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Parental Newsletter

Message from Head Teacher

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We have had an excellent start to the new school year. Students have returned looking very smart in their uniforms. A massive thank you goes out to all parents and carers who have helped this to happen and supported us with the two new additional items of a black jumper and a school bag.

You will be aware that we introduced planners this year to support students' organisation, in addition, all students were given a pencil case of school equipment. We ask that you replace items as and when needed.

I would like to welcome all year 7 parents to our school community, your children have made an excellent start, this week, to their Thornhill journey.

During the summer we have been doing a lot of work on the school site, sprucing up classrooms and corridors. Whilst we have an old building, it is benefiting from some TLC and really looking smart.

I have mentioned previously that we have been named as one of 500 schools for a rebuild. Over the summer we had our first meeting with regards to starting this process. It's really exciting to see we are underway; I will keep you updated as we move forward.

Also, over the summer we congratulated last year's year 11 on their GCSE results. All the hard work paid off, and we are very proud of their achievements. In a year where GCSE grades were pulled back, as a school we strengthened and demonstrated improvement. Now we start the whole cycle again. It's an exciting journey, to have the privilege to lead and work with such fantastic staff and students on a daily basis.

I wish you all a lovely, warm, sunny weekend, probably the last of the year, so take some time to enjoy!

Sue Hamilton

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School News



ParentPay App – REGISTER TO WIN!

Just a reminder that Thornhill Academy is moving to become a cashless school. All payments for school lunches, trips and equipment should be made securely via ParentPay.

All parents and carers who had not yet accessed ParentPay should have received their unique log in details via post over the summer holidays. If you have not received these, please contact the main school office who will be able to send them to you.

Remember to register ASAP to be in with a chance of winning a £50 shopping voucher – the winner will be drawn on 25th September.



Careers

Law Work Experience & Insight Events - FAO Careers & Students in Y10, 11

Calling all aspiring legal professionals, solicitor apprentices and anyone who is considering a career in law, we have something exciting lined up for you this year!

Over 50 leading law firms are all coming together to provide insight events, work experience and solicitor apprenticeship opportunities for students up and down the country.

To kick things off, we are holding a virtual event on Wednesday 20th September, 5pm – 6:30pm to tell you all about this brand-new initiative, where you will be able to hear from over 20 of City Century's law firms about the opportunities they have on offer.

Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3Q5WM3>

Careers Chats

Next week, on Monday, our Careers talks start up again. This is where every child in the current year 11 will receive at least 1 opportunity to speak to an independent careers advisor, to explore their futures and gain personalised advice and guidance.

Personal Development update

Form time - This week students have been focusing on their transition to their new year group, as well as new routines and expectations. There has been time to reflect and set goals for the year ahead.

Next week there will be an opportunity for students to sign up to become form group representatives and we will also launch our co-curricular offer for students to sign up to.

Equipment- Students have been issued with the equipment they need and their new planner. It is important that students have this with them each and every day so that they are ready for learning and embed good habits of organisation and preparedness. This will lead to success in later life.

It is expected that this equipment is on their desk at the start of every lesson and that homework and attendance is recorded, as and when directed. Replacement equipment, including planners, can be purchased via parent pay.

100 Talks

We are very lucky to have been selected for a national roadshow of 100 talks focussing on mental health. Our year 10s have been selected for this inspirational experience to enrich their own personal development. This will take place during period 5 on Tuesday. Parents can find out more via the link below:

<https://100talksforchange.com/>

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/>

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

Standards and expectations – Uniform and Equipment

We would like to thank our parents and carers for the support they have provided to ensure our students return to school in full school uniform, with a bag and equipped for learning. The standard of uniform is excellent, and students are wearing this with pride. We want to maintain the highest possible standards for our students to achieve excellence, which is what our students deserve. Please can we ask for your ongoing support moving forward to maintain these standards.

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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