

Thorpe Life

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CELEBRATING

BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE MONTH



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We end the week celebrating the beginning of Black History and Culture month. This year the aim is to dig deeper, look closer and think bigger than before as we raise awareness and work together to tackle racism.

This week I have been very lucky to have really seen History in detail through our new Curriculum Quality Reviews.

It has been really positive visiting History lessons across all ages and seeing how engaged students are in the classroom.

The enthusiasm of Year 7 in learning about PANDAs and their value in explaining sources (ask your child what it means), to hearing about the failed Gunpowder Plot with Year 8 to being impressed by the knowledge of Year 11 and the Soviet Union and also the analytical skills of Year 13 in considering Hitler as a Leader is very impressive.

When meeting a fantastic group of Year 7 students and discussing the beginning of the year, they were settled and enjoying their lessons and really demonstrated our values Aspirational, Respectful and Engaged.

We are very lucky that these students have joined our community and I am sure they will be very successful on their journey at TSAS.



Black History Month Throughout history, African and Caribbean people's stories have sadly been overlooked, ignored and distorted in British history books. Black History Month provides us with a chance to celebrate, share and truly understand the accomplishments and the impact of black heritage and culture.

Black History Month has its origins in the writings of Carter G Woodson who, in 1926, sent out a press release to mark the first Black History Week in the US. The event was expanded in the 1970s and in Britain became an official monthly celebration in 1987. It is now widely celebrated throughout the UK within schools, universities, workplaces and businesses.

This month gives us a chance to learn and celebrate remarkable stories of black people and cultures in our history. [The Black History Month Website](#) and the [Black Curriculum Website](#) have a huge range of free articles and learning resources on individuals from [Walter Tull](#), [Lilian Bader](#), [Bob Marley](#) as well as the remarkable pre-colonial kingdoms of [Dahomey](#), [Benin](#) and the [Ashante Empire](#). You can also find resource packs on amazing British events such as the [Nottinghill Carnival](#). Let's look closer at our past, think bigger and celebrate!



We ARE Thorpe and we ARE Ready

Over 70 000 ARE+ have been awarded since our return. This underscores how fantastically our students are approaching their studies at the moment. At the start of the year we challenged our students to "be ready" and they are certainly living up to that challenge. This week, we reflected on the words of Nelson Mandela, who said "It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it". If our students continue to dream big and aim high, behave and be kind and turn up and work hard, a better world certainly awaits.

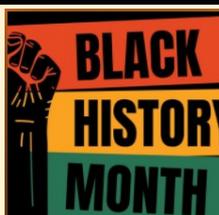
Next week, we will also be encouraging all students to aspire and complete their work to the best of their ability. We look forward to see how our students will rise to that challenge next week.

PLAYLIST

BHM 2021

Our Music Department have kindly put together a playlist [here](#).

This playlist highlights some innovative, influential or culturally significant black musicians who are not necessarily well known.



London Marathon

We are very proud of our Head of Year, Mr Asker who is running the London Marathon this Sunday in aid of the Epilepsy Society. If you would like to make a donation please follow this [LINK](#) for his JustGiving page.



Attendance Matters - One of the important work skills that we encourage in our students is **good timekeeping**. We record the number of times a student is late, either to the school gate in the morning, or to lessons.



Being on time, in place and ready to work is a sought after quality which our local employers tell us they value highly and it is something that we emphasise with our students.

Our gates lock at 8:25 am, and we expect our students to be on site and ready to go in to their first session by 8:20 am. If a student's punctuality becomes a concern, we will get in touch to discuss what can be done to improve their record.

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Black History Month 2021: Proud to Be

October is Black History Month in the UK and this year the theme is 'Proud to Be'. The Proud To Be campaign invites Black and Brown people of all ages throughout the UK to share what they are Proud To Be. Making Black History Month 2021 personal and unique to individuals, families and communities, focusing on how we're all making history all the time in our own ways, as well as the contributions and achievements of Black and Brown people throughout history. By asking people to share what they are Proud To Be we can share both individual stories and the vast richness of diversity that Black and Brown people bring to the UK. As part of this campaign we will be asking all our students what are they Proud To Be and what would they be Proud To Become.

As always, honouring the past is important in shaping our future, but it's also important to honour our present – and ourselves. For example, Safiya Mawusi, who helped organise the Black Lives Matter protests in Cambridge, was inspired by Rosa Parks to tackle how her city thinks about race. Specifically, Safiya was inspired by the way Rosa Parks and others boycotted the bus system for a whole year in 1955. Knowing our past is helping us to change our future and hopefully that's a lesson that will eventually be learnt at a systemic, institutional and structural level.

If you would like to participate further in celebrating Black History Month you can find the official listing of activities on in Norfolk [here](#).

PDF of local events [here](#):



B:IM2021

DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER



School Uniform Donations



Donations of unwanted school uniform such as jumpers/ties/trousers/PE tops can be donated via South Site Reception. These will then be reused within the school recycling programme.



Message about Catering

The school has experienced some significant technical issues with the cashless catering arrangement. This has resulted in some cases where the catering staff are having to manually deduct monies from student accounts after lunch service. Unfortunately, this process takes a long time and there may be a delay in the deduction of monies from the account. Therefore, it is possible that, at moment, you may see money in your child's account which may, technically, already have been spent. If it is possible, we would ask you to monitor this closely so that your child has a sufficient balance in their account. We are working to resolve these issues and hope to have it rectified as soon as possible.

Support for those having to Isolate due to COVID-19 - If you are struggling with the increase of COVID-19 isolation here are some useful Agencies that will be able to help.

From Norfolk County Council - The Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS) helps people who are unable to meet their immediate needs. There are many people in our community who need this support. Please follow this [LINK](#) for more information.

NORFOLK COMMUNITY DIRECTORY If you need help with registering for an online shop or **if you cannot access food then Norfolk Food Bank can help.** Please call them on 0344 8008020 - select option 1, option 4, then option 2. For the Norfolk Community Directory list of Norfolk food banks please click [here](#).

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SAFEGUARDING Within the Pastoral Curriculum this week students have been reminded about where to go when they feel low or overwhelmed and where they can go for support.

Students were shown a video from Childline that highlights the need to seek support when they feel sad or low. Please see [here](#) for the short video.

Please talk to your child about who they would speak to in school if they were worried or have concerns. Please take time to look at the resources on the school website under well being as this contains lots of useful information.

- R**ecognizing emotions in self and others
- U**nderstanding the causes and consequences of emotions
- L**abeling emotions accurately
- E**xpressing emotions appropriately
- R**egulating emotions effectively



Cycling allowance- A cycling allowance is available for any student resident in Norfolk who qualifies for support under the general school and college transport policy but cycles to school instead.

You must be sure that your child will be able to cycle to school safely.

For more information and to see if your child qualifies, please  **Norfolk** County Council follow this [LINK](#).

Solihull online Learning

The Solihull Approach is a free course aimed at parents to support their child's development. There is an excellent section on the 'teenage brain' which parents may find useful.

Please click on this [LINK](#) for the Just One Norfolk Website for more information.

make a difference kit out the nation

Please see the following information about the BBC 'Kit out the Nation' campaign, aimed at taking in and distributing unwanted, good condition sports kit and getting it to children and teenagers who need it. Please follow this [LINK](#) for more information.

We have known for a long time, the issues around access to sport and exercise because of the affordability of kit. The situation has been compounded by the pandemic and this is our chance to help to improve that situation.

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee published a report on 29 July 2021 where they said data from Sport England showing 100,000 fewer children met the recommended level of activity in 2020 than in 2019 was "of significant concern".

As School Games Organisers we are trying to create a legacy for the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. What better way is there to help create that legacy, than to give a child an opportunity they may not have had without the appropriate kit or equipment.

If you have any old or unused sports kit in good condition that can be passed on to a child in need, donations from Norfolk and surrounding areas will be accepted at **North Walsham Rugby Club on Thursday or Sunday mornings, until 16 October.**

If these times do not suit you please email [Alix Stimpson](mailto:Alix.Stimpson) and she will make alternative arrangements with you.

Let's get behind this campaign and of course there are other benefits too, it is recycling on a grand scale, good condition equipment that would otherwise go to landfill getting an extended life will certainly benefit the environment!

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at
Thorpe St Andrew

Children
aged 5-14

Laundry Lane (enter via Pound Lane), Thorpe St Andrew, NR70XS

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Explorer

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Course dates 2021

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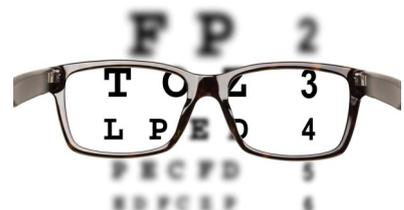
More details:
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to arrange a short placement test and to sign up

Free glasses to tackle poor eyesight and boost literacy

The DfE and Education Secretary have launched a new scheme providing two free pairs of glasses to thousands of students in disadvantaged areas. The scheme aims to improve reading, writing and literacy by tackling poor eyesight. You can read more about the scheme [here](#)



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The Thorpe Gateway

[Click here](#) to launch your Thorpe Life-Transition Experience.

We are holding a bookable open event. Please [click here](#) or scan the QR code if you would like to visit us.



SCAN ME

#WeAREjoining

Supporting transition to Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form

Thorpe St Andrew Sixth Form

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Welcomes you to our
Open Evening
Thursday 4 November 2021
5.00 pm - 8.00 pm



Twice weekly rapid COVID-19 testing

Test at home
Report online
Keep life moving



TESTING Extra testing kits have been sent home this week with students.

If you attend a large event for example a wedding, a concert or a football match, we recommend you test every day for the following seven days. This proactive action will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 into the school community and it is detected before you leave home.



Start your Sixth Form Experience by scanning or clicking the QR code below to book your place



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PROUD TO BE BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021

www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk

Upcoming Events

- Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening/Launch of Options - Thursday 14 October 2021
- Year 6 Open Evening - Thursday 21 October 2021 (School closes at 1.30 pm)
- Half term - Friday 22 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021
- Thursday 4 November 2021 - Sixth Form Open Evening

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