

# THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

Thorpe St Andrew  
Sixth Form



## Uniformity



I spent some time shopping in Norwich at the weekend. It is a place I know well, having lived in and around the city all my life. At one point I stood near City Hall and took the opportunity to look over a very familiar place, the market. It is a place that many of us know and recognise, as it has been in the same location for over 900 years and now stands as a symbol of our fine city. In my life time the market has changed over the years, stalls have come and gone and at one point, in 2005, the entire market was completely rebuilt. However, over the years one thing has reassuringly remained the same. Uniformity.

To me the most enduring aspect of the market has been its uniformity. The market stalls have always had the same colourful stripes, running in the same direction and it has always been laid out in a strong Romanesque grid with lanes running up the slope, crossed by rows running across. Perhaps most importantly though, the steadfast uniformity of the market has never constrained the individuality of the stalls or the people working on them. To me the uniformity of that place has provided a perfect foil to the individuality, vibrancy and energy you find on the market. Uniformity has empowered and enhanced the space.

Just like the market place, our community is framed in uniformity. We work within the same rules, we work to the same bell and students wear the same clothes. None of this stops any of us being individual or different. What our uniformity does is help create a **sense of belonging**, it creates a **feeling of equality** and it helps **mutual growth**. Studies have shown that people surrounded by uniformity are more caring for those within that setting and they begin to care not only for their growth but for the growth of their peers as well. Uniformity benefits us all.

In short, our uniformity is very important as it fosters traits which are essential for a person as an individual to thrive and prosper. Our uniformity does not constrain our individuality, it creates an environment where individuality can thrive, just as it does in our beloved market place.

So I ask all the members of our community to respect, encourage and uphold our uniformity. We should all turn up on time, respect the rules and wear what we are expected to wear with pride. This will allow us to concentrate on the purpose of school, to help our young people find themselves, help them grow and become the best that they can be.

Mr Lambert

## Year 12 Post 18 Event

Do you or someone you know have experience of holding interviews and carrying out recruitment?

If the answer is yes, we would love to hear from you as we need your help for our annual Post 18 Event on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

As part of this event, we would like to give our students a fifteen minute interview followed by constructive feedback on their communication skills, the quality of their answers and the way they present themselves. If you are able to devote two hours of your time on the above date from 1.00 pm until 3.05 pm, please contact the Sixth Form Office at [sixthformtsa@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:sixthformtsa@yare-edu.org.uk).

The Sixth Form Team

3 February 2020

## The Allotment Project

The Allotment Project, originating at Reepham High School has started at Thorpe with Matt Willer and his new charity The Papillon Project, who are supporting our school one day a week for three months to kick-start the project.



Currently we are building pallet fences and upcycling materials to create a safe base for students to work in.

We are looking for members of the community who may wish to support us with their time and skills, as well as donations of gloves, wellington boots and gardening equipment to allow students to get involved.

We would greatly appreciate seeds and plants. If you wish to donate or to see the project, please email Miss Rekie - [irekic5crj@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:irekic5crj@yare-edu.org.uk).

Please follow this link for more information on where this idea has originated:

<https://www.permaculture.co.uk/videos/school-allotment-project> .

The Senate is having a February collection for the Norwich Foodbank. We are asking for donations of:

### Longlife/Tinned Sponge Puddings

Tomato Pasta Sauce

Cereal Bars/Snack Bars

Longlife Milk

Longlife Fruit Juices

Tinned Custard

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Carrots

Tinned Sweetcorn

Tinned Green beans

Tinned Potatoes

Tinned Rice Pudding

Instant Coffee

Tinned Fruit

Biscuits

Nappies (Size 5 or 6)

Jam

Peanut Butter

Chocolate Bars

Sweets

Washing-up Liquid

Deodorants

Shower Gel

Shampoo



Underlined items are specifically requested. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

The Senate

## EACH Charity



Sixth Form students and staff dedicated last month to raise money for their chosen charity EACH and raised an amazing £664.53

Every Form came up with fantastic ideas from cake sales, guess the baby photos, leg waxing and a raffle.

Well done to everyone who organised and participated in the events.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 3 February 2020 - Year 11 Pre Public Examinations (Two Weeks)

Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020 - Half Term

Monday 24 February 2020 - Year 13 Pre Public Examinations (Two Weeks)