



# THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM ORBIT NEWSLETTER

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## Congratulations!

After an extraordinary Year 10 and 11, we're delighted to offer our congratulations to all our new Y12 students who achieved the highest grades.

It is good to welcome Y12s back into school to begin this new stage in your educational journey, and to send out invitations for you to join our ORBIT programme.

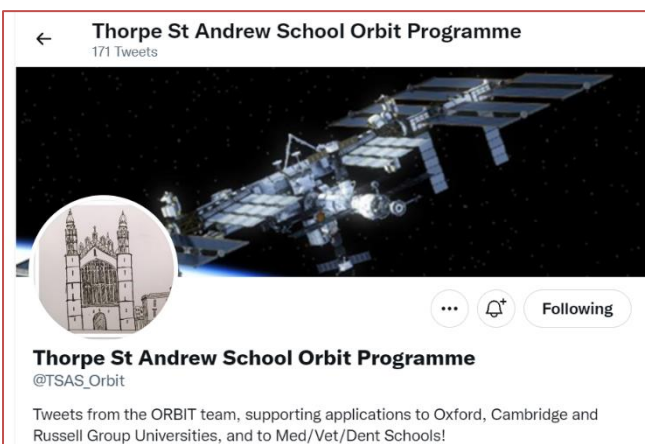
Our Year 13 ORBITers have been working hard on their applications for Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group Universities, or for Medical School. It has been a real privilege to read their personal statements and to see such ambitious plans being put into place.

Three of our ORBITers from last year have taken places at Cambridge, and a fourth begins her first year as an Organ Scholar at a College in Oxford. Three more ORBITers have started their medical training. Overall, fifteen of our students have gone on to **World Top 100** Universities, and many more were able to choose from the widest range of courses and have gone up to their preferred university to begin their degrees. We are very proud of all of them. Keep an eye on the Alumni page of our website for news of our former ORBITers.



*Floreat* is the name of the Balliol Outreach programme for Year 12 students. You're invited to join one of the oldest colleges in the world, to sample life as an Oxford student, and to experience a little of the tutorial style that is unique to the University. Click on

the College logo for more information about the Humanities course, and the new Science course launching in the Spring of 2022.



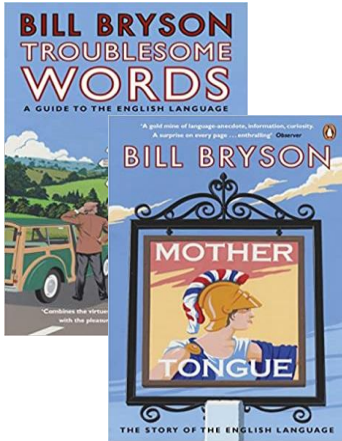
Take a look at the different University twitter feeds. Many high-profile professors and authors also tweet, and their accounts are well worth following for interesting and thought provoking material.

We showcase the best of academic Twitter on our own Twitter account, @TSAS\_Orbit. Follow us for the latest news from our link colleges, and keep up to date with the ORBIT programme! Click on the screenshot and find out more!

One of the most important things that you can do to boost your profile and enhance your UCAS application is to create an active enrichment programme for yourself. Engaging in subject specific “super-curricular” activities is a great way to widen your knowledge, develop your enjoyment, and deepen your understanding of your chosen subject. Each month we showcase a subject, and feature something to read, something to do, and somewhere to visit.

## We'll start with English Literature...

### Read Something



Find out about the language we take for granted, from a uniquely wry and perceptive American viewpoint. Bill Bryson has written a number of books, including an excellent survey of the English Language, as well as a highly entertaining and informative book on Shakespeare himself. Bryson served as Chancellor of Durham University for six years, and the library there is named after him (students call it the Billy B).

### Do Something

It's really easy to publish these days – start a blog and write about something that you are passionate about. It could be a diary of Norwich City's season, or of your favourite music, or just your musings about the politics of the day. Publish online using Wordpress or Blogger, and follow the advice about keeping safe online.



### Visit Somewhere

Fancy seeing a Shakespeare First Folio, or Jane Austen's desk, or a manuscript from Sylvia Plath? Head to the British Library, on the Euston Road in London, for their free “Treasures” exhibition. Click on the picture of the library to go to a virtual tour of this extraordinary collection!

