

# THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM



## The Yare Education Trust

Students at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form are benefiting from the school being part of The Yare Education Trust. Just some of the areas where collaborative work is taking place include:

### Quality of Learning and Teaching

- Developing Key Knowledge approaches across all age ranges.
- Great continuity of learning from Year 6 to 7.
- Shared professional development being delivered by the Norfolk Teaching and Leadership Excellence Centre Teaching School.
- Good practice on assessment and homework is being shared.

All this helps us to constantly review how and what we teach.

### Centralised Policies and Approaches

With the Trust developing policies on, for example GDPR, the school can focus on learning and teaching while adopting the central policies.

Local Governing Boards are benefiting from sharing good practice and joint approaches to training.

### The Trust being an Employer of Choice

The Trust is seen as a good employer and this is attracting high quality teachers and associate staff. Staff Well Being Champions led by the Trust are supporting colleagues in each school.

### Centralised Services

In the back office, we are seeing savings being made which will ensure budgets are focused upon the front line delivery of teaching and support.

*Mr Clayton*

### Year 8 Interim Reports

Interim reports for Autumn Assessment are now available via 'My Child at School'. We encourage all parents of Year 8 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.

### Scholastic Half Price Book Fair

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who supported the book fair in the LRC (Learning Resource Centre). We now have lots of new books for the school library which were purchased with the commission earned.

*Ms Allen*

**17 December 2018**



Congratulations to all those who took part in this year's Carol Service at Norwich Cathedral. Once again, this was a most enjoyable event and the standard so high.

In addition to the congregational carols and excellent readings, there were music contributions including: ***The School Choir and The School Orchestra***. A Solo was performed by ***Isabella Taylor*** and a Duet by ***Jonathan Chapman - Trombone and Mrs Chapman - Piano***. Student Readers on the evening were ***Jack Chapman, Emily Oxbury, Hannah Thornley, Evan Diver-Hall and Hannah Smith***.

Our thanks go to all members of the school community who helped make this event so successful.

## Staff Leavers

We say goodbye to some colleagues at the end of this term:

Miss Veale  
Ms Flynn  
Mrs Brett

We would like to 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.



**May we wish all families a Happy Christmas and  
a Peaceful New Year**



# Dates for your Diary

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Tuesday 18 December 2018 - School closes at 1.15 pm for the Christmas Holiday

School Re-opens Thursday 3 January 2019

Students return on Week ONE

Thursday 3 January 2019 - Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening

Monday 7 January 2019 - Year 11 Shared Learning Evening

North Houses 6.15 pm South Houses 7.15 pm

Both Sessions are in South Site Hall

Tuesday 22 January 2019 - Year 9 Preference Evening

# On the Website

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Achievement Newsletter - December 2018

