

Thorpe Life Excellence for all



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Thank you for your ongoing support during these times.

We have made many changes in the way the school runs to help keep everyone safe this year.

We continually renew our approach and believe that by making some small changes to the timings of the school day we can help make the students' experience of school even better. A letter was emailed to the whole school community and a copy can be seen by following the link below:

<https://thorpestandrewschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/1/2020/11/Changes-to-the-timings-of-the-school-day-parent-letter.pdf>



Break and lunchtime are much the same as before, the differences are to Year 12 who need to be in school for lesson 1 at 8.25 am as in previous years.

We remind Sixth Formers who are not in lessons that they should go home for these periods as we have limited opportunities for studies in school available due to the situation.

During changeover times students will be asked to go outside unless in technology double lessons where students continue to work through.

We believe these changes will allow students to get outside in the fresh air more regularly, which research shows is the most effective way to avoid catching COVID 19. Classrooms can also be ventilated at these times.

The end of the day dismissal will now be staggered to support students leaving school with one other person only to avoid congestion around the site. Students who catch buses and Years 7, 11 and Sixth Form students will leave at 3.00 pm. Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be dismissed at 3.05 pm.



We are supporting the Home Office 'Something's Not Right' Campaign through form time activities and on our social media. We would appreciate it if you could discuss this at home.

The Home Office has created a new campaign, '**Something's Not Right**', to help secondary children in England who suffered a range of harms, such as sexual and physical abuse, during lockdown. With schools re-opened and safeguarding channels restored, the campaign aims to build awareness of the support services available to victims and encourage disclosure of abuse to a trusted adult.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/somethings-not-right>

Mrs Veeren

Attendance A good attendance record demonstrates dedication, commitment and resilience. As we prepare students for the world of work, we are emphasising the importance of a good attendance record.



As we begin to prepare Year 11 for their next steps, their attendance record is a key part of their application. It is a specific feature of the references we send out to Colleges, Sixth Forms and Employers.

Bad attendance habits start long before a student is in Year 11, so we are encouraging all students to think about their employability right from Year 7!

Mr Dewar

Year 11 Applications to our Sixth Form

A reminder that the deadline to apply to our Sixth Form is Monday 30 November 2020.

We look forward to receiving your application.

The Sixth Form Team



If your child is self isolating, develops symptoms and tests **POSITIVE**, please contact the school to enable us to adjust the period of self isolating accordingly, as students in this situation only need to continue to self isolate for 10 days if they are no longer symptomatic.

Mrs Bignell

Thought of the Week

Busy is a choice. Stressed is a choice. Joy is a choice. Choose well.

Ann Voskamp

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At Thorpe We ARE

This week, our focus was on **Aspiration**. We explored how we can show our **aspiration** by the way we present ourselves as being purposeful and calm. We also reflected on the thought of American activist Marley Dias, who said "I am purposeful in how I present myself to the world. I want my ideas to be taken seriously, and so I present myself in a way that allows people to see me and listen to what I have to say." From this we learn that being purposeful and looking purposeful gives us credibility with others.

Our students continue to show how **aspirational** they are. This year, almost **45000 ARE+** Points have been awarded in the **aspire** category. Well done everyone, we are so proud of you!



Mr Lambert



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Isolating

If you or a member of your family have symptoms and are awaiting COVID test results the whole family **must** isolate.



Please can parents who have not already done so, log on to Class Charts to check on your child's behaviour and progress.

Mrs Veeren

Team 6 Quiz and Chips

Team 6 hosted their first virtual quiz on Friday 13 November 2020 and raised £31 to go towards the Year 13 Prom.

Well done to the Events Committee for adapting their usual Quiz and Chips event to current COVID restrictions.

The Sixth Form Team

Well Done

Well done to our Year 8 Design and Technology student Evie Bullen. Evie has won a recent competition which involved using a Computer-Aided Design (CAD) software to design a new sign for the school allotment.



Very well done to you Evie and hope you enjoy your goody bag!

Mrs Parker and Ms Rekie

Artwork



Upcoming Events

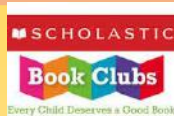
Year 10 Working For Success - Thursday 3 December 2020

Year 12 and 13 Parent Consultation Event - Tuesday 8 December 2020

School Finishes for the Christmas Holidays at 1.15 pm on

Friday 18 December 2020





ONLINE SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - books make fantastic Christmas presents!



The library normally hosts a book fair in early December, however we are currently unable to do that.

We will have an online book club instead and clicking on the following link will enable you to browse and select any books you would like, pay for them online and then they will be delivered to school for free and distributed via students. I can arrange for books to be wrapped if you do not want students to see what they are. If you want them delivered to your home, there will be a delivery charge at the checkout.

Every order means that the library receives free books so you can also support us while purchasing some brilliant books!

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/thorpe-st-andrew/digital-book-club>

We normally have the Teen Book Club leaflet in school but you are able to browse any age group of books, from very young to study guides.

The last date for orders is Friday 4 December 2020. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Hamilton

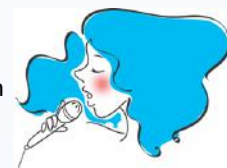
TikTok

Direct messaging

What is TikTok?

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

Users can watch musical clips, record 60 second clips (it includes lots of lip synching and dancing), edit them and add special effects.



Is your child using TikTok?

TikTok have created their top 10 Tips for you, which provides a really useful overview of settings to make TikTok a safer environment:
<https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/tiktoks-top-10-tips-for-parents>

Privacy settings

Find out about TikTok's privacy settings and choose the most appropriate for your child. It is safer for an account to be set to private (therefore only people your child chooses to accept can follow them) although you would still need to talk to your child about only accepting requests from people they know in real life. You can also set whether people can comment on their content.

Reporting

As with any app/website your child is using to interact with others, ensure that they know how to delete, report or block another user as well as know how to report any inappropriate content that they come across:

<https://support.tiktok.com/sv/privacy-safety/block-accounts-sv>

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/privacy-safety/report-inappropriate-content-default>

Direct messaging/commenting

TikTok has a direct messaging element so users can chat to each other (**TikTok now automatically disables Direct Messages for registered accounts under the age of 16**) as well as the ability to comment on each other's content. There is a risk on TikTok that cyberbullying can occur or a user can receive unwanted attention from a stranger. TikTok have produced this list of available settings to reduce the risk of this happening <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/anti-bully?lang=en>. It is important that your child understands that if they come across anything that they do not like or makes them feel uncomfortable then they should speak to you or another trusted adult.

Family safety mode

TikTok have created Family Pairing to help you keep your child safe whilst using TikTok. Family Pairing allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's account.

Further information

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/anti-bully>

Mrs Veeren