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Next steps for students in Year 13 and in Year 11 have become really important. They all need to be aspirational as they work out what they want to study and where they go next year. Grades are important and they need to be fully engaged in their learning to get there. A number of Year 11s were helped with this by attending the Norwich Opportunity Careers Fair. A full programme starts next week for everybody culminating in our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 4 November 2021. Please scan the QR code below to book your place.



*P. Bignell*

**Racial Discrimination** Students at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form are encouraged to be kind and considerate to others.

If a student is alleged to have used prejudiced behaviour to any other student in relation to the nine protected characteristics from the equality act, the school follows a zero tolerance approach to dealing with such incidents. Students are encouraged to disclose any instances they see, hear or become victim of. In all instances the victim is supported, views are heard and taken into account with ongoing support offered including making them part of, if they wish, what happens in terms of consequence to the perpetrator.

The perpetrator is issued with consequence and education, any repeated instances of racial discrimination are dealt with in line with our behaviour policy, procedures and anti-bullying policies. Any repeated offenders could be excluded permanently. This is our zero tolerance approach.

The nine protected characteristics from the Equality Act are:

**age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.**

Mrs Veeren

**Women in the Civil Rights Movement - Lucy Paterson (Year 13)**

Alongside figures like Martin Luther King, women played an important role in the American Civil Rights Movement. There are many women involved who you may have heard of, and are likely to come across during your time studying History at Thorpe St Andrew School if you haven't already. These include women such as Harriet Tubman, and Rosa Parks. However, there are plenty of brilliant women who are less well known. This includes Septima Clark, who campaigned for equal pay for black teachers and was nicknamed 'mother of the movement' by Martin Luther King. One of my particular favourite women in history is Diane Nash, who created the SNCC (Student Nonviolent Co-ordinating Committee) and fought for civil rights by rallying fellow students to join the Freedom Riders, who went around the US on a bus to protest bus segregation. Without these women, America would be completely different today and we owe them a debt of gratitude.



**We ARE Thorpe, and we ARE Ready**

This week our focus was on showing our aspiration by completing work to the best of our ability. It was also World Space Week and our celebration of Black History Month continued. We reflected on the words of Creola Katherine Johnson, a mathematician who worked for Nasa on the Apollo missions, who said "You had a mission and you worked on it. And it was important to you to do your job." This reminds us that "getting the job done" is so important and for our students that means learning by being in class, on time and engaging with their work.

Next week we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day and encouraging all students to show their respect by being kind and considerate through showing their gratitude for others. I look forward to seeing how our students will rise to this challenge next week.



**Tuesday 12 October 2021 - COVID-19 Vaccinations**

**Year 9 Parent's Evening - Thursday 14 October 2021**

**Year 6 Open Evening - Thursday 21 October 2021 (School closed at 2.00 pm)**

**Half term - Friday 22 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021**

**Thursday 4 November 2021 - Sixth Form Open Evening**

**Tuesday 9 November 2021 - Year 9 Preference Event**  
Please follow this [LINK](#) to view the School Calendar.

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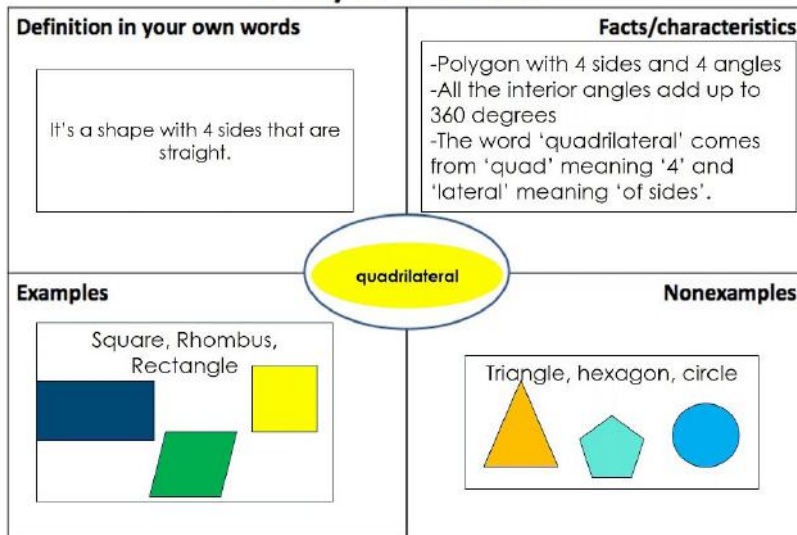
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## Literacy Matters

Across the school this year, we will be focusing on improving the literacy of all of our students. We all see the huge benefits that this has on our students in every aspect of their life and we hope that you are already seeing the benefit at home.

Our first focus of the year has been **vocabulary**. We are, in particular, helping students to improve their knowledge and understanding of the Tier 3 words that are specific to the subjects they are studying. By doing so, students will be better able to navigate their lessons as they feel confident in using a range of words. These words form the **Keystone Vocabulary** for each unit in a subject- the most important words that we need our students to know and understand.

### Frayer Model



As part of this, we have introduced **Frayer Models** across the school (see example). They are a simple yet effective way to organise our knowledge of the **keystone vocabulary**. Students will be completing these in class collaboratively as well as independently as part of their home learning across all year groups. Students will become more confident in their use of these words and will further develop their word consciousness moving forwards.

All of our students have taken to this initiative with excitement and inquisitiveness. Ask your children what new words they have learnt this week and what they mean? We have seen some amazing work from our students in all years, confidently being able to discuss the **etymology and morphology** of some really complex words. You will be amazed at the wonderful work they have done!

Our next strategy will be how we engage students in the reading of **academic texts**.

### Vacancies at Thorpe

We currently have vacancies in the following roles:

- Lesson Supervisor
- Part Time Teacher of Geography
- Finance and Administration Assistant
- Finance and Administration Apprentice
- Caretaker Apprentice
- Part Time Evening Site Assistant

Please contact [HR-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:HR-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk) or [visit](#) for more information.



The Big Ask

The Big Answer



COVID-19 has been really hard for all of us. This is why the Children's Commissioner for England designed the Big Ask survey so that children could tell them about their

lives. Over half a million children answered the survey.

It was amazing! Please follow this [LINK](#) for the results.



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## Careers Corner Year 11 Post-16 Options

For information about Norfolk Sixth Form and College Open Days and Open Evenings, please take a look at the HelpYouChoose [Events Calendar](#). This calendar has been shared with students in PSHEE lessons and via the Year 11 Careers NewsFeed (Google Classroom). Most events may be virtual due to COVID-19 restrictions; although some providers may be offering limited face-to-face interactions.

HelpYouChoose has a section of their website [dedicated to parents and carers](#) offering information about:

- the options for 16-18s, including how qualifications compare
- apprenticeships and traineeships
- questions that you might want to ask at open evenings and open days
- finance and transport matters
- future job prospects

UCAS, the Universities Clearing and Admission Service, the website that all university applications go through, offers students a new advice [Further Education portal](#) to support young people in their Post-16 decision-making.

Our own school Careers website includes a [Parents and Carers](#) section, as well as sections on [Post-16 Choices](#) and [Apprenticeships](#) with further information, support and advice.

If you have any Careers-related questions, please email us: [careersadvice@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:careersadvice@yare-edu.org.uk). Students and parents can book an appointment with our Careers Advisor via [this link](#).

## Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

Following the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and as directed by Public Health England (PHE) the COVID-19 vaccination programme has been extended to include all students aged 12 – 15 years old (students who were born after 11 October 2005 and on or before 12 October 2009). This will be carried out by the **NHS Hertfordshire and East Anglia School Age Immunisation Team** on 12 October 2021 and is being hosted in school. The vaccination is **OPTIONAL** and the information letter attached has been emailed to all parents and the [LINK](#) to the online consent form.

For more information please follow this [LINK](#).

We have been advised by the Immunisation Team that eligible students aged 12 – 15 years will be receiving a single dose, not 2. Also, the NHS have informed us that they are experiencing very high numbers of parents wishing to use the consent portal at the moment which has caused the process to be much slower than usual. They have asked that parents bear with them whilst their technical team work to resolve the issue. They pass on their apologies for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your patience.

The portal closes at 12.00 pm on Monday 11 October 2021.

If your child is having the vaccine, please ensure they have eaten breakfast in the morning.

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

13



16



Age specified in the platform's terms of service as of 23/12/2020



Online safety is a key message throughout Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form. Please follow this [LINK](#) which explains a little about possible risks and refers to 'The 3 C's' – Content, Contact and Conduct.

Children are online more and more and it can be difficult to keep up with how the online world is changing and what your children are accessing. Below are a couple of sites that offer useful advice for all parents:

[Safer Internet](#)  
[Internet Matters](#)



We are very proud of our Head of Year, Mr Asker who ran the London Marathon last Sunday in aid of the Epilepsy Society. He managed to raise an amazing £2,221 and ran his race in an outstanding 3 hours and 23 minutes.

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We are holding a bookable Open Event on Thursday 21 October 2021. Please [click here](#) or scan the QR code if you would like to visit us.

Places are filling up and Session Two is already fully booked.

Book now to secure your place.



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