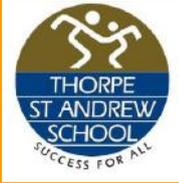




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ARE you showing you ARE:
Aspirational- Adapting to new surroundings
Respectful - Supporting others to do so
Engaged- Making effort in learning

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We ARE Thorpe and #WeAREBackStronger Well done and Congratulations at the end of a rather 'different' term.



Attendance at live lessons was high and students were focused on their work during remote learning, we were so impressed with what you achieved.



Our Well-being Wednesday Event was great and it was great to see students embracing well-being activities, getting outside and learning about e-safety. Since school has reopened fully many of you have continued to impress us. We launched our #WeAREbackstronger challenge when we returned and you rose to that. You have shown us how you have adapted to your surroundings, supported others and made an effort in learning. Nearly 10,000 +ARE points have been awarded and Mr Lambert and myself have had the pleasure of meeting students that achieved the highest scores. Well done everyone. Many of you will have a well deserved two week break which will be a great opportunity to recharge your batteries and take part in our Easter Well-being Challenge, you can see below.

For students sitting examinations in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13, it is important that all spend time preparing for their assessments, work hard and prepare well. Revision is not easy and rarely fun but it is vital and can make a huge difference. Make sure you take some time to rest, recharge and have some fun too! Have a fantastic Easter.

P. Bignell

Easter Challenges We have chosen a few eggs that you may like to do during the holidays. We did not want to tie you down to every day and of course you do not have to do the activities on the days allocated.



Free School Meals Free School Meals/Sixth Form Bursary over the Easter Holiday - Norfolk County Council will be providing free school meal vouchers over the Easter holiday, through the school. You will receive the electronic vouchers in the same way as before, £15 per student per week of the holiday.

School Closes for the Easter Holidays from Monday 29 March 2021 to Friday 9 April 2021.

UPDATES

We are expecting updates regarding the School COVID-19 Coronavirus Operation Guidance from DfE at the end of March.

If there are any changes we will update you before the start of term.

School will reopen on Monday 12 April 2021.

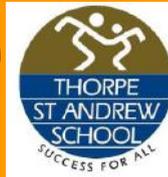




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We ARE Proud We are so proud of our students. We have been so impressed and wanted to say well done for all their engagement during lockdown. Students attended live lessons and kept focused on their work. This was epitomised during our Well-being Wednesday Event, where it was great to see students getting active outside, building snowmen and also seizing the opportunity to learn about E-Safety. We were all so impressed with what our students achieved and how they managed to keep their aspirations high during this time.

Since the school has reopened, our students have continued to impress. Students rose to our #WeAREbackStronger challenge by showing that they could adapt to the new surroundings of being in school, support others at school and continue to make effort in learning. Nearly 10,000 #WeAREbackStronger Points have been awarded in little over two weeks. This is amazing!

Easter and Spring are a time of renewal and rebirth and as such presents an opportunity to 'start again.' We want students to seize this moment and reflect on the manner in which they returned to school and how they will come back even stronger after Easter. As a school we need our students to go back to the core aspects of who we ARE at Thorpe. Remember, we Aspire, Respect and Engage.

Students can show this by remembering to:

- Walk purposefully and calmly through school
- Wear their uniform correctly
- Follow instructions calmly
- Use kind language and being considerate of others.

These simple things will help us all to maintain focus, keep things orderly and create a calm environment to best enable learning to take place. We need everyone to come back ready to learn and be focused. We want students to make the most of the opportunities that the Summer term brings and in order to do that, students need to remember who we ARE.

Mr Lambert

Sixth Form Instagram You can now follow our Sixth Form on Instagram to discover our latest updates and the highlighted opportunities to help every student with their next steps.



Safeguarding The NSPCC have some very useful advice on their website regarding Depression, Anxiety and Mental Health and how to support your child, particularly in relation to Coronavirus. Please follow this [LINK](#) for more information.

#WeAREbackstronger As part of our #weAREbackstronger campaign, students have been issued with a challenge to write a letter to their future self. We thank those students who have submitted their entries via the Google Classroom and we look forward to awarding prizes and certificates for these next term. If students should still wish to do this then they can do so, with the deadline of the first day of the new school term.



More pictures can be found on Twitter.





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Testing in the Holidays Following the Government announcement, all students and staff must continue two weekly tests during the holidays. Please support your child to complete these tests during the holidays. The school email trackandtrace-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk will be monitored daily over the holidays but if your child has a positive test over the weekend you must inform the school via this email address to enable close contact with other students to be identified and followed up and confirmed cases also need to be reported to Public Health England.

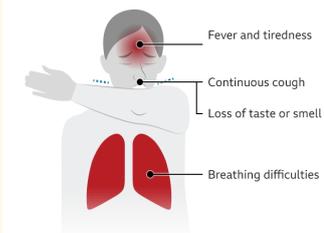
Students know how to perform the test and information will be provided in the kit available. You can also watch a short video demonstration on how to take the test via this [LINK](#).

Results must be reported to the NHS, so please follow the instructions in the booklet and report to www.gov.uk.report-covid19-result. If you get a negative result, continue as normal following National guidance including regular handwashing, social distancing and wearing face coverings. Please follow this [LINK](#) to see a short video on how we can all help stop the spread of the virus.



If the test is POSITIVE it means the person could be infected with Coronavirus and risk infecting others. When you report the results you will be provided with further information on the next steps to take.

Coronavirus: Key symptoms



If any student experiences symptoms of COVID-19 they **MUST NOT** attend school until they have had a negative test. Please follow the [LINK](#) for COVID-19 symptoms and what you will need to do.

You and anyone who lives with you and anyone in your support bubble **MUST SELF ISOLATE** in accordance with current National guidance for 10 days. All positive results from rapid tests undertaken at home do need to be confirmed with a standard PCR test. This is because these tests are not conducted in a controlled environment and will not have trained staff on hand. Following a positive LFD test at home, a confirmatory PCR test should be booked online or by calling 119. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the student and their close contacts should self-isolate. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test (at home only).

During the school holiday, please can we ask that you follow all the National guidance and we have included some useful web addresses below. It is in everyone taking individual responsibility to follow this guidance, that we can together manage a safe and secure return to education in the new term.

- **For COVID-19: Guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection please follow this [LINK](#) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)** has information for households with possible coronavirus infection including easy to read guides in a number of languages.
- **Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person—GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) please follow this [LINK](#)** which has information for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus infection including an easy to read guide.
- **www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk**
- Some residents are also entitled to a self-isolation support payment of £500. To help someone apply for this, or to find out more please click on this [LINK](#). This scheme is running until 31 March 2021.
- If you need a test, make use of drive through testing to avoid delays through mail delivery.

**DO NOT FORGET TO
COMPLETE YOUR COVID-19
TEST ON SATURDAY AND
WEDNESDAY**

Upcoming Events

Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening - Tuesday 4 May 2021

Please follow this [LINK](#) to view the School Calendar