

THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM



New T Level Qualifications



The Government has announced its plans to introduce T Levels (Technical Level awards) to run alongside A Levels from 2020.

Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form has been invited to be one of the 52 institutions nationally (the only school in Norfolk and Suffolk and one of only fifteen schools Nationally) to help develop and be the first to deliver these awards.

In speaking to the press, Mr Clayton said: 'At Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form we already deliver a comprehensive mix of options offering A Levels and

Vocational programmes. To be invited to help develop and deliver the new T Levels (Vocation award) is an endorsement of our existing practice.

It also recognises our staff expertise in these areas and the outstanding success our students have already achieved.

The programmes will provide a real alternative for the young people of Norfolk, providing them with the skills and training that will lead to greater employment opportunities.

I hope that the whole community can be proud of this achievement.'

'Deep Thinking Days'

In the weeks leading up to the end of term, we will be holding three 'Deep Thinking Days' where students are able to spend an entire day focusing on a specific issue. They will work with teachers from two different curriculum areas, using skills and information from both subjects to develop their attitudes, opinions and ideas about the issue.

Our first Deep Thinking Day will involve Year 7 students, and the theme is 'Heroes'. The day builds on work undertaken in Life Skills lessons, and involves teachers from the English and Performing Arts subject areas. Students will examine ideas about heroism and

the qualities that we value in each other.

Year 8 students will be working on issues associated with World Trade, Globalisation and Economic Development, helped by teachers from our Business and Geography subject areas.

The final Deep Thinking Day will involve Year 9 students, who will focus on Prejudice and Discrimination, both historic and in the present day. Students will be working with History and Ethics Teachers.



Mr Dewar

Guitar Amnesty



Do you have a guitar sitting at home that you always meant to start learning but never got round to it?

The music department is expanding and would appreciate donations of musical instruments in any condition (especially guitars and ukuleles) that are

no longer being used.

If you can help, please contact Mr Edwards (pedwards97rv@yare-edu.org.uk) or send instruments to the music rooms on the North Site.

Thank you.

Year 10 Interim Reports

Interim reports for Summer Assessments, ELP4 Design Technology only, and ELP5 are now available via 'My Child at School'. We encourage all parents of Year 10 students to review these grades at home with their son or daughter. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's Head of House. Equally, if subject teachers have any concerns they will contact you at home.

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Pastoral Matters

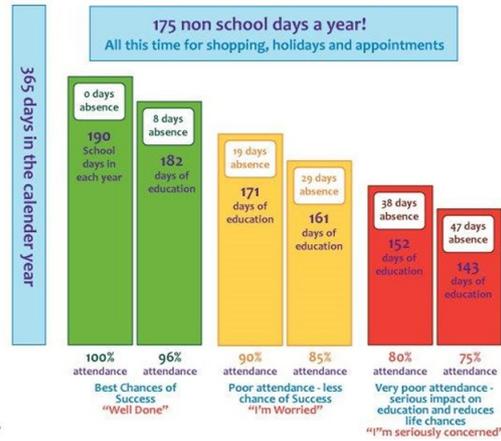
Attendance

Your son/daughter's attendance at school regularly and on time is of the utmost importance to ensure they make the expected progress. Absences from school will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Whilst it is appreciated that family holidays are more expensive in the school holidays, this is not a reason for an exceptional circumstance and will not be authorised.



Good Attendance Means...

being in school at least 96% of the time. This means 8 Days Off!



Once a student falls below 90% attendance they fall into the Persistent Absence category and whilst we do not wish a student to attend school unwell we expect that students and parents will continue to come to school even if they are feeling slightly 'under the weather'. When making a decision on whether your son/daughter should attend school, if they are not at their best, please consider the amount of learning that they will miss out on if they are not here.



Uniform

Could parents please ensure that their son/daughter is wearing the correct school jumper. Non regulation school jumpers are not acceptable in school. Please refer to the school website and uniform policy for further information.



Student Well Being

We have been busy recruiting Year 8 students who are interested in being involved in a befriending scheme within school. Kidscape, an organisation who train Peer Mentors, will be training staff and students in school on Tuesday 10 July 2018. It is a very exciting development that will add a student led aspect within our pastoral support system.

Well Being

We would like to draw your attention to a useful website which provides some information on how parents can support their son/daughter's well-being. The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust website contains some useful parent guides for example 'An Emotionally Healthy Approach to GCSE's' and 'A Parent's Guide to Depression'. The guides can be downloaded free of charge at <https://www.cwmt.org.uk/resources>

