

Thorpe Life

Excellence for all

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#WeAREsteppingUP
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

Welcome back to the last half term #WeAREsteppingup as a community and taking action by fully focusing, completing our work and engaging in our learning even when it is difficult or challenging. By being kind and considerate to others at all times and everybody wants to feel part of our community. This is the time to take action and make a difference to end this challenging year with a flourish.



We have seen this commitment to step up already this week with our Year 8 school adapting and flourishing in their new learning areas and increased opportunities and space. Year 10 and 12 are starting preparations for their all important end of year assessments.



Congratulations to our tennis team who have successfully reached the UK school finals!

P. Bigwell

SIXTH FORM TRANSITION DAY We were overwhelmed by the number of students who visited the transition website on Tuesday. This will remain live for a few weeks. If you are joining us in September, remember to sign up to the NCS programme at the bottom of the transition website page by next Tuesday.
Upcoming dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 15 June 2021: Your first Passport to Sixth Form Session will be available on your [Transition Google Classroom](#). An invitation to the classroom was sent to your Yare email address on Wednesday.**
- Monday 5 July 2021: Deadline to submit your Bridging work.**
- Tuesday 6 July 2021: Provisional date for a face to face Transition Day.**



Year 13 Leavers' Farewell

What a lovely time we had celebrating the completion of Year 13 Sixth Form studies.

We wish them all the success they deserve.

We would like to thank the 1st Spixworth Scouts who let us borrow their bbqs and to the PTA who bought the lovely balloon arch for the students.



INSPIRING NORFOLK

This project aims to inspire Norfolk children and their families to enjoy learning together through focusing on Norfolk's inspiring people, places, artefacts and events. It has been put together by five enthusiasts for learning and for Norfolk. The website will be fully populated from early June and will have over 50 short films and suggested activities to stimulate your interest in all things Norfolk, past and present.

We hope that all schools will create time in the Summer to have mini festivals of learning for classes, Year Groups or the whole school and we hope that all Thorpe families will create their own short Festival of Learning together as well. All the resources are free and the website will remain open till December. Just log in - www.inspiringnorfolk.co.uk – choose some resources (short films just 5 to 10 minutes) – and be surprised, challenged and hopefully inspired to learn more.....and maybe even go out and enjoy the places mentioned.

Fred Corbett

(School Governor and one of the five founders of Inspire Norfolk)

U18 Boys' Tennis Team National Finalists

Our U18 boys tennis team have defied the odds! They are now National Finalists competing against only 16 other schools across the UK, in a 4 day event held at the National Tennis centre in July. They not only will be representing the school but also Norfolk. We could not be prouder of their achievement. Congratulation - Matt Tink, Barnaby Taylor, Fred Withers and Gregor Bradley.



Appeals Procedure There has been an updated release of the appeals procedure for awarding grades in Summer 2021. The main change is priority appeals will only be for UCAS applicants. Students will need to have their UCAS number when submitting. More details to follow.



School success starts
with attendance

In form time this week, we began to look at the impact of absence. We started by thinking about absenteeism in the world of work and at the cost to business through covering absent colleagues.

According to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, the Nation lost £21 billion to absenteeism! We discussed the impact of this on businesses, on colleagues and on workload.

In school, our students have an excellent attendance record, which we celebrated at the end of last half term. A good attendance record not only ensures excellent academic progress, it also develops good habits for the world of work and forms a part of any reference that we write for students going to College, Sixth Form or seeking work.

Mr Dewar

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
 - Wednesday - Year 7 - Computing Club - N12 from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm
 - 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 next week.



We ARE Thorpe, and we ARE Stepping UP

This half term we are asking all students to 'step-up' in order to get themselves 'September ready.' We have reflected on the words of Maya Angelou, who said, "Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better." This reminds us that we have to challenge ourselves constantly to move on and do better. To this end, everyone needs to make sure their work is the best that they can do, keep focused in lessons and that they are kind and considerate to each other. This will help everyone 'step-up'.

Next week our focus is on completing work to the best of your ability. We will be checking in class and rewarding students who do this but also challenging those that do not as we know they can do better. When 'doing better' becomes your goal, excellence will follow.



We are currently looking for placements for our Digital T Level students. Employers can now claim a **£1,000** cash boost for every T Level student they host on a high-quality industry placement. Employers may choose how best to use the money, for example this could be on staffing costs or additional equipment. If you know a business that might be interested in hosting one of our students, please contact Mr Tiddy at ntiddy7kn@yare-edu.org.uk.

Students can work in a range of different digital roles including:

- Web/App designer/development
- Software development
- Software tester
- Technical support
- Network engineers
- Cyber security
- Data analyst

We ARE Aspirational

We show this by completing work to the best of our ability.

We teach students at Thorpe to be Aspirational, Respectful and Engaged. One important part of our culture is that students demonstrate their aspiration by completing work to the best of their ability. We do this because we view that excellence is a habit that has to be practised often. Many students demonstrate this daily in their classes at school by finishing off the work set and making sure it is done well and we believe that this should continue at home.

We want the best for our students and we know that reviewing learning at home helps students know more so they can then do more. As a general rule, students should still be using their reflection journal for 30 minutes a day to record what they have learned at school and review the Key Knowledge that has been shared to further revise and learn what they have been taught. It is important to understand that "memory is the residue of thought", therefore students have to think about things often in order to remember them. Thank you in your support in this area.

Mr Lambert

COVID-19 Vaccinations As the COVID-19 vaccination programme continues, the team at Lionwood Surgery (and other vaccination centres around the County) are holding walk-in sessions/days for both first and second vaccinations. Please use this [LINK](#) for further information.



Please ensure you come to school
with a filled water bottle.



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united adventure camps
 at
Thorpe St Andrew
 Thorpe St Andrew School, Laundry Lane, Thorpe St Andrew, NR70XS

Get back to nature, learn new skills, make lasting friendships and enjoy a summer to remember.

Our unique holiday day camps give children and young adults an exciting multi-activity experience with the choice to enjoy lots of activities including team sports, craft, archery and drama to name a few.

Covid-19 Secure

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.

To join the adventure and secure a place, contact our admissions team today. **Places are limited and fill up fast.**

“Loved it! He said it felt like a dream.”

Ofsted Good Provider

Enriching Young Lives
 0113 4830280
www.united-education.co.uk

Free to all Year 6 Students who are joining in September

united education
 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 timetables 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 homework 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?

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 How learning fits home.

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Year 7 and 8 Outdoor Drama Lessons

This week has seen a number of Year 7 and Year 8 Drama classes take advantage of the good weather to create some Physical Theatre outside on the field. It has been fantastic to see students completing practical work again in Drama, creating an aquarium full of all manner of sea creatures and using sound effects to portray the environments of haunted houses, toy boxes and even spaceships. This half term we would like to move as many classes outside as possible so please encourage your child to prepare for this by filling up water bottles during transition and break times and bringing sun cream for their Drama lessons.

Mr Sparkes

RETURN OF SCHOOL READING PENS Year 11 and Year 13 students who have been issued with reading pens, please ensure they are returned to reception with your name on. Year 11 students can return these pens on the final celebration days next week.

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON TESTING

Everyone is encouraged to test twice a week, with one of the two tests at the weekend to catch cases before starting the new school week.

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Squeezes

The smiles you share, the hugs you give, the giggles you get and the difference you make. These are the reasons you open your heart and your home and choose to foster.

Help a child fulfil their true potential

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Call 01603 306649
norfolk.gov.uk/fostering

Norfolk County Council

Tests cost one standard network rate message

Upcoming Events

Monday 21 to Friday 25 June: Year 12 End of Year Progress Assessments

Tuesday 29 June: Post 18 Event with over 30 workshops tailored to your future pathway.

Tuesday 6 July 2021: Year 12 Provisional date for a face to face transition day

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

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