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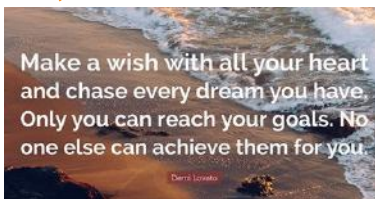
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ARE you showing you ARE?  
Aspirational by completing work to the best of your ability  
Respectful by being kind and considerate  
Engaged by being focused on your work



This week we reflected on Demi Lovato's quote as we celebrated and promoted Pride Month across the Globe. Demi Lovato announced earlier this year that they identified as non-binary and filmed on YouTube, a Pride special reaching out and helping others outside the gender binary, they said 'Keep living in your truths'. This week we ARE aspirational and focused on who we are and what we do in school, sharing this in school, developing understanding, being considerate of others and kind are essential characteristics we continue to develop and promote in all we do at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form on a daily basis.



## JOB VACANCY

### Careers/Pathways Guidance Co-ordinator

Required for September 2021

37 Hours Per Week – Term Time Plus Two Weeks  
Scale F £22,183 - £24,491 (Pro Rata)

Closing date for applications is **9 am on Monday 12 July 2021.**

## JOB VACANCY

### Behaviour for Education Support (BEST) Lead

Required for September 2021

37 Hours Per Week - Term Time Plus One Week  
Scale G £24,982 - £27,041 (Pro Rata)

Closing date for applications is **9 am on Wednesday 7 July 2021.**

The Yare Education Trust is an equal opportunities employer, committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

All staff appointments are subject to satisfactory references and enhanced DBS checks.

Please find the job descriptions and post details at <http://thorpeandrewschool.org.uk> or telephone 01603 497775.



### We ARE Thorpe, and we ARE Stepping Up

#WeAREsteppingUP

This half term we are asking all students to 'step-up' in order to get themselves 'September ready.' This week we have concentrated on staying focused on work. This has been particularly pertinent to our Year 10 students who started their end of year assessments. It has been fantastic to see so many students making the most of their time and using revision aids at break or lunch. Keeping focused allows us to reach our ambitious goals, which is what we want for all our students.

Next week we will be encouraging all students to complete work to the best of their ability. Teachers will, once again, be looking to celebrate when students demonstrate this but also challenging those who let their standards slip.

Mr Lambert



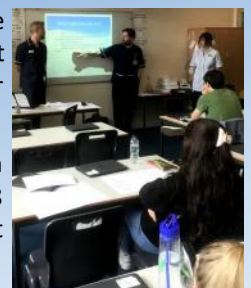
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**Our Post 18 Event was a great success!** Despite the COVID-19 restrictions, we managed to host 35 workshops for our "next steps" event. Students attended a series of sessions to help them with their UCAS, Employment or Apprenticeship applications.

We were overwhelmed with the number of Guest Speakers who accepted to attend our event either in person or online for the morning to run sessions with targeted groups of students, based on their identified Post 18 choices. We thank all our guests for their precious time in their very busy schedules, without whom the event would not have been able to take place.

We would also like to thank our Alumni students who gave up their time to deliver some presentations to our students, sharing their journey since they have left our Sixth Form and some very useful tips that our students can take away with them and act upon to facilitate their transition into life beyond Sixth Form.



Ms Bernard - Deputy Principal – Sixth Form

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A big well done to Year 8 Girls' Cricket team who won the 'Chance to Compete' tournament yesterday. The girls were unbeaten all day playing five games against Framingham Earl and Broadland. A massive well done to some girls who have never played cricket before. We ARE very proud of you.



A big well done to the Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 rounders teams this week. It was lovely to see so many students compete for the school for the first time. All four games were very close against Framingham Earl and we had some great performances.



University of East Anglia (UEA) neaco vacancies (Norfolk)  
Parent and Carer Ambassadors (Norfolk)  
(Network for East Anglian Collaborative Outreach).



Paid opportunity with hours offered on an ad hoc basis.

- Are you a parent or carer living in Norfolk?
- Have you recently supported, or are supporting, your young person through higher education or a higher or degree apprenticeship?
- Would you like to share your knowledge and experience with other parent and carers and help neaco to support them?

We recognise that young people consider their parents or carers to be the key influence and main source of information about their future choices. We are recruiting a team of Parent and Carer Ambassadors in Norfolk to share their real-life experiences of supporting their young person through higher education, offering reassurance and support to other parents and carers, and helping us to deliver events and activities.

For more information, please see the full [Role Description...](#)  
To apply to join our team as a Parent and Carer Ambassador, please complete the application form [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact **Melanie Kidd, Higher Education Parent Carer**

Champion: [melanie@takeyourplace.ac.uk](mailto:melanie@takeyourplace.ac.uk).

Department/Location: University of East Anglia (UEA)/Norfolk

Salary: £9.50 p/hr

Closing Date: 16 July 2021



In view of the restrictions in place during the last two years and a level of continued uncertainty, the school will no longer be looking to provide lockers for student usage moving forward. We are, however, conscious that parents have made contributions for this provision which will no longer be available and therefore wish to offer the following options. Any sum outstanding for the remaining term involved will be donated to the School Development Trust, which aims to support achievable projects for our students not funded by our normal income streams. Previously, this has helped to finance covered outside eating areas, drinking vessels for students and our allotment scheme. Alternatively, where you wish for a refund to be processed, please e-mail [finance-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:finance-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk) by the end of term quoting the student's name, the amount originally paid and date. The arrangements to be undertaken for processing of any refunds will be advised early in the next Academic Year.

**Attendance Matters** Recently there was an awards ceremony for apprentices in the West Midlands. There was nothing remarkable about that, except that every one of the winners had attended their courses without missing a single day.

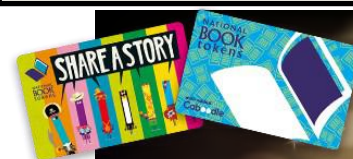
We used this news item in our Monday Form Time Attendance Matters slot to show the students the importance of "just turning up". Missing a day of school represents 5+ hours of missed learning and research has shown the impact of missed learning on student progress, attainment and on their life plans. Those apprentices may not have felt at their best on every one of the days that they attended their courses but they still "just turned up".



We encourage our students to keep the very best attendance record and to be punctual. Being in lesson on time, ready to learn, is such an important part of the learning process, and sets good foundations in place for future work.

## Sixth Form Enrolment

An email was sent to Sixth Form applicants and their parents on Monday 28 June 2021 giving information about enrolment to our Sixth Form on results day, Thursday 12 August 2021.



Please nominate our school library! Win £5,000 for your school's library! Nominate your school to win via this [LINK](#) and you could take home £100 of National Book Tokens just for you.

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## Safeguarding

As we know, young people's mental health has been impacted on, particularly by the pandemic and young people may choose unhelpful ways to manage their emotions. For some, they may choose self harm as a means to manage their experience. We have become aware that some students are drawing butterflies on their arms as motivation to stop. The idea being if the butterfly fades, it lives without being harmed. We would like parents and carers to be aware of this and to look out for signs of self harm. If you have concerns that your young person may be harming themselves, contact your GP for support. We would also refer you to the well-being page on the school website for useful numbers, websites and apps.



We are concerned that young people are sharing inappropriate adult material via their electronic devices. We encourage and remind parents to monitor and check their young person's devices for such material and their use of the internet and social media. We appreciate this is an ever changing world, however, these are steps that can be taken to keep our children safe.

Mrs Veeren and Mr Byram

## 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 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 bushcraft 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.

Ofsted Good Provider

Book now  
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[www.united-education.co.uk](http://www.united-education.co.uk)

HM Government

**NHS**  
Test and Trace

**Twice weekly rapid COVID-19 testing**

Test at home  
Report online  
Keep life moving

Let's take this next step safely.

**GET YOUR TESTS**  
FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

## Upcoming Events

Monday 5 July 2021 - Year 12 Open Event for External Students  
Monday 5 to Friday 9 July 2021 - Year 6 Vulnerable Transition Week  
Year 8 Sports Afternoon - Tuesday 6 July 2021 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm  
Year 9 Sports Morning -  
Wednesday 7 July 2021 - 8.30 am to 10.30 am  
Year 7 Sports Afternoon -  
Wednesday 7 July 2021 - 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**UK Schools Tennis Finals - Wednesday 7 to 10 July 2021**  
We wish our four students who have reached the finals, the very best of luck!

Last day of Summer Term - Tuesday 20 July 2021 3.05 pm.  
Please follow this [LINK](#) to view the School Calendar.



## Careers Corner Careers Support for Year 10s

For part of this Summer half-term, Year 10 students have been learning about some of the possibilities that are available to them after GCSEs: College, Sixth Form and Apprenticeships, considering their skills, qualities and interests. There are many opportunities available in the post-16 world.

Next week is My Work Experience Week and we are grateful to five employers who have offered their time in the afternoon live sessions to talk to students who have expressed certain sector interests. There are also some resources that you might find useful in support of your child's future so that they can:

- Gain valuable insights into a range of sectors and careers with the help of some leading local employers ✓
- Recognise their skills and qualities ✓
- Develop their understanding of local labour market and LMI ✓
- Research different sectors and careers ✓
- Consider the differences between school and the workplace ✓
- Develop the tools they need to plan their career pathway ✓

Explore Your Future: My Work Experience Week			
Day	Asynchronous content Available online from 5th July 2021		Live sessions (sector led) Accessed via a secure link
<b>1</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Intro session to motivate and explain value of the week	What is virtual work experience? What skills do I have?	Sector 1 - Healthcare (NHS)
<b>2</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> July	What is LMI? What does my local LMI look like?		Sector 2 - Energy and Green Industries (EEEGR)
<b>3</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Academic pathways and routes. Linking studies to their futures.		Sector 3 - Creative industries (Immersive VR)
<b>4</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> July	How is work different to school? Day in the life workplace activities and exploration		Sector 4 - Business/Accounting/Insurance (Aviva)
<b>5</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Do I have the skills I need? If not how do I get them? What do I need to do to get the life I want? How can study beyond 18 help me reach my goals?		Sector 5 - Engineering/Technology (Ansible Simulators)

Reflection and feedback time

This [link](#) will take you to the plan and resources for the five 'Day' sessions that have been produced to cover the listed content. The resources are available throughout the week. There are a series of videos on YouTube and they can be used in conjunction with a booklet that offers some guided activities. These resources supplement those already being used in class. We hope, as parents/carers, you will find the activities useful. Perhaps it might provoke some discussion at home?

Day 1 is all about the student and they will explore:

1. How self-belief and confidence can help them in all aspects of your life.
2. The skills and attributes they have and the careers in which they are valued.

Day 2 is all about what the job scene in Norfolk looks like. Young people will explore:

1. Key employment industry terms and definitions.
2. Employment sectors that may interest them.

Day 3 is all about the different pathways available to young people through education to a career. Students will explore:

1. What, where and how they can study to earn the right qualifications.
2. What different careers require from them and their education.

Day 4 is all about exploring the workplace. Viewers will explore:

1. What do different workplaces look like?
2. How are they different from school?
3. What are the expectations on performance/behaviour?
4. How to conduct oneself at work and during interviews.

Day 5 is all about what next steps young people need to take. The video will guide them in being reflective by looking back through the activity booklet and signpost useful resources that can help them sharpen their professional conduct.