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Thornhill Parent Update 19th April 2024

Here we are already in the summer term of 2023- 24, I can't believe how quickly time is going by. I think that this is something that our year 11 students are feeling too. Already, we are in the cycle of exams with year 11 students working on art and photography exams this week. Before we know it, the main series will be upon us. We are very proud of how this year group are responding to the demands and expectations of them at this time. They are certainly embracing all the additional opportunities for support which are coming their way.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support with ensuring the standards of uniform are reaching the standards of excellence we expect. Please continue to remind them about wearing correct uniform and not wearing jewellery to school. We have seen significant improvements in the absence of jewellery, headphones and mobile phones this week. It's great to see our young people buying into our school culture.

Our new morning Line up for Learning has also been hugely successful and has supported an orderly start to the school day, and ensured messages about uniform and standards are received by all at the very start of the day. Please can I ask that you remind your children that they should be in the school grounds for 8.30am and registration occurs in line up at 8.40am. Students arriving after 8.40am are late for school, they miss important information and their morning AM- PD session. We have renamed tutorial period as AM-PD (Morning personal development) to emphasise that this period of time is a structured lesson, or assembly period, and has significant importance to them for both their day in school, and their wider lives.

Our students' wellbeing and safety is of paramount importance to us. Over the holidays, we have launched our "Thornhill Cares" initiative. There has been considerable work done on the Safeguarding and Well Being section of our website to make it more user friendly and fully outline our commitment to our students and their families. You will find information on support we have on offer to our students, more information on our trusted adult commitment and contact details of the "Thornhill Cares" team. Please take some time to look over this area and familiarise yourself with its content. For ease you can follow this link to explore this area <https://shorturl.at/wDL67>

Once again, thank you for commitment to our work with your children in school, it is never taken for granted, our partnership with you is what helps to support our children to have success in their time with us at Thornhill.

Mrs S Hamilton

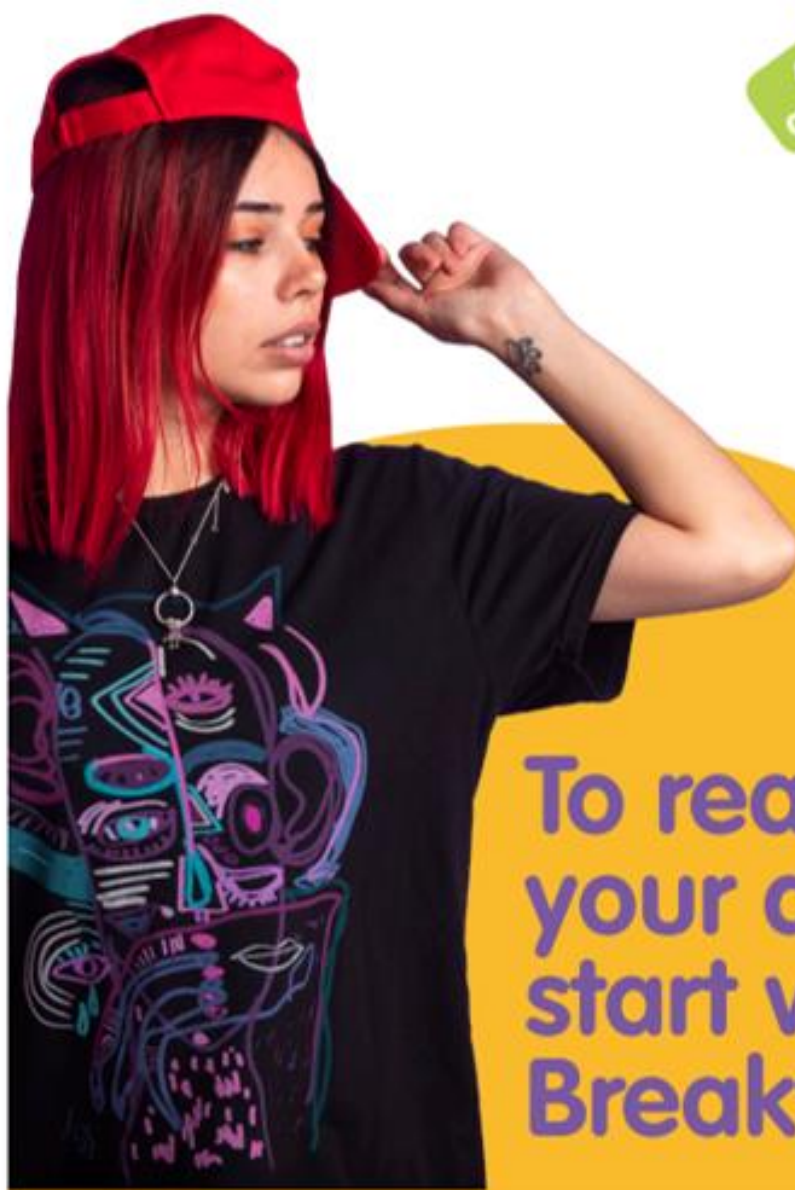
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Breakfast Club



To reach
your dreams,
start with
Breakfast.

Research found that pupils who ate a regular breakfast scored two grades higher in their GCSE's!

Where to get breakie?

Location: Thumbprint

Time: 8:30am

Assemblies

In our assemblies this week, Mrs Hamilton and Mr Briggs spoke to the students about our values as a school.

Partnerships

Opportunity

Excellence

Students were asked to:

- Reflect on their good and bad habits around school, and what will make them successful now, and in the future.
- Identify good habits and celebrate them. Talk about them with each other and reflect on how they feel when they are recognised.
- Identify their bad habits and acknowledge them. Be willing to change them and be OK with the time it may take to change them.

We are increasing the frequency and range of ways in which we will recognize and reward students and hope to see all our students shining bright with good habits and working hard to improve the bad ones!

Personal development

This week, we launched our Girls Network. This is a series of 3 workshops designed to build confidence and independence, with our amazing year 9 girls. Students explored their own personal brand identifying strengths and qualities, as well as reflecting on where they might be in 5 years' time.

Our Boys Network also continues next week, which will focus on motivation, both intrinsic and extrinsic, and how this is needed for success. M10, who run our Boys Networks will be offering an opportunity to a wider range for year 10 boys, to complete some workshops later in this half term. These are great opportunities and rewards for our dedicated students.



Mental health is also a focus for our opportunities and rewards this week, with a visit from The Mercians. The Mercians are an up-and-coming rock band who are touring schools to share their music as well as share the importance of our awareness, and support for mental health issues.

M10 Boys Network

Year 10 boys were invited to an introductory session to the Boys Network. This is a highly successful mentoring programme aimed at improving confidence, motivation and preparedness for future work and employment for our young men. Some of the topics include, self-awareness, resilience, empathy, budget management and interview skills. Students and parents have received an information and consent letter to sign up to the programme. Only 15 spaces are available!

Workplace experience

Year 10 received an additional assembly this week, to introduce them to the process of workplace experience. This experience gives students the chance to find out about themselves, about careers and find future opportunities. Work experience for all year 10 will take place in the week beginning 8th July. Students will either spend 5 days out of school, completing a face-to-face workplace experience, which they find for themselves, or spend time in school on a range of virtual, and in school workplace experience activities.

All year 10 students have been encouraged to begin seeking their own placements. Future assemblies will support them in preparing well for this fantastic opportunity. Below is a sample of the experiences gained last year!

Jobs that use... >

Explore jobs that use your favourite school subjects.



History



PE



Food and nutrition



Media studies



Art and design



Design and technology



Modern languages



English and Drama



Geography



Science



Computing and ICT

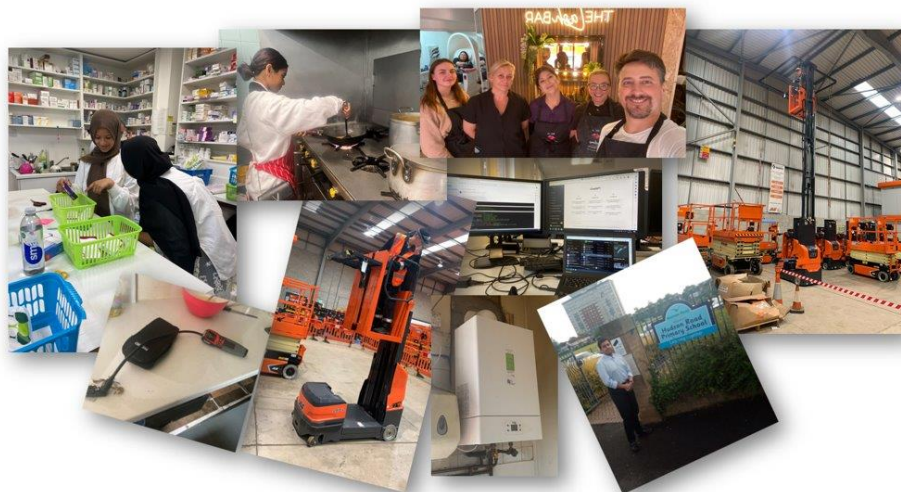


More subjects

Careers

NHS Roadshow

On Wednesday, all year 8 students will participate in the Annual NHS Roadshow. This follows on from their 'Step into the NHS' careers competition work in guidance lesson last half term. In this engaging and interactive performance, students learned about the wide range of careers and opportunities available in one of the world's largest organisations. As well as the different academic, vocational and work-related pathways ahead of them.



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



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