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Thornhill Parent Update 7th June 2024

You will have this week received communication from us with regards to asking for your voice, in our trust community engagement survey. The trust is keen to receive feedback from all its community. Currently in school both staff and students are completing surveys. Your voice as parents and carers is also extremely important, both to the trust and to us as a school. Please can I ask you to take a few minutes to complete this. The link is below.

[Consilium Community Engagement Survey 2024 - Parents](#)

In school this week, our students have been demonstrating in abundance our school values of opportunity, partnership, and excellence. On Tuesday, our swimming team competed in the Sunderland School Games Gala. There were some fantastic individual and team performances. We were also really proud of our students, who realised that there was a need for general support with the event and volunteered to help. Their proactive response was very much appreciated and demonstrated our school value of partnership perfectly. On Wednesday, the Thornhill Co-operative Social Enterprise Team made up of year 7 and 10 students, attended the Dragon's Den event at Sunderland City Hall, to present their business to a variety of local entrepreneurs, alongside other Northeast schools. The dragons were hugely impressed and not only did they award Thornhill Co-operative the "Best Collaborative Group" award but also £100 to the business.

As a school, we have been busy recruiting new staff for September, I am very pleased to say that we have made some strong appointments to further strengthen our excellent team here at Thornhill. I will share further information with you about these appointments at the end of the year. However, I do wish to let you know that Ms Luke our Deputy Head Teacher responsible for Behaviour and Attitudes made the decision to leave Thornhill at the end of last month. Ms Luke has worked at Thornhill for twenty years and I am sure there are a number of you, who as past students will remember her. We wish her well for the future. Moving forward, Mr Briggs will take on responsibility for this area within school.

Thank you once again for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs S Hamilton

Headteacher



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Important Information

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.

Year 11 Public Examination Update

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 9th May -Wednesday 26th 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 6th June 2024
- Thursday 13th June 2024
- Wednesday 26th June 2024

Pupils are required to be available up to, and including 26th 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

Breakfast Club



Y7 and Y8 Rounders Tournament



If you are interested in learning some new skills, making new friends and wanting to represent your school in the local area, please see Mrs Corrigan to sign up for the Rounders Tournament, and for more information. Thank you, look forward to seeing you there.

Sunderland School Games Gala

What a fantastic afternoon at the Sunderland School Games Gala. Team Thornhill did phenomenal, coming in 2nd or 3rd place in their individual heats. This was for Y9/10, front crawl, butterfly and breaststroke, and Y7/8 backstroke, swimming brilliantly. We also had our Y10 girls competing in the swimming events, and also last-minute volunteering, to help the officials at the gala time keep and marshal the races. Well done girls!

Thornhill also secured a bronze medal overall in the Medley Relay race just missing out on silver by half a second. Great work boys.



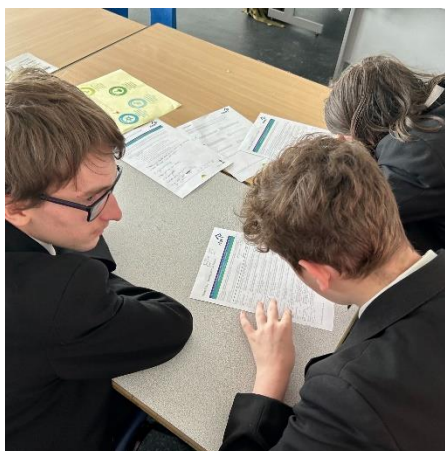
Assemblies

This week we welcomed Gateshead College, for the first of our summer term careers assemblies with year 10. By this time next year students will need to have secured a destination for after Thornhill, and we aim to provide students with as much advice and guidance as we can. Gateshead College offered a wide range of vocational and academic courses with specialist departments and facilities. The college also came along at lunchtime to talk to all interested students about courses and pathways available to them.



Personal development

This week we started our workplace experience preparation with year 10, with a Rise Up workshop delivered by volunteers from the Talent Foundry. Students have been taken out of their comfort zone and are really considering the skills needed to be successful in the workplace. The session focused on employability and communication, and students also got the chance to ask questions to other volunteers about their work and experience.



Social Enterprise

The Thornhill Co-operative Social Enterprise Team, made up of year 10, and year 7 students, attended the Dragon's Den event at Sunderland City Hall on Wednesday 5th June, to present their business to a variety of local entrepreneurs, alongside four other northeast schools.

Each school, in turn took to the stage to give their presentation and ask and answer questions from 'the dragons'.

Afterwards the team presented their items for sale as part of their enterprise ideas, including bracelets, personalised bags, key rings and a Euros competition, this followed on from the cake sale last half term.

The dragons were hugely impressed, and not only did they award Thornhill Co-operative the "Best Collaborative Group" award but also £100 to the business, in which profits from all sales made will

Thornhill Academy's

Trainer/Shoe donation drive

Thornhill PE Dept. would greatly appreciate any Trainer / Shoe donations (all sizes) to assist our pupils with their lessons!!

Please drop off at main reception



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These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we would really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It is completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thornhill-academy/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Thank you so much!

Thornhill Academy are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All funds raised will be paid directly to the Academy to use for the benefit of the students.

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Upcoming Events

10th June- My Money Week

My Money Week aims to get children and young people excited and interested in financial matters. This year's #MyMoneyWeek theme is, saving money and protecting the planet – students will be exploring how to reduce waste and take care of what they have. They will consider how their spending and saving decisions impact the planet, and their financial wellbeing, as well as others around the globe.



24th June- Culture Week

We have a very diverse mix of students from so many different cultures and countries. It is important for us to celebrate and reflect on our own culture and identity, as well as others around us. We can learn about our differences, to help be more understanding and tolerant. We look forward to the range of activities being planned for this week especially our cultural dress day on Friday 28th June.



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5th July- The Great Consilium Run

Coming soon ...

The ultimate fundraising event to raise money for the Consilium Cannon!

Run, Walk or even Cycle your way to the top spot.

Do you think you have what it takes to go the distance?

Do you think your school will go further?

Who will make the most money?

More information coming soon!



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RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN RUN

8th July- World of work week

As well as Year 10 being out of school on work experience placements there will be a number of work-related events for all year groups across this week, such as Young Enterprise workshops, visits to BT, Department of Work and Pensions workshops, Northumbrian Water experiences, Motivational talks and in school enterprise challenges to name a few!

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**



"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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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:

Wicked

[Wicked Theatre Trip details](#)

Derwent Hill

We are excited to announce that we can open the opportunity to visit Derwent Hill to all our students in November 2024. The updated dates are 15th to 17th November.

Derwent Hill is an outdoor activity centre in the Lake District who offer a range of outdoor teambuilding and adventure activities. Students will be able to collect a letter from reception. We have unfortunately had to cancel the geography trip to Derwent hill in July, but places can be transferred to November, just get in touch with the school to organise this or a refund.

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](#)

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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