

THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM



A Productive Year

Another academic year draws to a close and we have completed our final round of House and Sixth Form assemblies. These assemblies are a real joy in celebrating the achievements of many wonderful young people. Some of the most pleasing awards are the Form and House Stars and all of those listed in the achievement newsletter. While we await the examination results later in the summer, these House and Sixth Form awards show there is more to school and education than just academic results.

We also look back and celebrate the many co-curricular (this is the latest 'in' phrase!) activities of clubs, teams, music, dance and drama productions, educational visits and conference days. Our annual Sports Award Assembly is on Monday 22 July 2019 and we hope you have been able to see one of the four School of Rock performances, a truly spectacular production.

In celebrating student success, my thanks go to all my colleagues for their work over the year in providing so many opportunities and learning experiences to our young people.

As the school prepares now for September, I am looking back on over 18 years as Principal as I move to retiring from the role. It has been an immense honour to lead the school for this time. Our school is unique, as are all the individuals who study or work in it. It is not perfect, no school can be, but it is very strong and is constantly striving to be even better.

I wish the entire school community an enjoyable summer and I also wish all students and staff returning in September a very positive future as they all move on, together.

Mr Clayton

External Contracts

The school enters into a number of external contracts with companies to provide services across the school. Many of these contracts are now co-ordinated via The Trust in order to gain better value for money, quality of service and to support local Governing Boards by running the tendering processes for them.

For our school, we will see two changes of provider from the start of the new academic year. Harrison's, a family based company will be taking over the contract for catering services and Total Support Services will take on the cleaning contract.

As from September 2019 the school is aiming to go completely cashless for catering.

We are very confident about the quality of service the school, and therefore its students, will receive from these new providers.

19 July 2019

Individual Student Timetables

Years 7 and 11

Timetables will be issued on Tuesday 3 September 2019.

Year 12

Timetables can be collected when students enrol on Tuesday 3 September 2019.

Year 13

Timetables can be downloaded from My Child at School from Tuesday 3 September 2019.

Years 8, 9 and 10

Timetables can be downloaded from My Child at School from Tuesday 3 September 2019 or collected between 8.10 am - 8.25 am on Wednesday 4 September 2019 from North Site (North students) or South Site (South students) by following signs for locations.

Year 8 North students have PE on Wednesday 4 September 2019. Please remind students to bring in their PE kit.

All Year 9 students have PE on Wednesday 4 September 2019. Please remind students to bring in their PE kit.

Please Note:

Year 11 - On Tuesday 3 September 2019, North Houses are to go to the North Site and follow House Signs; South Houses are to go to South Site and follow House Signs.

Year 10 - Wednesday 4 September 2019, Period One will be an assembly. North Houses in the North Site Hall and South Houses in the South Site Hall.

Year 10 South students have PE on Wednesday 4 September 2019. Please remind students to bring in their PE kit.

Year 10 North Students have PE on Thursday 5 September 2019. Please remind students to bring in their PE kit.



Sets for Next Year

As year groups progress and organisation issues change, all class groups are reviewed and readjusted. These changes are made for the benefit of students.

If you have any specific questions, please contact the appropriate Curriculum Leader and remember the coding is used for timetabling purposes and not a simple issue of the ability of any group or individual in it.

What I can assure parents is that class groupings are considered very carefully with professional judgements made in relation to the class, appropriate for each individual.

Mr Clayton

School Ties - Year 11

If Year 11 students would like to donate their school tie, please bring it along on Examination Results Day.



On the Website
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Year 11 and 12 London Art Photography Trip
Visit to Hemblington School



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Thank You and Good Luck

We say goodbye to a number of colleagues and thank them for the service they have given to the students of our school.

We wish them every success as they move onto promotion, new posts and in some cases completely new ventures and challenges in their lives.



Mr Clayton

School Games



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Level Award for the 2018/2019 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across the school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With a significant amount of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our students for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

We look forward to applying once again in 2020!



The annual publication of School Matters will be emailed on Tuesday 23 July 2019 and includes crucial information for the next academic year. This booklet will also be available on the website.

Contacting the School During the Summer Holiday

The school is closed over the summer holiday period and Reception will not be covered during this time.

If you need to contact the school for an urgent matter please email:

office@thorpe-st-andrew.norfolk.sch.uk

For examination queries, please call 01603 497742. An answer machine will be available and calls will be returned when practicable.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3 September 2019 - Years 7, 11 and 12 Students Start Autumn Term

Wednesday 4 September 2019 - Whole School Returns

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