

# THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER



## The Yare Education Trust



The Trust, started by Governors of Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form is now entering its second year. Currently standing at four schools, with two more schools having applied to join and a further school is entering consultation.

It is good to know that other schools in our locality share some of the vision and priorities for their young people as schools already in the Trust.

We are confident that the collaborative working that is developing will bring benefits for all young people served by the Trust.

**Mr Clayton**

## Developments within the Behaviour for Education Support Team (BEST)

Appointments made for September see changes within our Behaviour for Education Support Team, to strengthen and enhance support for students and their parents.

We hope you will give your support to this team and all those under the BEST structure should your children and yourself need their involvement.

Key Links for Parents:

### **BEST Student Support Managers**

Mrs Gotts (North Site)  
Mrs Warns (South Site)

### **BEST Student Case Workers**

Ms Stone (North Site)  
Ms Larkman (North Site)  
Mr Smith (South Site)  
Miss Rowe (South Site)

## Further Developments of the School Site



There have been some extensive developments and refurbishments of the school site over the summer period. This work include:

- ⇒ Two new teaching classrooms for Textiles - The Design Technology Excellence Centre.
- ⇒ A new study centre for Sixth Form students on the South Site.

These developments see the removal of another old mobile classroom and the release of more classroom space for teaching other subjects.

In addition, the surface of the All Weather Pitch has been completely replaced and work has begun on significant re-roofing projects and windows in key areas of the school.

Our thanks go to the school team who have managed the work and a particular thank you to Munnings Ltd who have worked closely with the school on the delivery of the new classrooms and study centre, whilst keeping disruption to a minimum.

**8 September 2017**

We welcome new staff who are joining our already strong team and wish them well in their careers at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form.

#### **Teaching Staff**

Ms Horth	Teacher of Art
Mr Orton	Teacher of IT and Computing
Mrs Utting	Teacher of English
Ms Griffiths	Teacher of English
Miss Brennan	Teacher of English
Ms Harris	Teacher of Mathematics
Miss Turner	Teacher of Physical Education
Miss Hallybone	Teacher of Food Technology
Mr Tiddy	Curriculum Leader - IT Classroom Practice
Miss Clerget	Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages
Miss Allton	Teacher of Art
Miss Algar	Teacher of History
Miss Knights	Teacher of Drama

#### **Teaching Staff**

Dr Aslam	Teacher of Science
Mr Field	Teacher of Science
Mr Gresham	Teacher of Design Technology (Engineering)
Mr Lambert	Deputy Principal
Mrs Fletcher	Director of Schools

#### **Associate Staff**

Miss Bond	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs McLean	Receptionist
Mrs Chung	Examinations Officer



## **A Summer of Further Academic Success**



As a school, we are very proud to see our students move successfully into the next phase of their development as they come to the end of their career at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form. It has been a privilege to watch

these young people grow during their time at the school. Their growth has been in many areas and opportunities and they leave with a range of skills and experience. This is most clearly seen by the numbers gaining university places or successfully entering other training and employment.

Obviously, part of that picture is their academic achievement and the results they achieved. This year again we saw many stories of individual student success, not only for the most able but also of individual achievement across the whole ability range.

From the collective results of individuals, we can build an account of the school picture. At Key Stage 4 (GCSE), students achieved success in English and Mathematics (which was higher than the previous year) with 72% gaining the new Level 4 (old grade C) or better in both subjects.

At Key Stage 5, with 13 subjects following new specifications, the results matched those of last year.

The school will learn from these results as we prepare the cohort for next summer, with further change to the examination system.

We truly celebrate the achievements of Year 13 and 11 for all they accomplished this summer.

**Mr Clayton**

## **Year 7 - Working Together Evening**

Year 7 students will have brought home a letter regarding an information evening being held on Tuesday 12 September 2017, a copy of which can be found on the school website. The evening will look at the different aspects that will help Year 7 students to learn and progress through their education. It will also help parents to understand how we work, so effective support can be implemented at home.

## Attendance: Norfolk County Council Policy and Letter

The Schools' Attendance Team at Norfolk County Council requires that the letter below be published to all families.

8 September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Attendance at school and legal intervention**

Research commissioned by the Department for Education shows missing school for even a day can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades, which can have a damaging affect on their life chances. At Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form our aim is to work with parents to ensure that all our students receive the most from their education and reach their full potential.

This letter is to remind all parents/carers regarding the law that requires them to ensure that their child attends school regularly. The Government remains very clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must continue to take steps to reduce absence to support children's attainment.

The Local Authority operates a system where any student will meet the criteria for legal intervention where they have:

1. 10 consecutive sessions of unauthorised absence where some or all of the absence may be attributed to an unauthorised holiday in term-time (for absences from 1 September 2017); or
2. 15% unauthorised absence over a period of six school weeks for reasons other than unauthorised term time holiday.

The intervention could be in the form of a Fixed Penalty Notice. Any student at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form who meets either of the criteria, will be referred to the Local Authority for action to be considered.

If a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued it is a fine of £60 per parent per child which must be paid in one payment in 21 days. If unpaid, a further invoice for £60 per parent per child is issued; both individual invoices would then have to be paid making a total payment of £120 in 28 days. You should be aware that failure to pay the total amount within the timescale will result in legal action being taken.

I hope we can count on your support in this matter.

## NEW BEGINNINGS - By Tony Walsh

[www.longfella.co.uk](http://www.longfella.co.uk)

Welcome to your new school!  
Welcome to your future.  
New beginnings here, and new rules.  
New classrooms, new computers.

New timetables, new faces here.  
New corridors, new signs.  
But some things change, some stay the same  
And some truths last all time.

You'll take out what you put in.  
You'll reap just what you sow.  
So face the tests and do your best,  
Work hard, play hard and grow.

And play a full and active part  
In school and its community.  
Be pleased to say "I seized the day."  
"I used this opportunity."

Remember that you're different.  
There's no-one quite like you.  
But make good friends, the one's who'll lend  
A hand to get you through.

Remember – keep your head up.  
Even if you fear you'll drown.  
Achieving is believing mixed  
With never looking down.

And think about your future;  
And find a hope, a dream.  
Put action in your action plan  
And build yourself a team.

Made of parents, made of teachers,  
Made of family and friends.  
From this position make a mission  
For a trip that never ends.

And so always keep on learning;  
There's always more to know.  
It may sound strange, but you can always change.  
It's never too late to grow.

And so don't let anybody  
Try and sneer and hold you back.  
Your history is not your future!  
So don't ever feel like that.

Because our town has a history  
Of producing boys and girls  
Who, from humble roots, pull up their boots  
And go on to change the world!

And so people just like you and me  
Can do very special things!  
Aim higher! Be high-flyers!  
And be bold, unfold your wings!

And so gain an education;  
Learn skills, gain facts and knowledge.  
And then take the inspiration  
Through to jobs, careers and college.

And so make the most of these days,  
The school and these facilities.  
Take off the brakes, be sure to make  
The best of your abilities.

Respect yourself and others.  
Have confidence - it's essential.  
If you keep a burning urge to learn  
You'll reach your full potential.

And so do things that you're proud of!  
And let everybody see:  
You've passed the test, you've done your best  
To be the best that you can be!

Good luck!

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