

# Thorpe Life Excellence for all



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**ARE you showing you ARE?**  
**Aspirational** by being purposeful and calm at the **end of lessons**  
**Respectful** by demonstrating **basic manners** by following instructions  
**Engaged** by being punctual and attending **every lesson**

## We ARE Thorpe and #WeAREBackBetter

Students in Years 11 and 13 are now halfway through their assessments that are being used to give their final GCSE grades in this very different year. Their resilience and determination to succeed is to be commended. This especially applies to their ongoing revision at home throughout the period to be successful. Students and parents have been sent information on when they will be finishing school [LINK](#). We hope this will further support their ongoing efforts.



*P. Bignell*

**Teacher Assessed Grades** The Centre policy for Teacher Assessed Grades for Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 is now on the school website and is currently being reviewed by examination boards. Please follow this [LINK](#) to view the policy.

Mr Hookway

## Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening Information

Please see the proposed sources of evidence for Year 11 Teacher Assessed Grades via this [LINK](#). The Year 11 team have been really impressed with the maturity and resilience that students have displayed during the teacher assessments. Discussions during the Parent Consultation evening will be around the sources of evidence [LINK](#). Teachers may be able to provide percentages or grades on past assessments but will not be able to comment on predicted grades or final grades.

Mr Hookway

**Year 11 Art Students** This is a reminder that Year 11 Art students will be completing their final pieces in their Art lessons and these may show as multiple assessments for Art. This was to ensure there was protected time to complete their final pieces. [LINK](#) to Assessment information.

**Mobile Phones** At the start of the year, we shared our new stance on mobile phones in school. The support from adults at home on this issue was overwhelming. Could you please remind your child that mobile phones should be switched off and placed in their bag on arrival at school. Similarly, earphones and 'air-pods' should not be worn as this would indicate the phone is on and being listened to. Phones can be a distraction in school and they must be out of sight. As many of our Year 11 students have revision materials on their phones, they may access these in class as directed by their teacher. We appreciate your support in this matter.



We ARE Thorpe and we ARE Back Better

This week we have celebrated our fantastic students 14,000 times. This is incredible, well done everyone! Our focus this week was Respect: following instructions and using kind and considerate language. We have particularly focused on demonstrating basic manners and listening to others. Next week our focus will be on Engage: punctuality and attendance.

We reflected upon the thoughts of the British Journalist Kate Reardon who said "It doesn't matter how many A-levels you have, what kind of a degree you have, if you have good manners, people will like you." From this we explored how demonstrating basic manners helps create a respectful environment between people. We discussed the importance of saying 'please', 'thank you' and why saying 'sorry' is the best way to start a conversation when you have made a mistake. We want all our students to understand that Respect is required in the wider world and that we all want each other to behave and be nice.

Mr Lambert

**We ARE Thorpe and we Aspire** We believe that our students must aspire to do well and that they

demonstrate this aspiration by wearing their uniform correctly at all times. We spent last week 'resetting' our expectations about uniform and would like to thank all those that have supported the school in this area, especially in relation to hoodies. We now believe (because of the improving weather) that the agreed school uniform and a coat should be sufficient to ensure all students are warm enough in class. In short, **hoodies are no longer acceptable in school**. We have high expectations of students, as I am sure our community would want us to. It would be appreciated if you could help reinforce this message to your children at home.

Mr Lambert

### Girls Football Team Playing Boys Wins League

An all girls' football team are celebrating beating every boys' team in their age group to emerge as league champions.

Shrublands U13 Girls were undefeated all season - an achievement their manager said was his most rewarding to date. Four of the girls are from Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form. Well done Ruby Gabell, Addi Gregory, Sofia Odell and Charlotte Pernet.



**After School Clubs** We are delighted to be able to offer the following clubs:

**Monday - Year 7 - Tennis, Rounders, Cricket and Athletics.**

**Wednesday - Year 9 - Tennis, Rounders, Cricket and Athletics.**

**Thursday - Year 8 - Tennis, Rounders, Cricket and Athletics.**

Clubs are open to all students and run from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm. You will need to meet at the following venues:

**Year 7 - North Hall, Year 8 - South Sports Hall, Year 9 - South Gym**

It is not too late to join a club, anyone is still welcome. Please sign up in your PE lessons, or come along on your designated day where we will take a list of names for track and trace purposes.

### Attendance Matters!

95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**  
WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

**A missed lesson means:**

- Missed Vocab
- A new mathematical method not learned
- A key assessment that will have to be sat later

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

- A key skill introduced, that you weren't there for. You'll find it hard to move on without it
- More stress as you try to catch up with the rest of the class.
- Lost learning habits - there's no substitute for in class learning!



In Form Time on Monday, we emphasised the importance of "just turning up". A good attendance record means a good reference, but we also reminded the students that a lesson missed means learning missed. The skills and content taught in those missed lessons will have to be caught up, or progress will be much harder to achieve!

If your child is too ill to attend school, please remember to contact the absence line (01603 497722) and speak with Mrs Buxton. She can advise you on what evidence we will need to support your child's absence.

Mr Dewar

**Cyber Security** You may have seen in recent press reports that school data and networks are being targeted and attacked by cyber security hackers. There have been some very public security attacks and even smaller scale attacks which have caused significant disruption to working practices. Please follow this [LINK](#) for more information.

### Last Day of Summer Term

Following the Government announcement of the potential lifting of all COVID-19 restrictions on Monday 21 June 2021, we have had to make plans for returning our school 'back to normal' for the start of term in September 2021. In order to achieve this, our, Governing Body and The Yare Education Trustees have agreed to end the term for all students on Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 3.05 pm. This is to allow staff time on Wednesday 21 July 2021 to return our school to normal so that the start to the new academic year is as smooth as possible. Thank you for your support.

**DO NOT FORGET TO COMPLETE YOUR COVID-19 TEST TWICE WEEKLY**

### Upcoming Events

Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening - Tuesday 4 May 2021

Year 11 last day of school lessons - Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 3.05 pm

Year 13 - Thursday 27 May 2021

Last day of Summer Term - Tuesday 20 July 2021 3.05 pm

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