

# THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER



## Year 11 Interim Reports

Interim reports for ELP1 are now available via 'My Child at School'. We encourage all parents of Year 11 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.

## PiXL Mathematics



Staff and students in the mathematics department are excited to be introducing the PiXL Maths App to aid with mathematics homework, PLCs, revision for examinations and to support the work during lessons across Years 9, 10 and 11.

The app gives students access to a wealth of video examples and interactive questions which will enhance their understanding and support the progress of each individual. Students have been trialling this app throughout this term and feedback has been extremely positive. We have seen an improvement in the engagement in lessons and homework where the app is involved.

Each student has a personal log on which tracks their progress across all the keys areas in mathematics. This gives each student individualised targets and focuses their learning on their own areas for development. The app is free to download and available on all smartphones, tablets and pcs, only requiring internet connection to download and log on. Please use the following link to access PiXL Maths App: <http://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/>

Mr Meston

## Closure for Snow



We are approaching the time of year when we could face the risk of the school having to close because of severe weather conditions.

The school does have a reputation for not closing unless absolutely necessary and this will be our aim, taking all advice that we can before making a decision. The school has to consider the safety of both students and staff being able to travel to and from school and safety when moving around the school site. Parents should also make common sense decisions about their local situation, once clear, if the school is open in severe weather conditions.

If the school is to close in the morning, a decision will usually be taken by 6:30 am and the message will be issued via local radio announcements and the Norfolk County Council website. We will also aim

to get a message onto the school website if the school is closed.

The more difficult decision is if, during the day, we are advised by transport that conditions are worsening and that getting home could become extremely difficult. In anticipation of this, please could you make it clear to your son or daughter:

- how they should contact you, if the school is to close
- that you have nominated a place of safety (if not home), where they should go.

We wish to reassure you that any decision to close the school will not be taken lightly. However, we advise that advance planning would be very beneficial.

Mr Clayton

24 November 2017

## Kids' Lit Quiz



Congratulations to the ten students who took part in the regional heat at Dereham Neatherd School on 16 November 2017. All students performed well and out of 31 teams taking part, our two teams came 8th and 9th.

Both teams won one of the ten rounds each and received books as prizes.

**Ms Allen, Librarian**

## Emails Home

We are increasingly using parent/guardian email addresses to send correspondence home. May we respectfully ask that all parent/guardians regularly check their inboxes for communication. Any correspondence that requires a form to be completed will be given to the student to bring home in paper form.



Should you wish to update your email address please email [office@thorpe-st-andrew.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@thorpe-st-andrew.norfolk.sch.uk)

## Friends of Thorpe St Andrew School – Quiz 'n' Chips Night



**What:** A fun evening of quizzing and chipping in teams of up to 8 people to do battle for Top Quiz Team.

**When:** Thursday 7 December 2017 - 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start in the South Site Hall.

**Cost:** £7.50 per person to include not only fun and games, but also one of Fish and Chips, 2 x Sausage and Chips or Vegetable Roll and Chips.

There will be a range of questions designed to suit every taste - from challenging to charming and back again! Why not brighten up your evening even more by jazzing up your Team Table to be in with a chance to win our Fabulous FOTSAS Top Table prize. So team up for time out with trivia; reserve your table and order your food by downloading the attached form, printing it off, completing it and returning it to one of the FOTSAS post boxes at either North or South reception. If you have any questions, please contact us at: [thorpefriends@gmail.com](mailto:thorpefriends@gmail.com)

## Dates for your Diary Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 6 December 2017 - Carol Service at St Peter Mancroft Church**

**Monday 11 December 2017 - Sixth Form Parent Consultation Evening**

**Tuesday 19 December 2017 - School Closes at 1.15pm for the Christmas Holiday**

**School Re-opens on Wednesday 3 January 2018**

**Thursday 4 January 2018 - Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening**

**Monday 8 January 2018 - Year 11 Shared Learning Evening**

**Tuesday 23 January 2018 - Year 9 Preference Evening**

**On the Website**

**Year 8 students watch a Norfolk Police Play**