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At Thorpe we ARE:

Aspirational



Respectful



Engaged



Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form

Year 6 Online Open Event

Wednesday 21 October, Launch Time 6.30pm

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Thank you everybody in the TSAS community for a successful return to school. This half term has shown the determination and engagement of all students and staff to succeed and focus on learning and gaining the very best education in times of adversity. We have seen great resilience in adapting to change and making the best of our situation. I am very proud of our community for all the efforts to make TSAS a safe learning environment.

Have a restful half term and I look forward to seeing you next term.



At Thorpe We ARE

This half term has been a huge success. So far staff have awarded about **80000 ARE+ Points!** This is amazing, we are so proud of everyone who has received an ARE+ Point.

This week, our focus was on **Respect**. We explored why we have rules and how **respecting** the rules makes society fair and safe for everyone.

We also reflected on the thought of Michelle Obama who said "honesty and integrity...matters...you don't take shortcuts or play by your own set of rules...and success doesn't count unless you earn it fair and square." From this we learn that sticking to the rules counts. We should always do the right thing and also do the thing right! We want all our students to **respect** others so they can be the best that they can be.

Mr Lambert



Attendance Champions

Congratulations to the top forms for attendance. These attendance figures are excellent and certainly show a high level of engagement!

7ACM6	98.06%
8ACMPSV10	96.86%
9ACMPSV9	96.67%
10ACMPSV6	97.58%
11ACMPSV4	97.74%

We celebrated these figures in Form Time on the final day of the half term, when the Heads of Year joined their top forms to congratulate them on their excellent attendance figures.

An excellent attendance record shows a great commitment to learning and is an asset when applying for a place in Sixth Form, College or for an Apprenticeship. Well done to the students in these forms!

Mr Dewar

Last week students studying Computer Science and T Level Digital had the opportunity to be part of a Cyber Discovery interactive workshop. This workshop talked about the increasing demand for people to work in the Cyber Security industry and allowed students to find out more about what it involves. Students commented afterwards on how they enjoyed finding out about the different types of hackers. If students are interested in Cyber Security and are between the ages of 13-18 they can take part in the Cyber Discovery programme: <https://joincyberdiscovery.com/>

Mr Tiddy



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew
Services in the Parish over the next few weeks are being planned

For further information, please contact the Rector,
The Revd James Stewart (Fr James)
Telephone: 01603 433160 or
email rector@thorpeparishchurch.org



Friends of Thorpe St Andrew is a registered charity and are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a member please email your interest to:

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Norfolk Higher Aspiration Scheme

We are happy to be a part of the Norfolk Higher Aspirations Scheme (NHAS) this year, which provides our Sixth Form students with both the inspiration and the tools to aspire. The scheme is a Norfolk Partnership Service, which is capably supported by a wide range of local and national bodies, all devoted to this work and all loyal to the idea. NHAS aims to ensure our students are not disadvantaged by COVID-19 and that they have the opportunities and assistance to successfully transition into higher education or apprenticeships. As a gold member of the scheme, all our Sixth Form students have been invited to sign up and will receive:

- A fortnightly bulletin outlining local and national HE and career-focused opportunities and activities
- Opportunities to attend events focused on Degree Level Apprenticeships
- Opportunities to attend career specific events organised by the scheme (for example Construction, Engineering, Law, Media, Marketing, Medicine, Nursing and Veterinary)
- Opportunities to attend presentations on studying in the USA and EU
- Opportunities to access specialist mock interviews
- Opportunities to access specialist support for Assessment Tests that we cover
- Opportunities to attend cross county and national visits to selected universities.



This scheme is a broadening of the Norfolk Higher Education Scheme, whose opportunities and support with previous students has been invaluable. For example, students applying to competitive courses in medicine got into their first choice university after attending the mock interviews and receiving helpful feedback. We look forward to updating you on future success stories of this new scheme.

The Sixth Form Team

Thorpe St Andrew
Sixth Form
Excellence for All



Welcomes you to our
Virtual Open Evening
Tuesday 10 November 2020
from 6.30 pm



Start your Sixth Form
experience with us soon



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Examination Dates Summer 2021

The government has announced the summer examination series will start on Monday 7 June 2021 and end on Friday 2 July 2021 for almost all AS and A levels and GCSEs.

Results days for 2021 will be:

Tuesday 24 August 2021 for A and AS Levels and Friday 27 August 2021 for GCSE students.

This will then allow the following academic year to start as normal. The majority of vocational qualifications will also follow this timetable, although the consultation period for this is ongoing. We will update you when we have more information.

Mr Hookway

Lead Role

Emilia Hodges has just landed herself one of the seven lead roles in a new film, to be released late 2021 or 2022. The film is called Darlings of Sin and will be filmed in London. Emilia will be playing Willa West. The key story is that there are seven girls and each one has to face one of the seven sins. Emilia's character, Willa will be facing wrath.



Upcoming Events

**Duke of Edinburgh
Silver Assessed Expedition**
**Duke of Edinburgh
Bronze Assessed Expedition**

**Saturday 24 October 2020
to Monday 26 October 2020**
**Saturday 24 October 2020
to Sunday 1 November 2020**

Provision for Students who are unable to attend School due to COVID-19

We have developed our remote learning procedure in order to offer additional support to students and parents if students are unable to attend school. The procedure will ensure consistency of learning when students return to school.

The remote learning procedure aims to ensure Excellence for All by:

Consistency for students in school

Clarity for students working from home

Maximising capacity in school in the event of a partial closure



Principles

If a local lockdown is implemented, the school will offer immediate access to remote education for students who are required to remain at home. If there is not a local lockdown but a single class or bubble needs to self-isolate, the school will immediately implement remote learning for that group.

As part of the Remote Learning procedure the school will contact parents and students throughout a period of self isolation in order to offer additional support.

Thank you to all parents/carers who completed the remote learning survey. We are in the process of purchasing Chromebooks for identified students so that they can access the remote learning should the need arise.

Full details of the remote learning procedure for Sixth Form and the Main school can be found on the school website
<https://thorpestandrewschool.org.uk/>

Mrs Wilkinson

How can I help with Learning?



In the article on Assessment at the beginning of October, I began to share some answers to the question "How can I help?". Today I want to explain one of the most powerful, yet simple ways to support your young person's learning at home – by using their Learning Reflection Journal. But first, a little background to help explain the science behind it.

Retrieval practice involves recreating something you have learned in the past from your memory and thinking about it right now. In other words, a while *after* you have learned something by reading it in a book or hearing it in a class or from a teacher, you need to bring it to mind (or "retrieve" it). The word *after* is really important; you need to forget the information at least a little in order for retrieval to be effective! You do not want to just immediately recite what you see in the book or what the teacher told you but rather you want to bring the

information to mind on your own, once it starts to get a little more difficult to remember what you studied. This process of looking back and 'pulling information out of your head' has been proven to make that information easier to remember later and you are also more likely to be able to use and apply the information in new situations.

For each lesson, we ask students to write three extended bullet points summarising the main facts, skills and key knowledge learnt that lesson in their Learning Reflection Journal. Some of this writing (and this may include diagrams) may take place in school during lesson transitions but should also be completed as part of homework, so thinking back over the day's lessons and capturing these key points is an important home learning task.

What you can do to help

Make sure your young learner is completing their Reflection Journal as described above.

Look over the journal with them and ask them to explain or expand on the bullet points from the day's learning.

Even better - turn back and ask them to share the learning from a lesson on a previous day/week to really stretch those memory recall muscles!

Miss Allen