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*"All the world's
a stage,
And all the men
and women
merely players."*

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CHARLIE

and the

CHOCOLATE

FACTORY

an amateur production
ROALD DAHL'S

7:00pm – 9th & 10th December 2021
South Site Hall
For tickets scan the QR code

TICKETS ARE PRICED AT £8.50

WHICH INCLUDES A BAG OF SWEETS AND A HOT CHOCOLATE

adapted by
RICHARD GEORGE



An Invitation to Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form's Carol Service



Norwich Cathedral
Monday 6 December 2021
at 7.30pm

Please be seated by 7.15pm

Please scan the QR code
below to book
your free reservation



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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 punctual

It is wonderful to launch our major Christmas Events for 2021 which our students with musical and theatrical flair have been working so hard for with much excitement after the loss of this opportunity over the last 18 months. We aim for these events to take place in a COVID-19 secure environment which does mean restricted numbers, ventilated areas (please wear a coat) and requesting Lateral Flow Tests are taken prior to attending and masks are worn when not seated.



The rehearsals have been fantastic. Our amazing Art Department has been working with students to create all of the props and scenery to bring the story to life.

We look forward to welcoming many of our community to celebrate the festive season.

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We ARE Thorpe, and #WeAREimproving

Amazingly, our students have received almost 200 000 ARE+ Points this year! This is an incredible achievement, we are proud of everyone who has received ARE+ Points. As you know we have challenged our students to “improve” this half term by completing work to the best of their ability, being kind and considerate and by being punctual. We reflected on the words of Menachem Mendel Schneerson who said “This is the key to time management - to see the value of every moment”. We also thought about how we can make the most of every moment through four simple time management principles:

“see the value of every moment”

- S**tart with a full tank
- C**hunk uninterrupted time
- A**lligator nearest the boat
- N**ote stray thoughts



It may be worth talking to your child about organising their time, especially how they chunk uninterrupted time at home so they can complete their home learning.

We also learnt about the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah and would like to wish all those that observe this holiday “Hanukkah Sameach.”

Changes to Examinations, Vocational Technical Qualifications and Contingency Arrangements 2022

Dr. Jo Saxton, Ofqual’s Chief Regulator, has written a letter to all students across the country taking examinations or vocational technical qualifications in 2022 regarding changes to the assessments and contingency arrangements that schools will have in place to ensure students can move on to their next steps with examination grades. You can read it [here](#).

If you have an Instagram account you can view her video message [here](#).

We will support all students and parents throughout this process.

Mr Hookway



UK Bebras
Computational Thinking Challenge

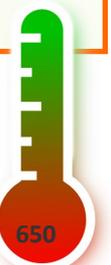
During the last two weeks students from Year 9 to Year 12 have taken part in the National competition organised by Bebras. Well done and good luck to all those who took part.

PLEASE
don't forget to
REPORT
your lateral flow device (LFD) result.

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Are you reporting your Tests?

There should be approximately 4,000 tests reported a week from the school community.



15 -21 November 2021

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Careers Corner

Apprenticeships offer young people the opportunity to learn new skills, gain work experience and qualifications as well as earn money along the way. There are a variety of apprenticeships available throughout the year, requiring different entry qualifications.



Starting next Wednesday 24 November 2021 and then the following Wednesday 1 December 2021, continuing into 2022, we will be hosting Apprenticeships Workshops for Year 11 and 13 students who are keen to learn more about apprenticeships: how to find them, how to apply for them and how to be successful when applying for them. The Apprenticeship Workshops will be in N22 from the end of school until 4.15pm.

For more information about Apprenticeships, take a look at our [Careers Apprenticeships webpage](#).

For a Parents' Guide to Apprenticeships, click [here](#).

For further information, consider looking at [October's Parent Pack](#).

The workshops are open to all interested students. There is no commitment to come to every session.

Mr Fish and Miss Keegan
careersadvice@yare-edu.org.uk



We're supporting

BBC Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported our non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. We believe that it is important for everyone to engage with charitable

experiences throughout their time at school as this helps each of us reflect on our own experience, develop a social conscience and understand the importance of community action. 'Giving' is also one of the recommended five steps to improve mental health by the NHS.

They say that the research suggests that acts of giving and kindness can help improve your mental well-being by:

- creating positive feelings and a sense of reward.
- giving you a feeling of purpose and self-worth.
- helping you connect with other people.



No aerosols

Many of our students and staff have breathing difficulties or allergies and can become very ill when deodorant and perfume is sprayed in their vicinity. For those with acute sensitivities, these products pose a serious health hazard. We are therefore adopting a zero tolerance on the use of sprays in school.

Students have been reminded to use alternative products (roll-on deodorants for example) and to leave sprays at home.

Could all parents help ensure this rule is followed and that sprays and aerosols are not purchased for use in school.

If a banned product is found, whether it is used on site or not, it will be confiscated and disposed of. We will assume the intention is to use it.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Inter Faith Week



Last week was Inter Faith Week. Our head of RPE, Mr Eaves led an assembly on this. As an inclusive school we believe it is important that we respect the spiritual choices of everyone within our community and seek to learn about them

and from them as this builds understanding and tolerance. The aims of Inter Faith week were to:

- strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels.
- increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society.
- increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs.

If you want to find out more about Inter Faith Week, please click on this [LINK](#) or visit the [website](#).



Parent Survey - Please follow this [LINK](#) to complete the Parent survey.

Year 9 Preference Evening Survey

If you have not already done so, please follow this [LINK](#) to complete the Year 9 Preference survey. To those of you who have already submitted your views this will help shape the nature of the preference evening moving forward.

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Safeguarding The school are currently working with the Police, social media anti-crime agencies in regard to some unacceptable and offensive material about members of our community on social media.

Some of the material appears to be anonymous but the Police have the means to trace these accounts to source.

Evidence is being compiled on a day to day basis and sent to the Police and also reported to social media companies and through the agency <https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>.

If you become aware of any harmful content online about a member of the school community, please report this to the school via the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

We must ensure that all members of our community feel safe from all harm, this includes all students and all staff.

The school will follow the behaviour and anti-bullying policy in regards to this and this includes removal of any perpetrators from our school community.



Homelearning and Study Skills - When learning from home, whether from a Key knowledge organiser or preparing for an assessment it can sometimes be difficult to know where to start and what to do next. The top tip this week is about organising your time so that you are productive!

The Pomodoro Technique

This is a time management method that uses a timer to break down work into intervals of focus and rest. These intervals are called "Pomodoros" (or "tomatoes" in Italian), after the tomato shaped-kitchen timers that work perfectly for timing sessions. Pomodoros are separated by short breaks for distractions, daydreaming, snacking - whatever. It works something like this:

Choose a task to work on exclusively for 25 minutes (or a portion of time that works for you!) then:

- set a timer.
- work on the task until the timer rings.
- take a five-minute break.

Repeat this cycle if you need to and then take a break.

You can read more about the Pomodoro Technique and apps to help by clicking [this](#).

Anti-bullying Pledge - Thank you to everyone who has already pledged their support in our stance against bullying. So far we have over 400 signatories to this pledge. It would be fantastic if our whole community would show their support by signing the pledge. You can access this [here](#).

STOP BULLYING
STAND UP. SPEAK OUT.

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Tuesday 30 November 2021 - Year 12 Politics Debating Competition - 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm

Monday 6 December 2021 - Annual School Carol Service

Thursday 9 and Friday 10 December 2021 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Wednesday 15 December 2021 - Student's Christmas Lunch

Friday 17 December 2021 - School finishes at 1.00 pm

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

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Celebrate

12 Days of Festivities

STARTING 1ST DECEMBER

DAY ONE - WEDNESDAY

FESTIVE BISCUIT

DAY TWO - THURSDAY

CANDY CANE PIZZA BAGUETTE

DAY THREE - FRIDAY

GINGERBREAD MAN

DAY FOUR - MONDAY

PIGS IN BLANKETS BAGUETTE

DAY FIVE - TUESDAY

SAUSAGE ROLL

DAY SIX - WEDNESDAY

FESTIVE COOKIE

DAY SEVEN - THURSDAY

RED NOSED DOUGHNUT

DAY EIGHT - FRIDAY

TURKEY, STUFFING & CRANBERRY BAGUETTE

DAY NINE - MONDAY

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MARSHMALLOW'S

DAY TEN - TUESDAY

CHRISTMAS CUPCAKE

DAY ELEVEN - WEDNESDAY

FESTIVE BISCUIT & MINCE PIES

DAY TWELVE - THURSDAY

FESTIVE JEWELLED CHOCOLATE BROWNIE



Look out for festive specials!

HARRISON
food with thought

