

#weARE

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This week we have been focusing on Aspirations and how important it is to have goals in life and in learning. Students have been encouraged to come up with short term goals and considering how they can learn more successfully in class and set time every day to review their Key Knowledge homework. Understanding the key concepts in all their subjects is crucial to their success.



Please support and help your child learn their Key Knowledge in preparation for their frequent testing of these.

P. Biggell

UCAS and "Early Entry" Applications

This is the time of year our Year 13 students begin to put in place their plans for life beyond school. Many of our students go on to University, to start degree courses that will mark the beginning of their chosen career path. The UK has some of the highest ranking Universities in the World and a number of our students choose to apply to one or other of these institutions.

It is thrilling, therefore, to see that a group of our Year 13 students are preparing applications for either Oxford or Cambridge, or for Medical School. These institutions have a deadline in the middle of October, and students have been working hard on their personal statements, as well as registering for any assessments that they will need to complete as part of the application process. Many of the institutions require students attend interviews.

Through our ORBIT programme we are working hard to support these students with the challenges that they face. We have read and re-read their personal statements, as well as any Supplementary Application Questionnaires and assessments that they need to complete. November is traditionally the time when "Oxbridge" call in applicants for interview, so we provide mock interviews for any students that request them.

Three former Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Formers begin their degrees at Oxford and Cambridge this year, and four more begin their training as either Doctors or Vets. We are delighted that this year's students aspire to follow in their predecessors' footsteps, and apply to the country's most prestigious Universities. We wish them every success in their applications!

Mr Dewar

At Thorpe We ARE So far this year our amazing students have been rewarded in excess of **67500 ARE+** Points! This is a wonderful achievement. Well done everyone!

We also reflected on the thought of Henry David Thoreau who said "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them." This reminds us that our aspirations (castles) need foundations (goals, hard work and consistency) in order to be achieved. We want all our students to **aspire** to be the best that they can be and use goals to help them realise their dreams.

Mr Lambert



Thought of the Week

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Henry David Thoreau

Hemblington Primary School Open Afternoon

Based in Blofield Heath and part of The Yare Education Trust, Hemblington prides itself on their family-orientated, inclusive ethos. On Monday 12 October 2020, at 2.00 pm, they are holding their Virtual Open Meeting 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. Please follow the link below to the school website for more information.

<https://www.hemblingtonprimaryschool.org.uk/>



Persistent Cough If your child is suffering from a persistent cough due to the fact they have asthma or have had a negative COVID-19 test result, please supply your child with a note from a medical professional or yourself.

Face Masks Students are required to wear face masks/coverings in communal indoor spaces and corridors. We have a very limited supply of face masks available in school and therefore can we please ask that you provide your child with a covering to use when they are in school.

Attendance Update

NHS

If you have coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

[Get a test](#) and stay at home

I am sure you will have seen news reports about school attendance during the COVID pandemic. We have been monitoring our own attendance figures closely and we note that Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth form students' attendance has not been affected as much as schools elsewhere. We are seeing an increase in students being absent, and for longer, when we compare this September's figures with those of last year and we think families are naturally being more cautious when a child develops symptoms.

The symptoms to watch for if you suspect a COVID infection are detailed in this poster from the NHS. It is easy to mistake symptoms of COVID with those of a common cold, so please be aware of the NHS guidance.

If your child develops a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or they experience a loss of, or change to their sense of smell or taste, please follow the government guidance regarding isolation. There is more information and guidance on the Government's website – [click here](#).

We will continue to monitor our students' attendance. We have a weekly reminder in Form Time activities, to remind students of the importance of being in school for their learning. BEST will be responding to any concerns that come from our analysis of our attendance figures. In PSHEE (especially in Year 11) Attendance and Punctuality are highlighted as the students are preparing applications for Sixth Form and College for next year.

Our links with Business and Industry tell us that they look at attendance and punctuality in their recruitment and we emphasise this with the students in our Careers programme. Thank you for your support in making sure that every Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form student has the best possible attendance record.

Mr Dewar

Safeguarding Training

Prior to the start of term all staff and governors completed their Safeguarding Training and read part one of the Keeping Children Safe in Education. This training is annual statutory training. Staff have also completed their training with the Online Safety Alliance.

The Norfolk Safeguarding Children's Board (NSCB). The NSCB provides the school with advice, guidance and training in safeguarding.

Information on them can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3d657F9xfx8>

They have recently produced an information booklet "Sexual Abuse Online". In the booklet you will find information about what online harm is and ways you can effectively help and support your children.

<https://www.norfolkscb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/NWG-MCF-Parents-Leaflet.pdf>

Sport Extra Curricular Activities

Year 8 Girls Football	Year 8	Thursday	All Year	3G Football Pitch
Year 7 Girls Football	Year 7	Monday	All Year	3G Football Pitch
Year 8 Boys Football	Year 8	Thursday	Autumn HT1, Autumn HT2, Spring HT1, Spring HT2	Astro Turf Pitch
Year 7 Boys Football	Year 7	Monday	Autumn HT1, Autumn HT2, Spring HT1, Spring HT2	Astro
Year 7 Girls Netball	Year 7	Monday	Autumn HT1, Autumn HT2, Spring HT1, Spring HT2	Netball Courts
Year 8 Netball	Year 8	Thursday	Autumn HT1, Autumn HT2, Spring HT1, Spring HT2	Netball Courts
Year 9 Boys Football	Year 9	Wednesday	All Year	3G Football Pitch
Year 9 Girls Football	Year 9	Wednesday	All Year	3G Football Pitch
Year 9 Netball Club	Year 9	Wednesday	Autumn HT1, Autumn HT2	Netball Courts
Running Club	Year 7	Monday	All Year	Field
Running Club	Year 9	Wednesday	All Year	Field
Running Club	Year 8	Thursday	All Year	Field

Sign up with your PE teachers.

Upcoming Events

Every Friday After School

Sixth Form Chemistry Cafe

During Form Time - Launch of Thorpe St Andrew Sixth Form

Monday 19 October 2020

During Form Time - Launch of Vocational Studies at
Thorpe St Andrew Sixth Form

Tuesday 20 October 2020

At Thorpe we ARE:



Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form

Year 6 Online Open Event

Wednesday 21 October, Launch Time 6.30pm

Start Your Journey With Us Here



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