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Thornhill Parent Update 26th April 2024

This week, we have been really excited to see the opening of our Rewards Store at breaktime on Wonderful Work Wednesday. There was a real buzz on the yard, as students were proud to share their Wonderful Work and rewards stickers, in exchange for a small treat. Our students have been really keen to see the developments of our Rewards Store, which is now live on Class Charts. Students can choose to exchange their Class Charts Praise Points for a range of items. It's great for students to gain something tangible for their efforts, with our school values of Partnership, Opportunity and Excellence.

Support for our students is at the very heart of what we do, and this week has seen some intensive work around our Thornhill Cares ethos. We have a group of 15 PALS peer mentors, who are working with a number of our year 7 and 8 pupils providing peer support. The partnership working of the PALS with the younger students, is hugely important for the well-being of our younger students. The dedication of our PALS to their school community and other young people, highlights that the whole school community really do care about each other from peers to peers, staff to pupil and school to families. If you feel your child would benefit from our PALS, please contact school via your child's Head of Year, or through the email address below.

Our PALS have also this week, been busy visiting form groups across the school, supporting students in identifying their Trusted Adult. All students have identified at least one Trusted Adult in school, with a large portion of children identifying multiple members of staff. A trusted adult is an adult in school, who your child feels comfortable with, to go to with concerns or worries. But beyond that, is an adult who champions your child, ensures they know they can do their best, and deserve excellence. They will do everything to ensure your child has the support in place to be the best version of themselves. This also enables us to enhance the support in place for some of our young people if it is needed.

If you wish to explore further support for your child or discuss our Thornhill Cares ethos, please visit the newly revised safeguarding and wellbeing section of our website for further and contact details, you can follow this link [safeguarding + wellbeing](#). Alternatively, you can use our new dedicated email address Thornhillcares@consilium-at.com

Your feedback and suggestions around our work is always appreciated, we would love to know what you think about the work we are doing.

Mrs S Hamilton

Headteacher



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Important Information

School will be closed to year 7 – 10 pupils on Friday 24th May for a school INSET day. Year 11 students are expected to attend on this date. School will then be closed from Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May for half term. School will reopen to all students on Monday 3rd June.

We are seeing increasing lunch account debt within school. Whilst we will not see a child without a meal in school all day, we cannot continue to offer the full menu.

From Monday 29th April, if your child's lunch account is overdrawn in excess of £10.00, you should either add funds or send them into school with a packed lunch. If not, we will only be able to offer the following food choices at lunchtime:

- Cheese corner sandwich
- Ham corner sandwich
- Jacket potato and beans.

In addition, there is always fresh drinking water available in the canteen.

If you believe that your child is entitled to free school meals and are not currently receiving the entitlement, please enter your details here [FSM checker](#)

The balance on your child's lunch account can be viewed via ParentPay. Alternatively, should you require help, please contact the main school office on 0191 500 7981.

Breakfast Club



How do you feel if you miss breakfast?



**Eating a healthy breakfast makes a
difference**

**Join us for a free breakfast every
morning**

Sunderland School Games Swim Gala

Thornhill are entering the Sunderland School Games Swim Gala.

Pupils must be able to swim 50m.

The event is at the Aquatic Centre in June.

Anyone wanting to take part, the swimming trials will be on Monday 29 April after school.

Don't forget your costume and towel to participate.



Rewards

We have made lots of changes to our Rewards this term which we are very excited about:

1. We are looking to offer a wider range of more frequent reward opportunities for students and for all student to participate in at different times. The Mercians was a great opportunity last week and students have signed up to a visit to Protolab in May also. We are keen to see more student enjoying trips and activities outside of the classroom to enrich their learning.
2. Our praise points now focus on our values of Partnerships, Excellence and Opportunity. By focusing on the things, we value we can reward students for displaying the characteristics we feel are important for their success now and in the future.
3. We want rewards to be little and often. Students are awarded ice-cream tokens for demonstrating our Thornhill way. This is a really popular lunchtime treat and students are striving to do even better to get this recognition and reward.
4. Every Wednesday we celebrate Wonderful Work as part of WOW Wednesday! At break we play celebration music and student are invited to show off their wonderful work and receive a small treat also. Building student pride in their work and developing their intrinsic motivation to do their best work is important to us.
5. Finally, our Thornhill Rewards store opened this week. Student gain points and now can exchange these for a range of products in our store. Anything from stationary items, sweet treats and games to book tokens and Earbuds! There is something for everyone. Student can cash in each week or choose to save up for our big ticket items!

It has been fantastic to get so much help from the students to make our rewards more exciting than they have ever been!



Personal development

This week we continued our Girls network. In this second workshops the girls explored role models and reflected on how they overcame setbacks. The girls looked at re framing some negative thoughts into more positive and motivation. This really helped the girls developing a growth mindset essential for success now and in the future! It will be really exciting for the girls to meet and interview their industry mentors in their final session next week.

Our Boys Network continued next week too which focused on motivation, both intrinsic and extrinsic, and how this is needed for success great piece of advice from one of the mentors was to 'Eat the Frog' - Choose the hardest most difficult task of the day and get it done first. What a boost this gives for motivation for other activities throughout the day! 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 reward for our dedicated students.

In Am'PD this week, students explored the amazing achievements of the 'Hardest Geezer'. This was the story of Russ Cook who travelled the length of Africa. This was a great example of being resilient despite encountering obstacles on the way to reaching a big and challenging goal. We all need resilience to overcome obstacles when chasing our dreams and setting ourselves challenging goals. Rather than quitting, it's important to keep looking for solutions and setting our eyes on the goal, even if things get hard.

Taking it one step at a time is a way to reach big goals - whether literally like in Russ' case or figuratively. Other important ingredients to succeeding in doing something difficult are belief in our own abilities, having skills/practise, and support from others.

Everyone has resources in their lives already that help them get through tough times and that they can build further. Recognising this is part of building our confidence that we will get through whatever life throws at us.



Careers

Year 11- It is essential that all Year 11 students have a secured destination for September. If this is not in place, please ensure your son/daughter seeks support from Miss Mills or Mrs Crooks for support to do so before the exams start.

New Football Academy

Look out for the announcement on Class Charts for any student wishing to get involved in a future football academy with East Durham College



Year 10 additional Work Experience

All year 10 should be sourcing their own work experience placement ready for July. There is an additional opportunity for Y10 students to apply for work experience in June with the NHS Business Services Authority. See the announcement on class charts for more details.



University Unzipped

Year 7 were treated to a session with Northumbria University this week as part of their Careers education. Harry helped student to explore all aspects and 'unzip' university life to raise aspirations and find out more about possible future pathways.



Co-Curricular

We have updated our co-curricular offer based upon feedback from students. Now the nights are lighter, we ask parents to encourage students to take part in at least 1 additional activity each week.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time	Starfish Club (KSE LS) LS Drop in (KSE) Cricket (PE)	Careers Café (FDU Rm 13) LS Drop in (KSE- LS) KS 3 Games (AGI Rm 19) Cricket (PE)	Cricket (LS) Doorstop gigs (KML) LS Drop in (KSE- LS) Mindfulness Colouring (DAT MFL 1) Lego Club (MPO Rm 18)	Lunchtime Music (KML- Music) LS Drop in (KSE) Cricket (PE) KS4 Card games (JCL Rm 7)	Doorstop gigs (KML) LS Drop in (KSE) Cricket (PE)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School	Basketball (PE) Swimming (PE) Coding Club (SGL B2) Social Enterprise (GRI Rm 21) Girls Football (PE)	Young Enterprise (CCR Rm 13)	Football (PE) Star Wars (KML- Music) Cricket (PE)	Badminton (PE) Debate Club (AHA Rm 25) Further Maths (UON- Maths) Drama (MON- Drama) Minecraft (JMR DT1) Table Tennis (PE)	Ukulele Friday (KML- Music)

Great to see students enjoying the technical and creative sides of our additional activities!





**SUNDERLAND
CITY RUNS**

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12th MAY 2024



**VOLUNTEER
SCHEME**

**We are looking for volunteers to support the Sunderland Runs
on Sunday 12th May.**

**Please sign up with Mrs Corrigan by Friday 3rd May. Parents can
volunteer too, just get in touch!
abbie.corrigan@consilium-at.com**



**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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