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Parental Newsletter

Message from Head Teacher

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It seems hard to believe that we are now two weeks into term. Staff and students are now settled into the new systems and routines.

Our new year 7 students have made an excellent start to their Thornhill career and are quickly getting familiarised with our huge site.

It is also fantastic to hear so many positive comments from visitors and local residents about how warm and friendly our school is, and how mannerly our students are in the local community.

On Monday, we are holding our open evening for prospective new students for September 2024. This runs from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. It is great to see students keen to support us with this event.

Please come along if you have children in year 5 or 6 and see for yourself Thornhill '23', it looks and feels a very different school and we would be very proud to talk to you about it.

Sue Hamilton

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School News



Thornhill Academy's

Year 5 and Year 6 Open Evening

**Monday 18th September
2023 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm**

Join us on our Open Evening to find out all that we have to offer.
Headteacher presentations will take place in the Tom Cowie at
4pm and 5pm





Free School Meals Process

You must apply for Free School Meals using our quick and easy online form:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

PLEASE NOTE: if your child is currently receiving free school meals, you must still apply via the link above to reconfirm your eligibility direct with the academy – this also applies to new year 7 students moving from primary to secondary.

Don't let your child miss out.

We encourage all parents and guardians to apply irrespective of their income. This is because if your circumstances change, you will automatically be enrolled, and your child can start receiving free school meals right away.

But it's not just about the free meals.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. This additional funding is used to improve educational provisions and resources at the academy.



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.



The best way to pay for school lunches is through ParentPay, however there is a limited option to add cash via a cash loader in the Thumbprint (although students will only have access to this during break and lunchtime).



Thornhill Academy Breakfast Club

Free breakfast available for ALL students

Monday to Friday 8:00am

**A great way for them to start their day
and get ready for learning.**



Careers

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

Calling all aspiring legal professionals, solicitor apprentices and anyone who's 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'll 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 our 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, which 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 10 students 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 Curriculum

PE

Making a splash!

Thornhill pupils have been making a splash this week, by diving feet first into their block of swimming. The key focus for this half term is life and aquatic skills around water safety. Year 7 and year 8 pupils have been exploring the swimming pool, identifying hazards and equipment, as well as entry and exit strategies. They have also focused on two key strokes, with an element of more advanced skills, such as, tumble turns and racing styles. They have been working extremely hard and developing their confidence. Keep it up.

Our KS4 pupils have also been working hard this half term in the swimming pool. They have been studying different elements of their own personal safety in the water, in both deep and shallow depths. They have developed the skills to carry out a rescue in different scenarios that might occur around water, as an individual or as a team. They will continue to develop these skills and look at basic CPR and first aid around water safety. Fantastic effort.



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

Students have returned to school with excellent standards of uniform, including a bag and we have provided students with a pencil case of equipment and a planner. Please can you ensure that your child has their bag, equipment and planner each day as they attend school as this ensures that they are fully equipped to learn. Black knitted V neck jumpers can be placed in bags when it is warm. A dark coloured waterproof coat can also be worn or carried in the bag for times when it is needed.

Please could we remind parents that students are not permitted to wear jewellery with the exception of a single pair of stud earrings. Nose rings are not permitted and must be

removed. Please could we ask for your support to ensure these items remain at home so that confiscation in school is not necessary.

Planners will be on the desk in each lesson and will be utilised more over coming weeks to record homework and also a method of communication with parents. Students will record their cumulative attendance each week. Please can I ask that you look at the planner and sign it each week.

Class Charts

Class charts is the main method of communication between staff, parents and pupils. Please can we ask you to ensure that as a parent you have downloaded the app or access class charts via the browser <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login> to login. If you do not have these details or need your password resetting, please contact school and we can give you this over the phone or alternatively email thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com

Attendance

Attendance in school is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care. Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results. With this in mind please can we ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school each day and any appointments are made outside of the school day.

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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