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Thornhill Parent Update 14th June 2024

This week sees us getting ever closer to the end of the GCSE exams, with only four exams remaining after today. Year 11 have been phenomenal throughout this exam season, but I think it's fair to say, they are very much looking forward to the end now.

This week, we welcomed our new year 6 pupils and parents for our Year 6 parental evening. So many people attended that we needed to repeat the presentation. We are looking forward to the 25th of June, when our new year 7 students come in for their three days of transition with us.

The big news of this week is that yesterday, our Ofsted report was finally released to us following our section 5 inspection on May 1st and 2nd. We have been eagerly awaiting its release to share its findings with you.

I am absolutely delighted to tell you that the inspectors have graded Thornhill Academy as 'Good' in every single category. This is fantastic news for the school and is a credit to all the hard work of the staff and pupils here, I could not be prouder of what we have worked together so hard to achieve.

Ofsted said that Thornhill is a "warm and inclusive school," where pupils feel safe, and which celebrates the diversity of its pupils. In a discussion with the lead inspector during the inspection, he described our students as 'delightful,' this was so lovely to hear and so very true.

Among many strengths, the Ofsted team recognised our high expectations for all our pupils and how ambitious we are for their success. They recognised the strength of our curriculum and wide range of subjects studied, along with the qualifications that they take, that allow them to progress to the next stage of their education.

The report has been sent to you this afternoon, please take some time to read it and celebrate with us this fantastic news. This, along with the DfE £35 million pound rebuild of the school, will set Thornhill on a strong upward path for the future. It is absolutely what this community deserves.

I am sure you are as delighted as we are with this wonderful news.

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

Trip details for parents of year 6 children coming into our year 7

For all year 6 parents we have an exciting trip planned, just for our new year 7s to the Ullswater Outward Bound Centre in January. This is aimed to develop teambuilding and resilience, but mainly to have lots of fun!

We want as many students as possible to take advantage of this opportunity, which is why we are giving notice in advance, and requesting an expression of interest, before **1st July 2024** to allow us to secure the booking.

We will arrange for a deposit to be paid via our Parent Pay App in September, and an installment plan will also be available to support families in making this payment. Please can parents/carers make their expression of interest via the QR code or this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/n06MiYRmXc>

Once we have this information more communication will be shared. For now, more information about The Outward-Bound Trust can be found here:

<https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/>



Assemblies

June is Pride month - a month dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ communities all around the world.

In our assemblies this week, we took the opportunity to acknowledge this celebration of people coming together in love and friendship, to show how far LGBTQ+ rights have come, and how, in some places there's still work to be done.

Our Thornhill value of 'Partnerships' is very much about acceptance, equality, and celebrating the diversity in our whole school community. Discrimination, in any form, will not be tolerated at Thornhill, and students were surprised to hear of stories where levels of discrimination towards the LGBTQ+ community still exist elsewhere. We are proud of, not only our tolerance, but of our supportive and respectful community.



Also, this week we welcomed Mrs Brice from Durham Sixth Form College, to speak to our Year 10 students. Durham Sixth Form is a highly sought after Post 16 destination, and we are proud that every year more of our Thornhill students are accepted into the college, due to their great grades and attitude at interview. We will continue to provide students with the right advice and guidance, to support them in achieving their best next steps.



Personal development

This week is, National My Money Week! Students have been exploring different scenarios each day, to reflect and discuss how they might respond to certain situations, where financial decisions need to be made. What might they need to sacrifice? Would they save and wait, or get into debt? How can they reduce waste and save money?

In tutor time students explore this a bit deeper and will make a pledge to reduce food waste. Please ask the students about their ideas and try and implement these as a family.

**What do you do to save
money and protect the
planet?** 10 - 14 June 2024



**I'm taking part in My
Money Week**

Are you?

#MyMoneyWeek



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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Turn your online shopping into magic

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

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 us 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.



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!



MOORSIDE ELLESMERE ARMTHORPE HEWORTH WASHINGTON THORNHILL WYVERN EVOLVE
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!

Breakfast Club



How does a healthy breakfast make you feel?

In a good mood?



Full of energy

Able to concentrate?



Alert?



Focused?



Eating a healthy breakfast makes a difference

join us for a free breakfast every morning

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 still have places for students to sign up to our Derwent Hill trip in November. Derwent Hill is an outdoor activity centre, who offer a range of outdoor teambuilding and adventure activities. All parents and students will have received a letter, 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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