

Thorpe Life

Excellence for all

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"I think it is possible for ordinary people to choose to be extraordinary." - Elon Musk

Good luck to all Year 11 and 13 students, they have shown such resilience and perseverance in dealing with a pandemic and life changing qualifications. They have risen to the challenge and performed to the best of their abilities in their assessments and this term.

Well done and best wishes for future success.

"You have all been extraordinary."



ARE you showing you ARE?
Aspirational by completing work to the best of your ability
Respectful by being kind and considerate
Engaged by being focused on your work

We ARE Thorpe, and we ARE Stepping Up

This half term, almost 100 000 ARE+ Points have been awarded. That is over 1500 ARE+ Points a day! This is amazing and represents who the majority of the school ARE. Well done everyone! Our focus this week has been on Respect: following instructions calmly. We have reflected on the words of A W Tozer, who said, "The driver on the highway is safe not when He reads the signs, but when He obeys them." This helps us realise the importance of not just knowing the rules but also following them as we all benefit from it.

When we return after the holiday, we will focus on getting ready to step-up to new challenges. We want every student to make the most of now, so that they are well prepared for the step-up in September. To do that, everyone needs to be focused on their work - making sure it is the best they can do and this will be further helped by students being focused in lessons. It is also important to reflect on how we interact with others. It has been a tough year (or more) for everyone so let's just be nice, kind and considerate to each other.

Mr Lambert



We ARE respectful: We show this by looking after our environment.

Students at Thorpe are taught to be Aspirational, Respectful and Engaged. One important part of this is to learn to respect our environment. Many students demonstrate this daily by choosing not to litter, tidying up after themselves and helping to keep rooms tidy. Sadly, we have had a spate of poor behaviour and vandalism in the toilets recently as some students in our school have chosen not to treat these communal areas with respect.

We want the best for our students and we need to make the most of what we have. To help maintain the facilities we have had to introduce a range of measures such as only allowing one student in a toilet block at a time, locking toilets during lesson time, encouraging students to access the toilets only at break/lunch time and placing staff near the toilets. It would be very helpful if you could talk to your child about looking after their environment and especially treating our shared facilities with respect. All students deserve the best and we all have a responsibility to make sure that we look after our school environment.

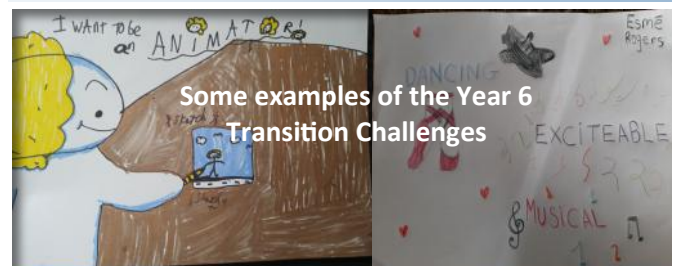
Mr Lambert

Trust News The Yare Education Trust

There will be a temporary change in the CEO arrangements at The Yare Education Trust schools. This relates solely to the leadership of the Trust; the leadership at your child's school is not affected.

The Yare Education Trust approached the Boudica Schools Trust, with whom they have been exploring aspects of partnership working, to request the secondment of their CEO, Mr Evans, to Yare for two days a week. Mr Evans will take up the role of Interim CEO from 7 June to 31 December 2021, alongside his CEO role at Boudica..

Dr Steynor - Chair of Trustees, The Yare Education Trust
Mr Bloomfield - Chair of Trustees, Boudica Schools Trust



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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
PE 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. We hope to see lots of you after half term.

Attendance Champions!



Year 7 - 7PSV7 -	97.81%
Year 8 - 8ACMPSV2 -	96.41%
Year 9 - 9ACMPSV9 -	94.74%
Year 10 - 10ACMPSV6 -	98.17%
Year 11 - 11ACMPSV11 -	94.67%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations to the students in 10ACMPSV6, who top our Attendance Leader board at the end of this Half Term

Since September, we have tracked the attendance data for all the forms across the school.

We will announce the "Top Form" in each Year Group, and the overall best attenders, in July.

These figures represent an amazing effort on the part of our students, to attend school regularly and to build good attendance habits ready for the world of work.

SAFEGUARDING As we approach the school holidays this is an ideal time to reflect and revisit the ways in which we protect young people online.

The NSPCC has some detailed information. Please follow this [LINK](#) for more information.

The safeguarding and pastoral teams work almost daily with referrals around online activity. Fortunately, the vast majority of referrals we receive do not become major sources of alarm. However, we very often find that parents are unaware of their child's activity online.

Please ensure that you are checking your child's mobile phone regularly for activity. Screen Time Labs is one of the apps that some parents have found successful in monitoring usage. Please follow this [LINK](#) for more information.

Mrs Veeren

Upcoming Events

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
Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening - Thursday 10 June 2021
Last day of Summer Term - Tuesday 20 July 2021 3.05 pm
Please follow this [LINK](#) to view the School Calendar

Free to all Year 6 Students who are joining in September



at
Thorpe St Andrew School

Thorpe St Andrew School, Laundry Lane, Thorpe St Andrew, NR7 0X

Free summer enrichment programme

United Education's new "Summer Enrichment" programme is uniquely designed to help children that are transitioning into secondary school education. We have combined our established summer camp timetable with an academic tutoring element to form an exciting multi-activity experience for children to enjoy a range of activities. The programme will include activities like team sports, crafts, drama and buskcraft alongside academic support to ensure that they are as prepared as possible going into their new school year.

Dates, prices and hours

- Free to all students in Year 6 that are joining us in September.
- 23rd - 27th August
- Core hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm

What's on?



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.



Places are limited and fill up fast. Click book now to join the adventure and secure a place.

Book Now
0113 4830280

Enriching Young Lives.

How can we make learning "stick"?

Parents and carers often ask teachers "How can I help my child with their learning at home?" There are lots of ways families can help their children be better readers, thinkers and learners. One approach is to think about how we can make learning "stick".

All subjects have key knowledge sheets. A simple but effective home learning activity is to read, cover, regurgitate and then check their answers. All of our students know that learning will be checked in "retrieval quizzes" in class. You can help your child by quizzing and testing them with the sheet, checking their answers and making sure they are prepared for their retrieval quizzes in class!

Half Term We wish everybody a relaxing half term holiday. Enjoy yourselves but remember to follow the National COVID-19 Guidelines regarding social distancing and the number of friends/family you can meet and where. Please follow this [LINK](#) for more information.

Updated Guidance Following updated guidance from Norfolk Children's Services, we have had to reassess our advice from Monday 24 May 2021 which means even if your child receives a negative PCR test when self isolating, they must continue to self isolate until the end of the recommended 10 day period.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.