



Thornhill  
Academy  
*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*

# Parental Newsletter

## Message from Head Teacher

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I can hardly believe we only have one week left of this academic year. The last few weeks have flown by and been packed with so many events and opportunities for our students.

On Monday, 250 very excited students are heading to Flamingoland. Students staying in school, have had the opportunity to choose from a fantastic range of enrichment activities.

On Tuesday, Y10 students will do their work experience for the last 3 days of term. We wish them all the best with whatever they are doing. We know that they will learn so much about themselves during this time and will gain confidence through this experience.

KS3 students will be in normal lessons until the end of the week, with some additional reward opportunities too.

By Thursday afternoon I am sure both staff and students will be ready for a much needed rest!

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 20<sup>th</sup> July. Students will have a staggered dismissal from 1pm. The new term will begin for all students on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September with students expected on site for 8.30am for registration at 8.40am.

## ParentPay App – REGISTER TO WIN!

**REGISTER NOW – WE WILL DRAW THE NAME OF THE WINNER ON MONDAY**



At Thornhill Academy we are working towards no longer 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com)

Good luck



# CREATE YOUR SUMMER



Inspired (Sunderland Cultural Education Partnership) invite you to join the Holiday Activity and Food Programme

Sign up to a range of exciting cultural activities this August, Sessions are free to eligible families.

7th August-10th August. 10am-2pm. Creative making at Seventeen Nineteen, Holy Trinity Church SR1 2BB. Suitable for Y6 2022-2023.

Over the course of 4 days, in the beautiful setting of Seventeen Nineteen, take part in basket making, a trip to Sunderland Museum, stained glass workshop, walking tour, pottery workshop and lino printing.

14th August-17th August. 10am-2pm. Musical theatre at Sunderland Empire, SR1 3EX. Suitable for 8-12 year olds. Over the course of 4 days take part in a behind the scenes tour and a series of musical theatre workshops. Open to all abilities.

21st August-24th August. 10am-3pm. Song writing at Bede College Performing Arts Academy, SR3 4AH with Sunderland Music Hub.

Suitable for young people aged 13-16. Young people will work with professional musicians and songwriters to write their own music. Open to beginners and those who are more experienced.

29th August-1st September. 10am-2pm. Creative activities at Washington Arts Centre, NE38 8AB. Suitable for 8-12 year olds. Over the course of 4 days you will experience workshops in circus skills and movement, visual arts and animation.

**SIGN UP AND REGISTER NOW HERE!**

Contact: [beth.ross@togetherforchildren.org.uk](mailto:beth.ross@togetherforchildren.org.uk)



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MUSIC HUB



Sunderland Empire  
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# REMEMBERING SREBRENICA

**Music supported the City's Remembering Srebrenica event on Tuesday evening. The Choir and Caleb gave fabulous performances and contributed to a moving service.**



# SURVEY ON SUGGESTIONS FOR THE MILLFIELD AREA

> Please scan the QR code below to complete the survey.

Millfield Area Suggestions Survey



Any queries, questions or for more information contact:

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## Sports Tournaments

This week saw the “Cricket Leaders” Vs “The Rest of the School” in a lunchtime tournament. Both teams played fantastically well. The Cricket Leaders also provided the other team with some great feedback and coaching points before going on to take the win. Well done to all who participated and those who came to cheer them on.



Well done to the Rounders team in this week’s tournament. Absolutely smashing it and coming third. Great work.



## Work Experience

Year 10 students are all organised, and set for their 3-day work experience next week. If parents have not indicated if students will be working virtually from home, or coming in for school activities, please indicate this here: <https://forms.office.com/e/W5qNfUsv5n>  
We wish all students the best of luck, and we are sure they will gain a valuable experience to end their year.

## Business Breakfast

We hosted a fantastic Business Breakfast this week, with a number of companies. Students engaged really well, and our guests spoke very highly of their interest and maturity, when finding out about these different organisations. We hope to host similar events each term next year, so that students receive regular contact with businesses and training providers. Parents can look out for our big “Careers Fair” in the autumn term.



## Sixth Form Taster Day

Almost 50 of our year 10 students visited Southmoor to find out more and experience life at Sixth Form. Student had a taster of different courses on offer such as psychology, history, photography and sport. This is all part of our students' careers programme to help them make well informed choices for their future.

## The BIG Land Based Apprenticeship Event at Houghall campus – (20<sup>th</sup> Jul 4.30-6.30)

East Durham College is hosting a BIG Land based apprenticeship information event, on-site at their Houghall Campus. If you're potentially looking to get started in a career as an apprentice, this is the event for you! The event will be staffed by the whole workforce development team and trainer/coaches. They will be on hand to discuss any questions around our apprenticeships, how they work and all the key information you need to know!

**Get tickets here!**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-land-based-apprenticeship-event-at-houghall-campus-tickets-668719547167?aff=oddtcreator>

### If You're Interested in Being an Apprentice:

This event covers loads of things you need to know about apprenticeships, including:

- How apprenticeships work at EDC
- The application process for people looking to move into an apprenticeship.
- How to get registered for a sector with the apprenticeship team.
- Why choose an apprenticeship – employer examples and case studies
- A parent's guide to apprenticeships everything you need to know!



## Art trip to Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens

Art, photography and graphics students, enjoyed a trip out to the Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens. Students used photography to explore the gardens looking at shape, form and composition in the gardens. They particularly enjoyed the walkway if their nerves could handle the height! We also explored the Sunderland University Degree show, to view the final pieces from the graphics, fashion, and digital art students.



## Inspiring the Future in Fintech, Virtual Careers Chat

In maths this week, year 7 and year 9 classes gained an introduction to the future of banking, and how careers in this sector might look in the future.



## Enigma Interactive Trip

Our computer science students, enjoyed at trip to Newcastle yesterday, to visit Enigma Interactive, to gain an experience of their workplace, and take part in digital code breaking challenges. The trip was rounded off with a trip to the Baltic, to see an exhibition inspired by gaming.





# 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](http://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/HAF)

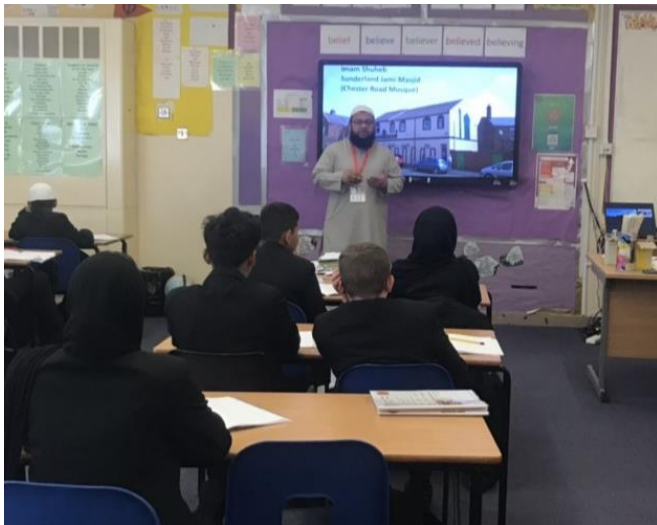
If you haven't got access to book online, why not pop into one of our Family Hubs where staff can help you book?



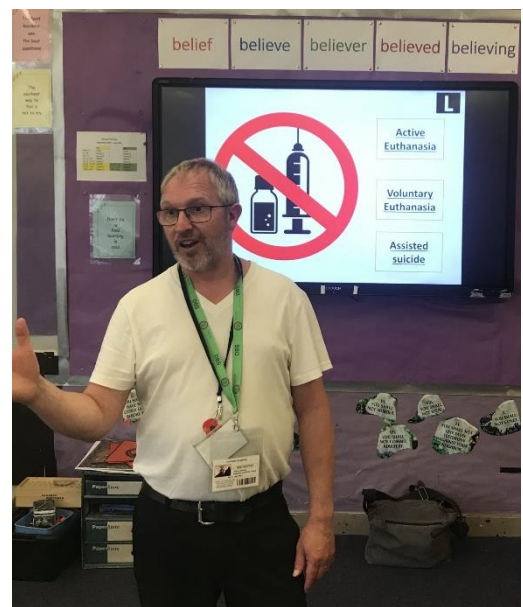
# Spotlight on Curriculum

## RS VISITORS

Imam Shuheb from Chester Road Mosque came into school this week to talk to some of our year 7 students, in religious studies about the most important beliefs and practices of Muslims. Imam complimented some of the excellent questions, showing brilliant thinking from year 7.



Andy Osenton from Wearside Youth For Christ, visited some of our year 9 religious studies lessons this week, as students learned about Christian beliefs and about the value and sanctity of life. Some very well thought out views were shared by students in the lesson with Andy.



# Assemblies

## Cyber Bullying

This week, assemblies looked at the dangers and concerns over cyber bullying and harassment. Students learned about what cyber bullying is, what impact it has, and most importantly, what we can do to support ourselves and each other. We are really proud of the maturity of our students, who also discussed these issues within tutor groups. Our students know that we need to be thoughtful about what we share or say that may hurt others. We need to be kind to one another online and in real life.

# 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

# 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, students 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:  
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