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Thornhill Parent Update 3rd May 2024

This has been a huge week for us at Thornhill Academy, with our Section 8 Ofsted Inspection on Wednesday and Thursday. This was a thorough process, which enabled us to demonstrate our improvement journey. Our students were described as 'delightful', which we, as a school know they are.

Thank you for your support during this inspection. So many of you sent words of support and many of you contributed to the Parentview very positively. Our partnership with you is very important and was very evident during this inspection.

We cannot share the judgement with you until the report is written and ready to be published, at that point, we will be sending you a copy via email, or a link to it on our website. I look forward to talking to you about it then. This is likely to be around mid-June.

The weather today is beautiful, I hope this remains the case and we have a bank holiday that isn't washed out with the usual rain.

We look forward to welcoming our students back into school on Tuesday morning.

Have a lovely weekend.

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.

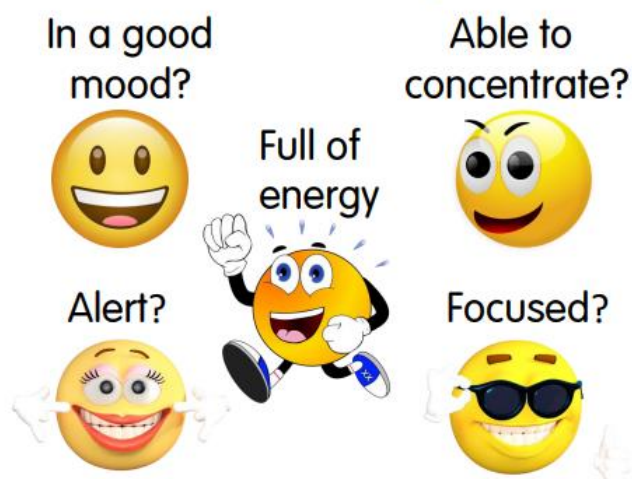
If you believe that your child is entitled to free school meals and are not currently receiving the entitlement, please enter your details here [FSM checker](#)

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 does a healthy breakfast make you feel?



Eating a healthy breakfast makes a difference
join us for a free breakfast every morning

What an achievement!!



On August 11th, 2022, Chance to Shine held a girl's cricket competition at Lords, where many teams from across the country competed to win. I was a player of the girls Thornhill cricket team, who represented YAV Durham in the event, and managed to win, becoming national cricketing champions. Our team had only been practicing for less than a year prior to the event, but through perseverance we were able to defeat the reigning champions in the finals.

My team played three matches, winning the first two, and losing the third. The third match was, unbeknownst to us, the team we would be playing in the final. After receiving news of progressing to the final, we were all positively surprised, and set sights on winning the tournament. The final match resulted in a draw, which then proceeded to a 'Super Over' where I was chosen to bowl. Any ball that was bowled on the leg side of the batter was deemed wide, so I had to be extremely accurate to secure our chance of winning. We fielded extremely well, and ran all the batters out, which led to our victory.

Though we entered the tournament as the 'underdogs', we walked out as champions, making both YAV and Thornhill immensely proud of our achievement.

Athena W

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



SIGN UP NOW ON THE
EDC WEBSITE
BY CLICKING HERE

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. See the announcement on class charts for more details.



Business Services Authority

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)



SUNDERLAND CITY RUNS

Supported by **active Sunderland**

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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