



**Thornhill
Academy**
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Thornhill Parent Update 28th March 2024

As the term draws to a close and the netball season ends, I want to acknowledge our fantastic KS3 Netball team, who have worked hard throughout the season to develop their skills and grow as a team. Their focus and commitment have helped them to develop their confidence and taken their playing ability to the next level. They have truly displayed the Thornhill values of Opportunity, Partnership and Excellence.

Another group of students who have displayed our Thornhill values in the last week, have been members of our school choir, who performed in a ten-piece vocal ensemble when they were given a phenomenal opportunity to perform at the Red Sky Foundation Ball, at the Beacon of Light last Friday. Ben Forster, a former pupil of Thornhill who is now an actor and past winner of ITV's Superstar competition in 2012, invited our students to perform with him. Their performance was superb, and they fully enjoyed the opportunity to perform with Ben at such a prestigious event.

There have been so many opportunities in the last term for our students, and it is great to see them embracing new challenges and trying new things.

We return to school on Monday 15th April for the summer term, when year 11 GCSE exams will be quickly upon us. Year 11 are working so hard on the lead up to their exams, we are really proud of the way they are responding to the vast array of intervention sessions, period 6 lessons, twilight masterclasses and holiday revision sessions. Staff have ensured they have lots of helpful materials to support their revision over the Easter break. None of this would be possible, if it weren't for the absolute focus and dedication of our Thornhill staff team, who pull together phenomenally to make sure that our students have excellent support and preparation.

As we break now for the holidays, may I wish you a Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak! I hope that you all get the opportunity for some quality time with loved ones and friends.

We look forward to the new term and all that this will bring.

Mrs S Hamilton

Headteacher



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Free School Meal Vouchers

We have received confirmation from the Local Authority that they will, once again, be supporting families with the cost of meals over the Easter school break. Vouchers of £60 will be issued to families for each child in school who is in receipt of free school meals.

If you do not currently receive free school meal entitlement, please check via FSM checker ASAP and you may be able to claim free school meals and the £60 voucher for Easter.

Breakfast Club



How does a healthy breakfast make you feel?

In a good mood?



Able to concentrate?



Full of energy



Alert?



Focused?



Eating a healthy breakfast makes a difference

join us for a free breakfast every morning

THE MERCIANS

THE UK'S BEST UP & COMING INDIE ROCK BAND

WITH THEIR LATEST UK ALTERNATIVE
NUMBER ONE SINGLE 'POLAROID' OUT NOW

COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL ON

Thursday 18th April



Thornhill Netball Teams



As the season draws to a close for this academic year, Thornhills KS3 netball teams have played brilliantly. They have developed their skills from primary, and adapted this into secondary netball and taken it to the next level. Last night was their final tournament of the season and they narrowly missed out on securing a place in the semi-finals. However, despite this, they have grown in confidence this past season, developed great teamwork, and worked on their own personal skill sets to contribute fantastically to the team.

KS4 netballers have had a number of successes this season, and they have played numerous central league venues against all schools in the local area. Their leadership and commitment to each other, and the school has been fantastic to see. Although there aren't any competitions coming up over the summer term for netball, we still have training on, on a Monday after school, as well as some friendly fixtures. Keep looking on our school website for our range of summer season sports and clubs, such as athletics, rounders, cricket, and tennis.

Assemblies

This week our assemblies celebrated the achievements of our students across the term. In addition to their excellence in lessons, so much has happened in this term where students have taken advantage of opportunities to enrich their school experiences

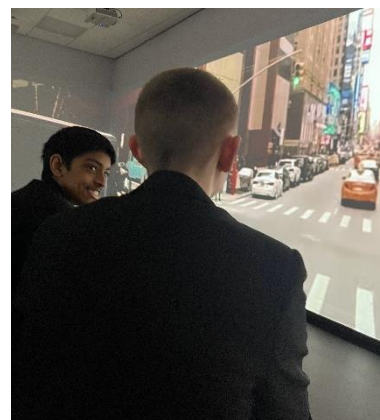
Visits from universities, NHS careers shows, the start of our M10 mentoring, launch of work experience, motivational and mental health workshops, STEM and digital careers lessons, healthy lifestyles performances and lessons, college and 6th form assemblies, the launch of our Company Programme and Social Enterprise Academy, team building events, financial awareness week, inspiration day, STEM challenges, History curriculum events and more!

Our students have demonstrated that they can work in partnership with a wide range of adults and visitors to our school, showing enthusiasm, respect and cooperation.

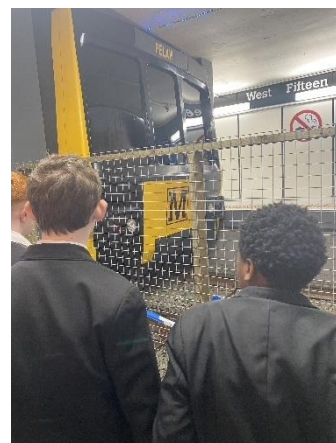
Whilst we are proud of all of our students' achievements, it has been a great pleasure to issue certificates and prizes to those identified by their Head of Year as going above and beyond this term.

Co-Curricular Trips and Rewards

As a thank you to our Year 9 students, we spent the day at Sunderland College City Campus on Wednesday and visited their Bistro. Students worked within the Bistro, to make pizza's and even took a trip to France through the college's immersive experience room. This was not only a great reward for our students, but also an insight into future destinations and possibilities of education beyond Thornhill.



Year 8 students also visited SafetyWorks in Newcastle. At SafetyWorks, young people experienced a range of interactive safety scenarios in impressive, true-to-life settings, helping them learn how to prevent danger and live safely. The students were exemplary and took a mature approach to each activity.



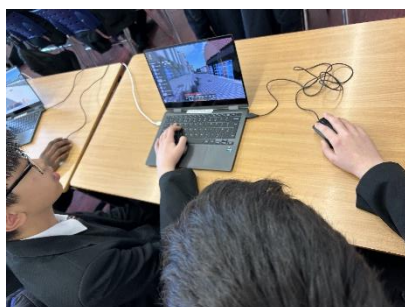
As a thank you to our year 8 students, we created an opportunity for students to enter a city-wide Minecraft competition.

Sunderland City Council, together with Culture House, have teamed up with Microsoft and TA Education to launch an exciting competition for young people in Sunderland. The competition aims to inspire children and young people, and to give a taste of what's to come when Culture House Sunderland opens its doors in 2025. Students were invited to submit their own designs for the Culture House Teen Room, by creating their dream space in Minecraft. Themes and strands from winning designs in each age category, will be used to influence

and inspire the Culture House architects, FaulknerBrowns, to present a final design that echoes the hearts and minds of our young people.

Entries will be assessed based on the following awards and we wish our students the best of luck!

- Creative award
- Collaborative award
- Dynamic award
- Futuristic award



Careers

To round off an exciting term of careers event for students, we held our 4th Business Breakfast of the year on Tuesday 26th March. With representatives from Newcastle Building Society, Gateshead College, The Army, Caterpillar and SETA! So many students engaged in great conversations about future jobs, careers and pathways. We had lots of prizes to give away!



If any parents or family members would like to get involved in joining us to talk to students informally about their career pathway, please contact Mrs Crooks for more information (cherry.crooks@consilium-at.com)

Living History

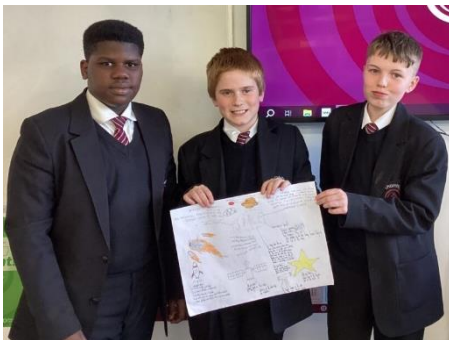
This week, our year 8 students had the amazing opportunity of experiencing living history. We were joined by historians who re-enact the East Indian Company. They explained the role of the British army during it's conflicts under the empire, where students were able to take part in combat drills and handle artefacts from the 1800's.

Well done year 8, who were all enthusiastic in taking part.



Science

The theme, this year, for British science week was time. Our KS3 classes made some posters.



Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant to join our team at Thornhill Academy

Salary: £19,330.10 - £19,984.60

Contract: Permanent

Closing date: 15th April 2024

[Apply](#)

Thornhill Academy – Invigilators Required

Are you (or someone you know) interested in becoming one of our diligent exam invigilators?

You must be over 18 years old and **available between Monday 13th May until Friday 28th June 2024.**



Please contact Thornhill Academy for more details on **0191 500 7981** or email **thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com**

ParentPay App

Student Information – PLEASE UPDATE NOW

It is important that we have up to date information on your child. This includes correct address and telephone numbers, emergency contact details, medical updates, including allergies, etc.

Much of this can be updated by parents/carers through the ParentApp. Please log into ParentApp and check that all the information that we hold for your child is correct and update where necessary.

If you are unable to access ParentApp, please contact the main school office who will be happy to assist by making the changes and helping you set up ParentApp for future use.

Free School Meals

Please see the school details for information around Free School Meal entitlement. If you are not currently entitled to receive Free School Meals, complete the form and if, in the future, circumstances change, the entitlement could automatically start for your child.

Lunch Accounts

We are currently looking at all student lunch accounts and will be contacting parents/carers where there is significant debt on a student's account. We will no longer be able to provide meals for those students who have considerable debt on their accounts and who make no payment to reduce the balance.

Please clear any overdrawn balance now or contact the main school office if this will cause undue financial burden.

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/>

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 thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com

Please can we remind all parents that we request students to be on site for 8.30am each day, classes start at 8.40am prompt.

We would like to thank you in advance with your support on this matter.

Stage 1	45 minutes After School Detention
Stage 2	Day in Reflection & 45 minute After School Detention
Stage 3	60-minute SLT Detention - Friday
Stage 4	Parental Meeting

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](#)

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



Twitter@thornhill_uk
Instagram@thornhill_academy
FacebookThornhill Academy

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

SOUTH SHIELDS SURF SCHOOL


SESSION	DATE & TIME	AGE & PRICE
HOLIDAY ACTIVITY & FOOD PROGRAM (ACTIVITY WEATHER DEPENDENT)	WED 3RD - FRI 5TH APRIL & WED 10TH - FRI 12TH APRIL 10-12PM	11-16 YEARS FREE FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS
KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB	MON 1ST - FRI 5TH APRIL & MON 8TH - FRI 12TH APRIL 10-2PM	8-16 YEARS FROM £35 PER DAY
KIDS SURF LESSON	EVERYDAY IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 10-12PM	8-16 YEARS £20pp
OPEN SURF LESSON	EVERYDAY IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2-4PM	8 YEARS + £20pp
MINI SURFERS	SATURDAY & SUNDAY 11-12PM	6-8 YEARS £10pp
ROCKPOOLING	WED 10TH APRIL 10:30-12PM & SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 12:30 - 2PM	AGES 4+ £5pp
COASTAL EXPLORERS	TUES 2ND - FRI 5TH APRIL & TUES 9TH - FRI 12TH APRIL 09:30-12:30PM	AGES 5+ £10pp
KIDS STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING	EVERYDAY IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 10:30-12PM	AGES 8+ £20pp
OPEN STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING	EVERYDAY IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2-4PM	AGES 8+ £20pp
KIDS SEN SURF LESSON	SUNDAYS 10-11PM	PLEASE EMAIL : INFO@SOUTHSHIELDSURF.CO.UK FOR MORE INFO
ADAPTIVE SURF LESSONS	AT YOUR CONVENIENCE	PLEASE EMAIL : INFO@SOUTHSHIELDSURF.CO.UK FOR MORE INFO

Website : <https://www.southshieldsurf.co.uk/>

Booking website: <https://southshieldssurf.bloowatch.com/booking>

Active Sunderland

Active Sunderland have Free Family Tennis Sessions are taking place across the city during the Easter Holidays. All sessions are free to attend, you don't have to book – just turn up and play!!!




**GIVE
TENNIS
A GO**

**at
Sunderland Parks**

FREE Family Tennis Sessions
2nd April - 13th April
Across 7 Sunderland Parks

No need to book, just turn up!
All equipment provided.

For more info on Sunderland Parks Tennis, visit:
clubspark.lta.org.uk/SunderlandParksTennis

Active Sunderland  **everyone
ACTIVE**

Tuesday 2nd April -
Roker Park - 11.30am - 1pm
Barley Mow Park - 1.30pm - 3pm

Thursday 4th April -
Thompson Park - 11.30am - 1pm
Ryhope Park - 1.30pm - 3pm

Friday 5th April -
Hetton Park - 10am - 11.30am
Barnes Park - 12pm - 1.30pm

Saturday 6th April -
Usworth Park - 12.30pm - 2pm

Sunday 7th April -
Roker Park - 10am - 11am

Tuesday 9th April -
Roker Park - 11.30am - 1pm
Barley Mow Park - 1.30pm - 3pm

Wednesday 10th April -
Hetton Park - 11.30am - 1pm
Barnes Park - 1.30pm - 3pm

Thursday 11th April -
Thompson Park - 11.30am - 1pm
Ryhope Park - 1.30pm - 3pm

Saturday 13th April -
Usworth Park - 12.30pm - 2pm

Sunday 14th April -
Roker Park - 10am - 11am