



# 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

This week the government has updated the school COVID guidance from Monday 17 May 2021 in line with the National roadmap. As a result, face coverings are NO longer required to be worn on the school site by students, however, if they wish to continue to wear these they are welcome to do so. All students travelling on a school bus and public transport need to continue to wear them. Face coverings are no longer required to be worn by staff in classrooms, however they may be worn when moving around in corridors and in communal areas where social distancing is not possible. Visitors including any parents will be required to wear face coverings when on site. Although we are still restricting visitors to essential only please email to contact in the first instance. The reintroduction of face coverings for students and staff will be advised if there are localised outbreaks or on a Year School basis. Maintaining social distancing when possible, sanitising hands on arrival to school, cleaning hands thoroughly and more often than usual and continued ventilation within the school remain important for all our community particularly as controls are relaxing in society and with the current new variants of COVID. Thank you for all your ongoing support and students for following the COVID prevention requirements



*P. Biguell*

**PE Kit** There has been a significant improvement in the look of the PE kit since this was raised with the students and in the newsletter, thank you for your support. Please be reminded that grey is not acceptable for leggings or jumpers for PE and hoodies are also not acceptable. The new PE uniform is fully available on the Stevensons website giving a choice for what the students would like to wear. An increasing amount of students are wearing this which is great to see.

**SAFEGUARDING** We are continuing our focus in form time on Sexual Harassment and this has led to more disclosure amongst students informing us of any unacceptable comments or conduct. Please continue to discuss this with your child, all allegations are taken extremely seriously. This has led to a consequence and education with a number of perpetrators involving conversations with the Police. Please support us in doing our bit to change this societal issue.

Form Time will continue to address issues such as sexual harassment, assault, the law and responsibility. Norfolk Police have recorded a series of video presentations for use in Form Time and Assemblies which we are utilising as the basis of discussion for these sessions.

**Year 6 Transition Programme** Year 6 Transition Programme goes Live from 12.00 pm, Tuesday 18 May 2021. Each week, this website will be updated with information to support students starting at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form and there will be a weekly challenge. These will need to be emailed in to:

[transition-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:transition-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk)

or shared on twitter - @tsas\_norwich #WeAREjoining

Our fantastic fully funded Summer school in partnership with United Education will be running from Monday 23 August 2021 to Friday 27 August 2021. The booking system will open for registration on Tuesday 18 May 2021 via the transition website.

**We ARE Thorpe and we ARE Back Better**  
This week we have rewarded our amazing students over 13,000 times. This is amazing, well done everyone! Our focus this week has been on Engage: being punctual and attending all lessons. We have reflected on the words of Jim Elliot who said, "Wherever you are be all there". This helps us realise the importance of being present in lessons and concentrating deeply.

Next week we will be focusing on presenting ourselves neatly. As a reminder, the school uniform policy indicates that we do not allow nose piercings. As face coverings will no longer be compulsory from next week, we are aware that nose piercings will no longer be covered up. We ask that you support the school in this area. A clear plastic retainer is a suitable alternative for school.

Mr Lambert



**Launching TODAY - Booking system for Summer Camp 2021 at Thorpe St Andrew School**  
**Launch of our Online Transition Programme for the new Year 7s (2021) - Tuesday 18 May 2021**  
**Year 11 last day of school lessons - Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 3.05 pm**  
**Year 13 - Thursday 27 May 2021**  
**DofE Bronze Practice Expedition - Saturday 29 May 2021**  
**DofE Silver Practice Expedition - Saturday 29 May to Sunday 30 May 2021**  
**New Year 12 Virtual Transition Day - Tuesday 8 June 2021**  
**Last day of Summer Term - Tuesday 20 July 2021 3.05 pm**  
Please follow this [LINK](#) to view the School Calendar



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A fantastic three week opportunity for Year 11s and 17 year olds this summer including residential life skills and Community Action Projects. Register now to secure your place via this [LINK](#).



All the info you need to grab your spot is on our website... just follow our QR code! But here's a quick run down in case you can't wait:

**WHEN?**  
Loads of dates, all over the summer holidays.

**HOW MUCH?**  
The most you'll pay is £50. Bursaries are available.

**WHAT'S NEXT?**  
Head to our site, pick your dates and make a payment. Simple!



**YOU'LL GET A CHANCE TO...**

**BE EPIC**  
You know that buzz you feel when you nail something you thought was near impossible? Imagine that, but for every day you're with us. Throw in meeting a new crowd and still having some time to recharge and chill. Pretty great, right?

**LIVE LIFE**  
It gets better. You'll also pick up skills designed to help you smash the whole 'adulting' thing. Want to know how to budget? Answer questions with confidence? Present to a room full of people without freezing up? Leave it to us.

**DO GOOD**  
But wait, there's more! You'll take all that you've learned and turn your passion into action. Want to see a positive change in your community? Pave the way. You'll have the tools and team to make a lasting impact.

**GO PARTY**  
And on top of all the pals, lols, and skills, you'll get a certificate to remind you of all the wins, and then go party with your team! You've got to go out with a bang, right?

[WEARENCS.COM](http://WEARENCS.COM)

Mr Crane has taken over the allotment from Miss Rekie. Our overall scheme over the coming years is to make it a place where teachers can take classes to work, students can have support with their well-being, stress and mental health, the area can be used for cross curriculum, such as Science, Food Technology, Art, Life Skills and the area can be used for induction days, training days and Open Evenings.

If you are interested and willing to give up some of your time and come to support us on Mondays and Thursdays please follow this [LINK](#) to enter your details.

**GREAT Attendance** Club attendance has increased for the summer sports. We had over 100 for Year 7 clubs on Monday evening.

Year 8 and 9 reports are now available to view on My Child at School.

**Reporting Your Child's Absence** It is important to keep us informed if your child is going to be absent from school and the best and most efficient way to do this is to call the main Absence Line 01603 497722, as the main office line is extremely busy first thing in the morning. The absence line is available 24/7 so absences can be reported at any time of the day. Should you have any attendance concerns that you would like advice or support with, Mrs Buxton is available on 01603 497704 or you can email her directly at [dbuxton6nrc@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:dbuxton6nrc@yare-edu.org.uk).

Sixth Form students are not able to call in ill themselves, therefore, parents/carers must:

- Contact us as soon as possible on the first day of absence and each subsequent day on 01603 497722. Teachers are not able to pass messages on to the Sixth Form Team in regards to absences.
- Complete a "Request for Leave of Absence" in the case of an unavoidable planned absence (for example, an orthodontist appointment or Open Day visit). This Form is available by clicking [here](#). These must be submitted three days prior to the absence.
- Contact the Sixth Form Team for emergency appointments on 01603 497767 or email [sixthformtsa@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:sixthformtsa@yare-edu.org.uk)

If a student is unwell during the school day, they must not leave the site until they have been assessed by the First Aid Responder located in the Sixth Form Study Centre, who will then contact parents/carers and decide on the next course of action.

**united adventure camps at Thorpe St Andrew**

Children aged 5-14

**Dates, prices and hours**

- Summer holidays
- Starting from £32 per day
- Core hours: 9am - 4pm (extended hours available)
- We accept childcare vouchers

**What's on?**

- Junior explorers (age 5-7)
- Wild explorers (age 8-11)
- Senior explorers (age 12-14)

Every day at United Adventure Camps is packed with adventure. We create safe environments for children to learn, grow and prosper through a host of multi-activity programmes, excursions and theme days. Our programmes engage and excite, our staff inspire and guide, our standards are high and we always put the children first in everything we do.

**Please follow this [LINK](#) to book your place.**

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**Essential Equipment:** In order to assist us in minimizing the risk of infection, please ensure your child is only bringing essential items into school which must include:

**Required every day:** Filled Water Bottle, Black Pen, Pencil, Eraser, Ruler, Highlighter Pens, Glue Stick, A pair of scissors, A packet of tissues

**For Mathematics and Science lessons:** Protractor, Compass, Calculator

**Optional Equipment:** Coloured pencils, Coloured pens For Technology lessons: Apron.

