



Thornhill
Academy
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Parental Newsletter

Message from Head Teacher

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Last night was our summer show, which was held at 17Nineteen in Hendon.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this building, 17Nineteen is a cultural centre, named after the year in which it was first opened. Built as a Holy Trinity Church, the grade 1 listed structure was on the Heritage at Risk register. Now rescued and restored, it retains much of its original architecture, but with a modern twist.

This beautiful setting, with the fabulous acoustics, provided a fantastic back drop to a wonderful evening of showcasing the music and drama talents of students across all year groups.

Events such as these, are the moments our students get their chance to shine, but we must never forget all the time and energy of practice and rehearsal that leads up to these moments. In addition, the help, support, and guidance they receive from all staff leading up to these occasions.

Sue Hamilton

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[*View Parents Letters*](#)



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School News

End of Term

A reminder that the Summer term ends on Thursday 20th July. Students will have a staggered dismissal from 1pm. The new term will begin for all students on Tuesday 5th September with students expected on site for 8.30am for registration at 8.40am.

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:	TBC

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!



Thornhill Academy goes from strength to strength!



We are delighted to announce that we, Thornhill Academy, have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

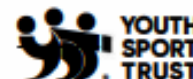
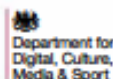
Our sporting achievements this year include:
Sunderland Girls Netball League
Futsal Tournament
Sunderland Swimming Gala
Primary School Cricket Tournament (Sport Leaders)

With a number of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:
Young Asian Voices (YAV) who continue to support Thornhill Academy extra curriculum programme. Sunderland AFC Foundation for offering support to our pupils and the facility to run sporting events. Thornhill Sport leaders who continue to demonstrate all the key values we want in all our young people, and finally the PE Dept for their continued effort in providing opportunities for all young people at Thornhill.

We look forward to applying once again in 2024!



Careers

We are always keen to get feedback from parents. Please could we ask you to take a moment to complete this brief form regarding careers information and guidance?

<https://forms.office.com/e/AWTny5qYxX>

Politics Careers talk

A small group of interested students joined other schools on online careers talk about being a policy maker. This was run by Speakers for Schools and the Chamber of Commerce and gave an interesting view of the world of policy and politics. Above all, skills of critical and creative thinking are needed for this type of career. Students put this into practice, as they began to explore how to create a policy around a potential reformation of GCSEs!



Royal Navy Visit

Year 9 and 10 had the opportunity to work with representatives from the Royal Navy this week. After an interesting presentation finding out about the different roles and layers of the Navy, students took part in team building activities. As well as learning to stand to attention and salute, students played competitive games of heads, shoulders, knees and cones! What a competitive lot we have!! The session ended with a group team activity to build a 2m tower. The students learned a lot about communication and cooperation and how this helps them be successful.





Work Experience

This week and next, we are meeting with all year 10 students to prepare them for their work experience placements. Please can parents remember to indicate their child's intention if not completing a face-to-face placement. <https://forms.office.com/e/W5qNfUsv5n>
We are also introducing year 10 to Morrisby, an online careers platform to support them in making informed decisions about their future, and to track their experiences and opportunities along the way. Parents can find out more about this via the link below. All students will be invited to use Morrisby in the new year.



[Morrisby Careers - Information for Parents.pdf](#)

Culture week



<https://shorturl.at/bjlBT>



Our Culture Week was a huge success. If you have not seen or heard yet, please find links below to our Special Edition Bulletin and Podcast

Business Breakfast

On the 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 all different sectors from engineering to care, and 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!

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?



History Trip

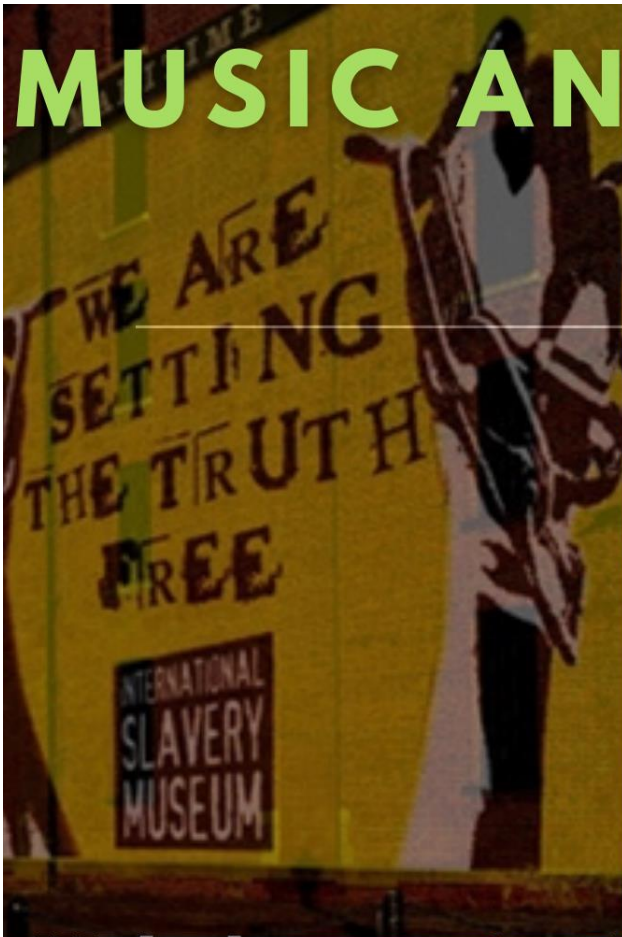
On Tuesday 4th July, some of our year 8 students took part in a guided tour of the history of Sunderland....14000 steps later, students visited sites such as the Stadium of Light, St Peter's Church (which has the oldest stained-glass window in England), Keel square and much more.

We have learnt so much about the history of Sunderland, and how we are making it a more sustainable city. Well done year 8, although it was a tiring morning, you were amazing!

We also got to watch Wimbledon while having lunch!



MUSIC AND HISTORY



We had an amazing time in Liverpool. Here is a short video of our adventures

LIVERPOOL

SCAN ME





Wear HERE PRIDE



Free
entry

SATURDAY
8 JULY

11AM -
4PM

MOWBRAY
PARK,
SUNDERLAND

FREE HEALTHY FOOD

LIVE MUSIC

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

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.

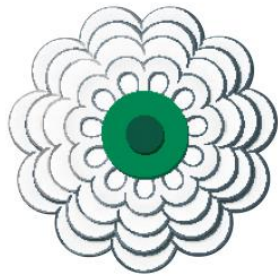
Activities include:

- **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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REMEMBERING SREBRENICA

**Please join The Mayor of Sunderland,
Cllr Dorothy Trueman for the
7th annual Remembering Srebrenica
Commemoration event in Sunderland
Minster on Tuesday 11 July 2023.**

Guests are asked to arrive by no later than 6.20pm for a 6.30pm prompt start. Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible by emailing: Mayor@sunderland.gov.uk or telephone: 07766 367 426.

There will be special performances by Thornhill Academy Choir and Violinist, Ella-Joy Hunton-Walmsley as well as guest speakers Gordon Bacon and Peter Sagar.



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Free

Summer Holiday Activity
and Food programme

WHAT'S ON?

- ✓ Holiday clubs
- ✓ Multi sports
- ✓ Cooking
- ✓ Crafts and activities
- ✓ Nutritious meal included



The Summer Holiday Activity and Food programme runs throughout the six week break all across Sunderland for families who:

Live in Sunderland

Have school age children (4 -16)

Are eligible for free school meals

Are struggling with the cost of living

Have children with special education needs or disability (up to age 25)

View clubs and book

www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/HAF

If you haven't got access to book online, why not pop into one of our Family Hubs where staff can help you book?



Assemblies

NHS Assembly

This week we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the NHS. Students reflected upon how fortunate we are to have a free National Health Service, as well as ways in which we can support, through living healthy lifestyles and using the appropriate services.



8 how many ways are you changing? **change 4 life**

Est well Move more Live longer

1 sugar swaps
I'm swapping sugary drinks for water, milk or unsweetened fruit juice.

2 meal time
I'm eating 3 meals a day - including a healthy school lunch.

3 me size meals
I'm eating meals that are the right size for my age - not as big as a grown up's.

4 snack check
Lots of snacks are full of fat, sugar and salt, so I'm eating healthy snacks!


5 5 a day
I'm trying to eat 5 portions of fruit and veg every day.

6 cut back fat
My family are changing how we cook to make our meals more healthy.

7 60 active minutes
I'm spending at least 60 minutes walking, playing sport, running around or playing outside every day.

8 up and about
After I've been sitting still for a while, I'm jumping up and doing something more active.

Want more tips to help you stay healthy and happy?

 Search 'Change4Life'

Change4Life is supported across the Government



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](#)

French Trip

If any KS3 pupil would like to go on the trip to France next year you must have paid the deposit and returned the reply slip by Friday 14th July. Letters are available in the History/ French departments

Year 7 Year 8 Year 9

Visit FRANCE

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



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.

At the start of the term all students will be provided with equipment, such as:

- Pencil case
- Pens
- Pencil
- Ruler

If any items are lost, student's must replace them.

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



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