



**Thornhill  
Academy**  
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## Thornhill Parent Update 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

We are now into GCSE exam season and today was the first full cohort exam in Biology. We are really impressed with how well our students are responding to this very demanding time. The next few weeks are extremely important in terms of revision and final opportunities to maximise their examination outcomes and we will be supporting them very carefully throughout this exam period.

All year 11 students are required to be available up until 26th June 2024 regardless of if their set dates for exams finish before this date, this is because examination contingency dates are set by the exam board in case of unforeseen circumstances. This is worth noting for parents who have children in other year groups in the school. We strongly advise parents to ensure that their children are not taken on holiday during any exam series. Public exams cannot be sat on an alternative date, and this therefore impacts upon their grade outcomes.

Next week is SATs week for year 6 students, we wish all our year 6 students who will be joining us in September the best of luck for next week.

A reminder that we have an INSET day on Friday 24th May. School will be closed to year 7 to 10 students, however Year 11 students will be expected to attend on that day.

Mrs S Hamilton

Headteacher



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## **Important Information**

School will be closed to year 7 – 10 pupils on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May for a school INSET day. Year 11 students are expected to attend on this date. School will then be closed from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May for half term. School will reopen to all students on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Year 11 Public Examination Update**

Year 11 pupils have been preparing for their forthcoming examination. The next few weeks are extremely important in terms of revision and final opportunities to maximise their examination outcomes.

To support your child in preparing for examination subjects, lessons will be running as normal. Pupils will be able to revise for any afternoon examination in a designated room and we will also be running a series of booster sessions before each examination.

Your child has been given their personal examination timetable. The examination window is Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May -Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024, and the full examination timetable can be found on the website, alongside further information about examination preparation.

Please note that examination contingency dates have been scheduled, these are:

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Pupils are required to be available up to, and including 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Please avoid booking holidays or engagements that may overlap these dates. You can find out more details about the arrangements in the Ofqual Student Guide 2024

Pupils have been informed about examination regulations and this information can be found:

[https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/IFC-Written\\_Examinations\\_Sep2023\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/IFC-Written_Examinations_Sep2023_FINAL.pdf)

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## Breakfast Club



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## 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.

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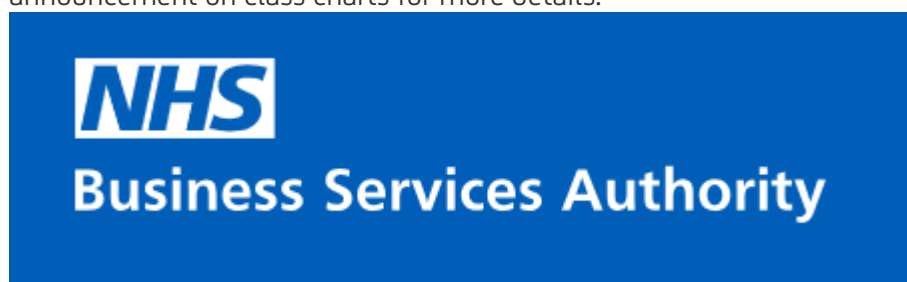
## New Football Academy

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. See the announcement on class charts for more details.



## 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](mailto:abbie.corrigan@consilium-at.com)

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# MOVE IN MAY!



Could you travel the round trip of the Consilium Academies which is 305 miles?

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## Are you up for a challenge?

- Could you travel the round trip of the Consilium Academies which is 305 miles?
- This can be any form of physical activity, walking, running, cycling or even rowing!
- You can complete this as part of a team or a solo challenge.
- Send a screenshot of your activity to your schools contact:
- The Assistant Headteacher for Personal Development



**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 13<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**



Please contact Thornhill Academy for more details on **0191 500 7981** or email [thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com](mailto:thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com)

Sunderland Mind 1-17 YEAR OLDS

# YOUTH SPACE

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED

## HALF TERM FREE SESSION

THANKS TO QUICK FIT BOROUGH ROAD  
WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY 11AM-3PM




CRAFT ACTIVITIES  
FUN GAMES  
SPORTS CHALLENGES

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE  
To book a space, contact us on 0191 565 7218 or [groups@sunderlandmind.co.uk](mailto:groups@sunderlandmind.co.uk)

Sunderland Mind Wellbeing Hub  
Church Street East Sunderland SR1 2BB



"In partnership with Energy Savings Trust, Groundwork have a new service that offers help and advice with managing energy costs.

This service now covers residents in all areas under Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, South Tyneside Council, Durham County Council, Gateshead Council and City of Sunderland Council

If you're looking for advice on reducing energy use, keeping warm at home, making energy efficiency upgrades, installing renewable energy systems, make energy efficient home improvements or just help to pay your energy bills please get in touch.

Our in-home support programme provides free, expert advice on being more energy efficient and on how to lower your bills.

We are completely impartial and there's no hard sell - just clear honest advice from the experts.

We can even help those in 'hard-to-treat' homes like: flats, terrace houses, old properties, single glazed properties and homes in the countryside.

If you would like any of the help listed above or just more information, please get in touch; my email address and mobile number are given below.

I can have a chat and/or make a referral to the programme, then one of the energy experts will be in touch to book a home visit."

**Joel Barrow**

**Community Project Manager, North of Tyne Region**

Groundwork NE & Cumbria

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**Expo Sunderland**

In partnership with  
**University of Sunderland**



**Come Outside**  
28-30 May 2024  
Keel Edge, Sunderland

**Looking for something fun to do in the school holidays? Come along, and you might make it into our Expo Sunderland video!**



**3 day event programme**

<b>Daily activities (11am - 4pm)</b>	<b>Keel Edge Mainstage</b> Spark FM (live broadcasting)	
<b>Gardening &amp; wildlife</b>	<b>Health &amp; fitness</b>	<b>Buildings, vehicles &amp; transport</b>
<b>University of Sunderland</b> Forest school & leaf art Polytunnel and planting Rock painting	<b>University of Sunderland</b> Bootcamp Netball & basketball Kick tennis Legs, bums & tums Physiotherapy & massage Podiatry Yoga	<b>Sunderland City Council</b> Electric driving sessions* Electric bike sessions
<b>Sunderland Art Trail</b> Tree of emotion Tree sculpture	<b>Everyone Active</b> Circuit & PT sessions Strength & balance	<b>Bike doctor</b> Bring your bike for a health check
<b>Sunderland City Council</b> Plant a pledge	<b>TED-style talks &amp; masterclasses</b> Cooking on a budget Healthy home hacks Mental health & fitness	<b>City Hall Tours*</b> Preview of park and new buildings Free drink for booked visitors upon exit
<b>Back on the Map</b> Mini-bugs, recycled planters and twig stars		<i>*book online</i>

## 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/>

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***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](mailto: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](#)

We are excited to announce an opportunity for our current Year 9 and 10 students to attend a residential trip to Derwent Hill in November 2024.

Derwent Hill is an outdoor activity centre in the Lake District who offer a range of outdoor teambuilding and adventure activities. All parents and students will have received a letter, and places are allocated on a first come first served basis. For more information, contact Mrs Crooks.



## 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](#)

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## 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](mailto: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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