



Thornhill
Academy
Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

Parental Newsletter

Message from Head Teacher

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As I mentioned last week, students, parents and staff from our school attended the Consilium Academies awards ceremony, on Friday the 13th of October at The Queens Hotel in Leeds.

As many of you are aware, we are part of the Consilium Academies family, which is a multi-academy trust made up of nine academies. The trust first held these awards back in 2021 and they were created so the trust can ensure that inspiring students and staff receive the recognition they deserve.

The awards evening was a huge success with six categories of awards being handed out based on the Consilium Charter. The categories were:

- Equity
- Excellence
- Integrity
- Opportunity
- Partnership
- People Centred

We are delighted to tell you that Thornhill's Mark Leadbeater was the staff winner, in the Opportunity category for regularly liaising with external agencies to provide additional opportunities for students, including theatre visits and the annual Christmas concert. He is committed to giving students the chance to perform and showcase their talents.

Enriching Lives and Inspiring Ambitions is core to everyone at Consilium. Here at Thornhill, Mark does everything within his power to ensure that our students absolutely get every opportunity to really achieve this, and in many cases uncover talents we, or they, did not know they had.



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His work goes far beyond the school and what we can do within it, he makes links outside our academy, to give our students opportunities to perform in the local community. These range from primary school events at local parks, to some prestigious local venues, including 17Nineteen, The City Hall and The Sunderland Empire.

I am certain that many of you will believe that this was a well-deserved award for Mark.

As we move into half term, I want to thank you all for your continued support for your child's education at Thornhill. This has been a really successful half term. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday 30th October, for the start of what will no doubt be another action packed half term. For now, though, we wish all our students and staff an enjoyable and well deserved rest.

Sue Hamilton

To view all Parents Letters please click the link below:
[*View Parents Letters*](#)

School News

Open Evening:

Year 11 Thursday, 2nd November

ParentPay App

Thank you to those parents and carers that have registered to use ParentPay over the summer and the start of the new year.

Across school, we still have nearly half of all students whose parents or carers have not registered for ParentPay, meaning that we are seeing huge amounts of cash on site. From a security and safeguarding standpoint, we want to stop this.

YOU MUST REGISTER FOR PARENTPAY NOW

If you need help completing the registration, we are happy to accommodate this in school. Please phone 0191 500 7981 and if we cannot help over the telephone, we can book a convenient time for you to attend school so that we can work together to activate your account.

If you do not register or advise school why you are unable to, your child may miss out on opportunities as ParentPay is the quickest way to pay

Easyfundraising

Thornhill Academy are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All funds raised will be paid directly to the Academy to use for the benefit of the students.

These donations really mount up and make a big difference to us, so we would really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It is completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thornhill-academy/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=qs-email1



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My name is Josh and I'm a Customer Success Manager at easyfundraising. I'm passionate about helping you get the most out of easyfundraising for Thornhill Academy.

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- ★ Search for the brand you want to shop with on easyfundraising.
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Look out for more emails from me where I'll be sharing tips and advice to help you raise as much as possible. Just reply to this email if you have any questions - I'm here to help you get started.



Josh Lloyd

Customer Success Manager, easyfundraising



YEAR 7 & 8

HALLOWEEN PARTY

30TH OCTOBER 2023

3.30PM - 5PM

£2 PER TICKET

**AVAILABLE TO BUY AT MAIN RECEPTION OR ON
PARENTPAY**

**PUPILS WITH ZERO NEGATIVE POINTS ON
CLASSCHARTS AND 100% ATTENDANCE WILL BE
GIVEN A FREE ENTRY GOLDEN TICKET**





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.





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.**



School Teams

Well done to our KS4 netball team in the first half of our Central League venues on Monday. They played brilliantly and held their own. This has put them in a strong position going into the second half of the competition. Good luck!



Well done to our Football and Netball teams in Wednesday's fixtures. They played amazingly and represented the school extremely well. Great job!



Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme



The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme - named 'Wear Here 4' in Sunderland - is a Department for Education funded programme delivered locally and providing fun, enriching activities and tasty, nutritious meals during school holidays.

Wear Here 4 Spring, Summer and Winter programmes provide school aged children with an opportunity to get involved in a range of activities centred around sports, culture, arts and learning, as well as providing healthy meals and activities based on developing cooking skills and knowledge about nutrition, that families can use at home. Young people also get the chance to socialise with friends and make new ones, with children across the city coming together to get involved.

With more clubs and an ever-growing range of activities and provision. there is something for everyone. From sports to dance, weightlifting and there is even a spot of science.

We want to give children the chance to have healthy happy holidays so they can:

- be more active
- learn new skills
- meet up with friends and make new ones
- get a tasty nutritious meal
- work together and stay safe

Who is the programme for:

Funding for the programme has been provided from the Department for Education (DfE) to Together for Children for families eligible for Free School Meals.

To support other families who don't fall into the FSM criteria and are struggling with the cost of living funding from Public Health has been received to expand our HAF offer for Wear here 4 Spring, Summer and Winter programmes.

Sessions are free for children and young people who:

- Live in Sunderland
- Are of school age (between 4 and 16 years old)
- Are eligible for means-tested free school meals during term time
- Are in a family struggling with the cost of living
- Have a special educational need or disability (up to age 25)

For more information follow the link below

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/HAF>

Careers

Apprenticeships workshop- B&Q

Fifteen year 11 students signed up to a targeted workshop, to support them in understanding the process for applying for apprenticeships. This was facilitated by the national organisation, Wisser Futures, in conjunction with B&Q. There will be more opportunities in the next half term for student in year 10 and year 11 to continue to explore the apprenticeship route and obtain the bespoke support they need for success.



Newcastle University

This week we welcomed Newcastle university into school, to meet with our year 11 students, to find out more about university life and for students to consider their aspirations for the future. We look forward to running more sessions next half term for Year 7, Year 9 and Year 10 with St Annes College at Oxford University.



Futures Fair

Please look out for a letter inviting all parents to our Futures Fair on 2nd November. We have invited a wide range of local employers and training providers into school, to share with students the range of opportunities and pathways available to them in the future. All students will visit our event throughout the day and will be given a task to encourage them to speak to as many visitors as possible, to build their knowledge of the local labour market, routes into further educational, employment and training as well as finding out more about the world of work.

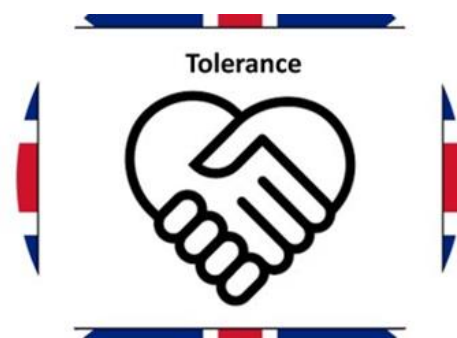
After 3:15pm, we open this invitation to all parents too. Our careers fair will run through to 5pm to allow parents, carers and other family and friends, to visit, to further support your child or even to explore opportunities for yourselves.

Blast from the past... Our 2015 Careers Event



Personal Development

In our personal development tutor session this week, in response to student curiosity and concern, we have taken the opportunity to learn about the current conflict in Gaza. It is important for our students to educate themselves equally about the beliefs, experiences and history of people on both sides of this conflict. Students were encouraged to reflect upon how people living, in or with connections to that part of our world must be feeling right now. In addition, it is important students know how we can stand up for what we believe, and surface important discussions, in ways that demonstrate tolerance and mutual respect. This is part of the fundamental British Values we teach and is important to our diverse school community, which we are very proud of.



Half term



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www.speakersforschools.org



Melissa James - Singer Songwriter

Employer: Melissa James

Age: 14 - 19

Industry: Arts

Type: Virtual insight day

Date: 23/10/2023

Timings: 12:00 - 14:00

Duration: 1 day



Fantastic Early Career and Apprenticeship Insight Into The Construction Industry With Danny Sullivan

Employer: Danny Sullivan Group

Age: 14 - 19

Industry: Construction

Type: Virtual insight day

Date: 24/10/2023

Timings: 10:00 - 13:00



There's an App for that! - Academic Fish

Industry: Computing & IT

Date: 24/10/2023

Time: 11:30 am

Employer: Academic Fish



See Mrs Crooks to
sign up for this one!

SPRINGER NATURE

Explore The World of
Publishing

Employer: Springer Nature

Age: 14 - 16

Industry: Science

Type: Virtual work experience

Date: 23/10/2023

Timings: 10:00 - 15:30

Duration: 5 days



IT STARTS HERE - Virtual Insight Day with Santander

Employer: Santander

Age: 14 - 19

Industry: Banking

Type: Virtual insight day

Date: 24/10/2023

Timings: 10:00 - 13:00

Duration: 1 day



J Murphy 4 day VWEX

Employer: Murphy and Sons

Age: 14 - 19

Industry: Construction

Type: Virtual work experience

Date: 23/10/2023

Timings: 10:00 - 15:00

Duration: 4 days

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For students interested in a future career in the Arts, the Northern School of Art begin their open events next week. More information and links to sign up, can be found on their website here:

<https://northernart.ac.uk/study-with-us/middlesbrough-campus/a-level-ual-diploma-access-hnd-courses/>

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OPEN DAYS

MIDDLESBROUGH

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SAT 13 TH JAN	SAT 15 TH JUNE

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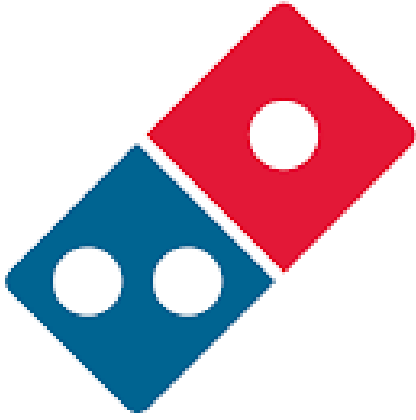
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Attendance

Attendance Streaks

Students who have 100% attendance, have reached 35 streaks for the consecutive days they have been in school were entered into a prize draw. Four students have won £25 vouchers for JD and Primark. Students were delighted to win. Well done to everyone who made the prize draw!





7MPO were the winning tutor group with the highest attendance in school, year to date and the highest number of streaks. This afternoon Mr McGee and his Tutor Group have had a Domino's Pizza party in the Thumbprint. Everyone was so excited.

Well done everyone!!



Assemblies

This week, our assemblies have focused on our students' careers education. This was to ensure all students understand the purpose of their career's education, and to sign post the range of opportunities available to them in each year.

Year 7 and year 8 will be exploring the world of work, and different roles within an organisation as well as reflecting on themselves, their interests, values, and setting goals to develop their skills.

Year 9 have an important year ahead, as they begin to consider their options for key stage 4 and understanding how different subjects, interests and skills link to different careers and pathways will be very important to help them make the best decisions.

Year 10 have begun their careers pathways and will be using our careers platform Morrisby a lot this year, as they plan and prepare for their workplace experience in the summer term. We will also be looking at how we build our employability skills, prepare for work and create applications and CVs.

Year 11 are now ready to make applications for college, sixth forms, apprenticeships and training programmes. We aim to give them as much exposure, to help students keep their

options open and make successful applications. All Year 11 students also receive independent 1:1 advice and guidance from Career Wave.

In all year groups there are opportunities across the year to:

- Meet employers and training providers
- Meet with further and higher education providers
- Gain a trip or visit with a career focus
- Track careers education on Morrisby
- Explore careers linked to subject areas and interest
- Develop their employability skills

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

A massive thank you to parents for their support in ensuring students have full uniform, including a jumper, bag, equipment, and planner. If students have misplaced their planner, they can be purchased via the main office and money is payable via Parent Pay for £4. Other stationary items can also be purchased in the same way, 25p per item or £1.50 for the pencil case with all equipment.

Class Charts - PLEASE LOGIN

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.



Class charts is the main method of communication between staff, parents and pupils. 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 enquiries@consilium-at.com

Attendance

As we approach the end of our first half term, we would like to celebrate the attendance of our students to date. We have been running an incentive, based upon streaks, a student gains 5 streaks for 5 consecutive days in school. If a child has an absence or a U code for arriving after 9.10am then they reset to zero. Students with the highest number of streaks will be placed in a prize draw to win a £25 voucher for a High Street store. The prize draw will take place next week.

The Tutor Group with the highest average number of streaks will also be invited to a Pizza Party on Friday 20th October.

Please encourage students to be in school every day for a chance to win!

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!

Parent Information

[Sign up here](#)

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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