge to complete too, to help students to ask questions and for the chance of winning a prize!

Politics Careers Talk

Is your child passionate about politics? The Northeast Chamber of Commerce is providing a careers talk for interested students on 4th July.

The session aims to make young people aware that a career in politics/policy doesn't have to mean being an MP or joining a political party. It will also give young people an idea of what opportunities are available outside of traditional politics- and outside of London- to work on issues that they are passionate about.

To sign up for this session, students are to complete the form link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/q95EPMDayE>



Apprenticeships

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](#)

Wicked

[Wicked Theatre Trip details](#)

Standards and Expectations

To help to support parents a pencil case including the correct equipment will be issued to all students in September.

Student Leadership Programmes Uniform

As we continue to raise the standards and expectations for our young people, it is important that we have consistent standards of uniform for all students. Whilst students' leadership programmes will continue to run, student leaders will no longer wear a modified version of school uniform from September. In order to support parents financially, we as a school, will provide parents of all student leaders with a voucher to redeem a school blazer from Little Gems, our current uniform supplier.

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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