

THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

Thorpe St Andrew
Sixth Form



Achievements

It has been a fortnight for which there has been plenty for all of us to be proud of.

Our Junior and Senior Awards evening, held on Friday 13 September 2019 was a wonderful event. The school hall was full of eager students, proud parents, carers and family members, impressed dignitaries and delighted teachers coming together to celebrate success. The evening really underlined our commitment to 'Success for All' as we celebrated achievements of all sorts from the academic to community service, from excellence to endeavour. It was fantastic to see so many of you on that evening and a joy to see the community coming together to celebrate. We are proud of the efforts and achievements of all our students, every day.

As part of the evening we were treated to musical performances and it reminded me of the fantastic production of School of Rock and made me look forward to the Carol Service in December. As a school we are proud of our students' dedication and efforts in music and performance.

Last week our tennis team progressed into the knockout stages of the LTA Division 1 tournament and we are now the last remaining state-school in the competition. We are proud of our students' pursuit and dedication to sporting excellence. On top of this I received confirmation that a number of our students have completed their Gold expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme over the summer holiday and were "a credit to the school". Understandably, we are proud of our students for their work beyond the classroom and in the community.

At the Awards Evening I shared an extract from my favourite book, "Oh, The Places You'll Go", by Dr Seuss. It is a beautiful book and I hope that you all get the opportunity to read it at some point. I think the book contains a great life lesson but also serves as inspiration. I wish to share some of the words with you all, Dr Seuss wrote this message to all young people:

"Kid, you'll move mountains!

You're off to great places!

Today is your day!

Your mountain is waiting, so...get on your way!"

I urge every student to rise-up to the challenge at school and move mountains in their lives every day by turning up, being nice and working hard and I look forward to celebrating further successes in the future.

Gates

Over the summer we have reviewed the entrances and exits to the school and students may have noticed that some gates that were open last year are now locked. As a result of this review, the 'five bar gate' on Pound Lane should no longer be used as an entrance or exit to the school. If you could encourage your child to make sure they enter the site via an open entrance it would be much appreciated.

Mr Lambert

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Mathematics e-PLC



The Mathematics department have introduced an exciting new revision tool across Years 9, 10 and 11. The online Personalised Learning Checklist (e-PLC) supports students in assessing their competence against all of the GCSE objectives and then provides direct links to a range of support materials, including video tutorials, homework tasks and examination questions. This is a fantastic way for students to be proactive, to focus on their key areas of development and for parents to be able to support them at home.

Bike to School Week Monday 23 to Friday 27 September 2019



Bike to School Week is a national week long event designed to highlight the benefits of cycling to school in particular the positive impact that an active lifestyle can have on students' wellbeing and health - it is a great way to start and end the day. Currently around 100 students cycle to Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form and we are keen to welcome more! There are racks to lock cycles to on both the North and South Site.

For more information on how to get started you can visit: www.sustrans.org.uk/

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

This half term, Team Green, the school's student led ecological-committee, will be focusing on encouraging staff and students to **reduce** their environmental impact by:



Having a reusable water bottle and refilling it at one of the school's new water fountains

Reducing use of single use cling film and tin foil in lunches and using a lunchbox instead

Reducing the number of short car journeys taken and walking or cycling more.

Small changes can add up to a big difference. Taking measures to reduce the amount of resources we use is the most important part of the reduce, reuse, recycling message.

Team Green

Hemblington Primary School - Open Morning



Based in Blofield Heath and part of The Yare Education Trust, we pride ourselves on our supportive family orientated approach. On Thursday 10 October 2019, from 9.00 am, we are holding our Open Morning for children who will be looking to start school in September 2020. If you have children coming up to school age, or know other families who do, they will be made very welcome.



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Friends of Thorpe St Andrew School (FOTSAS)



Happy New Academic Year! We are looking forward to continuing to raise funds for the school. At our September meeting, we granted the Mathematics Department £388.60 to purchase some resources to support their Big Maths Wednesday after school Year 11 and 13 revision sessions; £1283.90 to fund IT resources for the afterschool Code Club; and £452.30 for kit for the school's successful Netball Teams.

Some dates for your diary:

Our Annual Christmas Fayre - Saturday 16 November 2019 - 11.00 am to 3.00 pm - South Site Hall. Free entry to all.

There will be a wide range of stalls selling seasonal gifts and refreshments will also be available. If you would like a stall, please contact Mel via thorpechristmasfayre@gmail.com for more details.



Skirmish Paintball - Saturday 30 November 2019 - 9.15 am to 1.00 pm - Plumstead Road.
Open to students Years 7 to 13 with more details to follow.

Thorpe Park - Saturday 16 May 2020 - All Day.
Open to students Years 7 to 13 with more details to follow.

Year 6 Party – Friday 10 July 2020 – 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.
Open to Year 6 students who will be joining the school in September 2020.

Parents: Why not follow us on Facebook? Simply search for the 'Friends of Thorpe St Andrew School' to 'like' us, and you will be kept up-to-date with our fundraising ventures.

Please email us at thorpefriends@gmail.com if you have any queries or you are interested in joining our Committee, keen to help out at our fundraising events, want to be on our mailing list, willing to offer the odd raffle prize, or you work for an organisation that offers a fund-matching scheme, whereby any funds we raise can be matched by your company.

Mary Palmer
Chair of FOTSAS

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23 September 2019 - Year 13 Meet the Form Tutor Evening

Tuesday 24 September 2019 - Year 7 Meet the Form Tutor Evening

Wednesday 25 September 2019 - Year 12 Meet the Form Tutor Evening

Thursday 26 September 2019 - Year 10 Working for Success Evening