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## Thornhill Parent Update 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

This has been an incredible week in school where we have been able to share with our community and partners, the wonderful news of our Ofsted 'good' judgement. The pride that this has brought in our school community is wonderful to see, and we are so excited about how we move the school even further forward. Thank you to you as our parents and carers, for the faith you have put in us with your children's education. I can see by the messages, emails, social media comments and likes, how proud you are too, and this means so much to us.

Yesterday, we said our final farewell to our lovely year 11 students, who returned to us following their exams for their Leavers Assembly. One of our Head Students, Rejjat wrote a speech for the occasion. I am today handing over my headteacher's page of the bulletin to him. This just says everything!

Head Student's speech

'Today, we stand at the beginning of our new adventures. As we prepare to leave the familiar halls of Thornhill Academy, it is a time for reflection, gratitude and anticipation.

Firstly, let us take a moment to thank our staff, their patience and guidance has helped us in the classroom and beyond. They have been more than educators, but mentors and role models. For this, we will always be grateful.

To our fellow students, we have shared an unforgettable journey. From our first in Year 7, filled with nerves and excitement, to the challenges and triumphs of GCSE's. We've grown together, supported each other and forged lifelong friendships. We have laughed, learned and occasionally cried, but each moment has made us stronger.

As we move forward, let us embrace the 5 years we have had together at Thornhill Academy. The future may seem daunting, but it is full of possibilities, and we have the opportunity now to carve our own path.

Success is not measured by grades, or academic success, but by the positive impact we will have on the world, and the integrity of which we live our lives.

Leaving Thornhill is bittersweet. We say goodbye to a place which has become our second home and to people who have been like an extended family to us. We also step into a future brimming of potential. Whether we are continuing education, an apprenticeship, starting a job or exploring new opportunities, let's face them with courage and optimism.

In closing, I would like to share a quote from C.S Lewis, "There are far better things ahead than anything we leave behind." As we bid farewell to this chapter, let us look ahead with hope and excitement, ready to embrace adventures and challenges that await.

Thank you and the best of luck to all of us in our future endeavours.'

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 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.

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## Breakfast Club



## How does a healthy breakfast make you feel?

In a good mood?



Able to concentrate?



Full of energy



Alert?



Focused?



**Eating a healthy breakfast makes a difference**

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

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## Assemblies

Our assembly this week was virtual and led by Mr Miller. This was the official launch of our Great Consilium Run!



We are Raising money for our Consilium Cannon; a collection of books, we want to ensure that all children have the opportunity to read.

Students, and staff have been asked to collect sponsorship for their runs and have been challenged to take on at least 10 runs between now and Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July. To support students, we started this week with a morning run/walk during registration. Students will be given the chance to clock up their miles during PE lessons too.

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July will be our big community day, where all year groups will be able to come to school in their PE kit, to take part in a year group run to complete as many laps as possible! We will also be offering a reward of a colour run with our feeder primary schools in the afternoon!



Thank you in advance for your sponsorship of our students. Please see our Just Giving page for more information: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Consilium-Canon?utm\\_term=MPmEBPwmP](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Consilium-Canon?utm_term=MPmEBPwmP)

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## Thank a teacher day

Thank a teacher day was on Wednesday this week, and our students were so happy and showed their gratitude, by writing out so many post cards of thanks, to our amazing teachers and support staff. Our year 7 students proudly delivered these cards to our teachers and support staff, and they were incredibly grateful for this.



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## Personal development

In AM'PD this week, students have been exploring issues related to our up-and-coming election. It is so important for our young people to understand our democratic system, and ways in which they can have a say about their country and their future.

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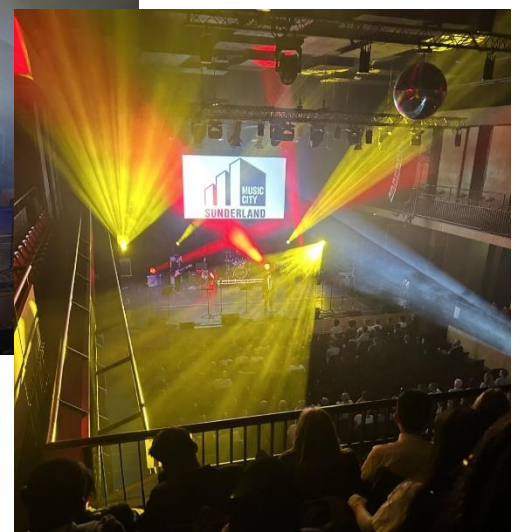
## Trips

We have had so many trips and activities this week.

Here is a flavour of what has been going on at Thornhill.

### The Fire Station

Today we took all of year 7 to the Fire Station in Sunderland city centre for a big music event, celebrating grass roots music in the city.



**Sunderland university health sciences trip**

Year 8 students explored a range of subject areas at the health sciences facility at Sunderland University learning hands on practical skills as well as different health care pathways.



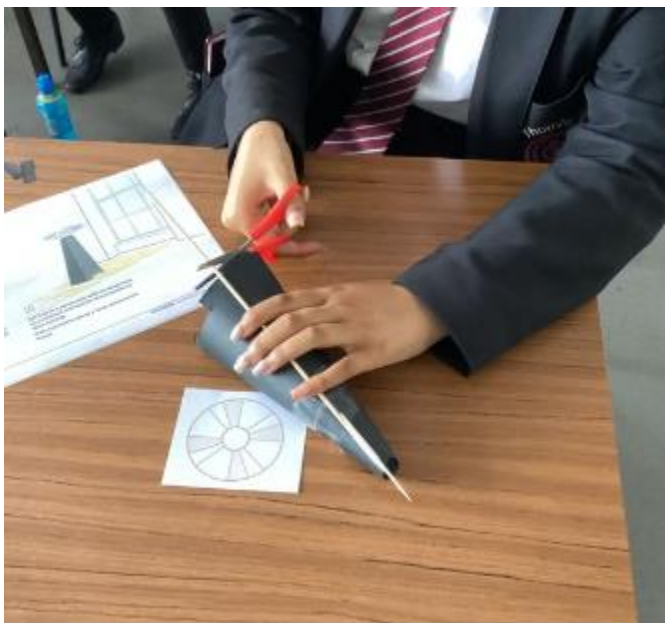
**Durham University trip**

Year 9 students travelled to St Chads at Durham university, for an introduction to higher education, and the amazing opportunities at the college. Such a beautiful city to visit and potentially study at in the future.



## STEM

Year 8 had a great STEM workshop this morning in science constructing solar turbines and learning about the energy sector. [#STEM](#) [#smallpiecetrust](#)



## PE

This term our Y7 girls experienced a rugby coach specialist during their PE lessons. The girls have worked on creating space, basic rules and concepts as well as developing their passing and throwing skills. They have broken these sessions down and also build up their technique and understanding of the tactics of the game, by playing matches of tag rugby. They have really enjoyed their sessions and experience in rugby.

If any other female pupil wanted to experience a taster, we have been offered a great opportunity to play at Ashbrooke Club Monday night at 7pm for free, with specialist coaches.



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



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.

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



Thank you so much!

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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!



MORSIDE ELLESMERE ARMTHORPE HEWORTH WASHINGTON THORNHILL WYVERN EVOLVE  
**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!

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"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**

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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](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.

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| 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

### Derwent Hill

We still have places for students to sign up to our Trip to Derwent Hill in November. Derwent Hill is an outdoor activity centre, who offer a range of outdoor teambuilding and adventure activities.



All parents and students have received a letter and for more information, contact Mrs Crooks.

### 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!

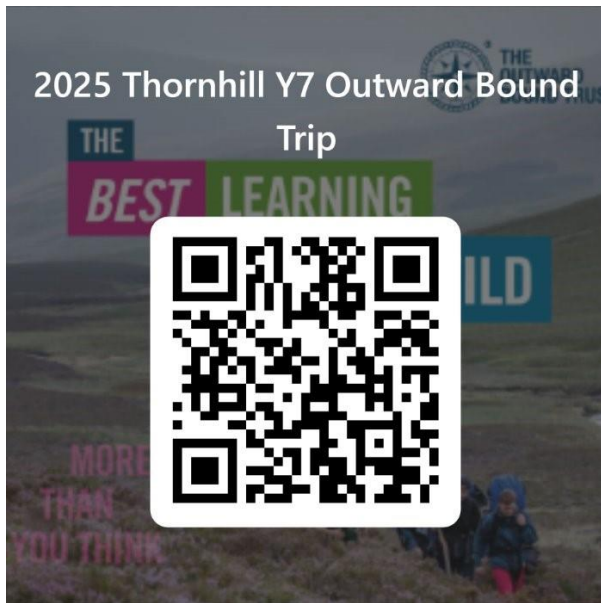
We want as many students as possible to take advantage of this opportunity, which is why we are giving notice in advance, and requesting an expression of interest, before **1st July 2024** to allow us to secure the booking.

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/>



Details of our existing trips can be found by clicking on the links below:

#### Wicked

[Wicked Theatre Trip details](#)

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### **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
- Follow us
- Don't forget to follow us on social media for the latest updates on school activities



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Instagram@thornhill\_academy  
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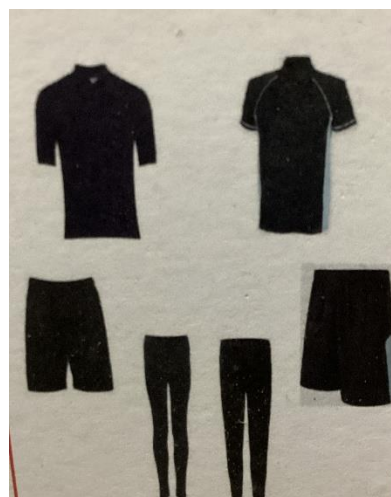
To view all Parents Letters please click the link below:  
[\*View Parents Letters\*](#)

### P.E kit appeal

With year 11 coming to the end of their time with us, our P.E department is appealing for donations of any unwanted kit, students might not need (navy polo top, Thornhill P.E navy hoody, navy shorts, navy tracksuit bottoms) or any pair of unwanted/old trainers.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated, the items will be used as spares for next year, and to support other families who might benefit from the items provided. If you have anything you can provide, you can drop it off at reception, or speak with a member of the P.E staff.

Thanks.





# Active Sunderland BIG Bike Ride

**Sunday 14 July, Beacon of Light**

Take the family on a 5 mile traffic free led ride, conquer a 12-mile adventure, stretch your legs on the 20-miler or challenge yourself to the 38-mile route.

Our rides are fully supported with clearly signed routes, marshals, first aid cover, bike mechanics and pick-up vehicles.

Entry starts at just £5 for children and £7 for adults.

Find out more at: [mysunderland.co.uk/bigbikeride](http://mysunderland.co.uk/bigbikeride)

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