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is coming....

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#Christmisiscoming

This week as WeAREImproving we have examined how we operate on social media platforms and how what we say and do online can impact negatively on members of our community. We need to be kind in all aspects of our lives in school, at home, within the community and online.

This week we launch #Christmisiscoming at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form and as Christmas trees go up around the school and staff start practising for this years' Christmas song recording, we can think about how we will help each other and join in celebrations throughout December at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form starting with our Carol Service at the Cathedral. Please book a ticket.

P. Bignell



Christmas Card Competition Winner

Drumroll please  we can announce the winner of our Christmas Card Competition is ...



Bronwyn Cairns -
Year 8



2nd Place



3rd Place

Well done to all of you who entered, it was truly difficult to choose this year's winner. The winning design will be used as Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form's Christmas Card 2021.



In the last week of term in PE classes, we will be running a Santa Dash, so please bring along Christmas hats to take part in the festive fun!



Friday 17 December 2021 - In Aid of Save the Children - wear your best Christmas jumper and donate £1. Wear your best Christmas outfit, jumper, tinsel, earrings as long as you are celebrating Christmas.

Donate £1 in aid of Save the Children.

Prizes for every Year Group.



Following updated Government advice and following a review today. Students and staff are required to wear face coverings at all times while on site except when eating, performing or taking part in sports or teaching.

We will continue to review weekly. Please follow this [LINK](#) for Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form's Risk Assessment.

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

Please scan the QR code
below to book
your free reservation



Norwich Cathedral
Monday 6 December 2021
at 7.30pm
Please be seated by 7.15pm

Sorry, but
Due to the Popular Demand
we are
SOLD OUT!

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

CHARLIE
and the
CHOCOLATE
FACTORY

22 - 28 November 2021

Test twice a week. Every week.
Your actions matter.

Be responsible. Be considerate. Be safe.



Are you reporting your Tests?

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

Please take a Lateral Flow Test
before you attend the Carol
Service or Charlie and the
Chocolate Factory.



Note: All audiences are required to wear a face covering at all times. Participants will wear a face covering when not performing.

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Celebrate The Festive Season

HARRISON
food with thought

**Wednesday 15th December
2021**

Christmas Dinner ~ 2 Course for £2.35

Order your dinner with a member of our catering team

Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce & Gravy

Brie, Cranberry & Spinach Tart

Roasted Potatoes

Buttered Carrots

Honey Roasted parsnips

Brussels Sprouts

Chipolata

Sage, Onion & Orange Stuffing Ball

Festive Ice-Cream Roll

Any questions please ask a member of our catering team...

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Aspirational by completing work to the best of your ability
Respectful by being kind and considerate
Engaged by being punctual



We ARE Thorpe and #weAREimproving

Amazingly, our students have received almost 100,000 ARE+ Points since half term, this is fantastic. 96% of all incidents recorded by the school are positive ones, this is a true reflection of who we are, and 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. This week we reflected on the words of Christopher Reeve who said that “A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.” Students have the opportunity to show their heroism every lesson through their resilience and hard work by making sure their work is completed to the best of their ability. We also reflected on the importance of inclusion and tolerance in recognition of the International Day of People with Disabilities and celebrated St Andrew’s Day.

Monthly History Newsletter now on the school website

Every month the History and Politics department releases a newsletter on the students' Google Classrooms focusing on alternative stories of history. To ensure parents also have access to this, the newsletter can now be found on the [website](#). This month we have had more interest than ever for our topic on Witches. This is a topic that Year 8 have enjoyed immensely during the ‘Stuarts’ topic. The history of witches is fascinating and historians are re-evaluating their assessment all the time. Today Historians tend to view the witch craze less as a random event and more of a systematic attack on women during a time of unrest in the 17th century: this is called a femicide. In class students have questioned their opinion in history and explored how women are portrayed. Well done to all our Year 8s involved.



On Tuesday 9 November 2021, I attended St John Ambulance’s Young Achievers Reception at the Priory Church of the Order of St John in Clerkenwell, London in the presence of Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal. I was nominated and selected for my outstanding contribution to St John in 2021. Throughout the year I have volunteered to support St John Ambulance and our community. At the start of the year I volunteered at Castle Quarter mass vaccination centre as a Vaccination Care Volunteer. As the year progressed and events came back I started to volunteer at a wide range of events. One which stood out to me was called ‘Coastal Support’, this was an initiative set up in conjunction with the Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group to reduce pressures on local Emergency Departments where we provided a pop up treatment centre on the weekends throughout August in Great Yarmouth. I have also spent some time volunteering with the medical team at Norwich City Football Club which has been very enjoyable for me, well maybe not so much for some of the City fans. As well as clinical duties, I have also been supporting our district training team by helping train some of our cadets with lifesaving skills.

If you would like to consider joining St John Ambulance please follow this [LINK](#).

Toby Coxall Year 12



Parliament Week - During the first week of November we celebrated Parliament week in the school. This included a school-wide referendum on the question, 'should single use plastic be banned in school'. The results were conclusive with 73% voting in favour of banning single-use plastic! Along with form time presentations, we were also fortunate to welcome Chloe Smith, MP for North Norwich into school for a question and answer session with Y11 and Y12. The students were fantastic, asking challenging questions on sewage, MP scandals, free-school meals and women's rights. Well done to all those who asked questions. Thank you to Mrs Robinson and our Y12 Politics A Level students for helping to organise a fun and informative week.

Mr Whiteman



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Year 9 Cambridge Robotics Event



As part of our support for our most aspirational students, we publicise enrichment activities from a variety of sources. Cambridge University runs a number of events for students as part of their outreach program and we promote

these with our students as a way to pique interest, to develop skills and awareness and to build a portfolio of experiences ready for a CV or UCAS Application. Oluwatooni attended an online event run by the University which was run to encourage girls to become involved in Robotics. She writes:

On Saturday 27 November, I joined the Cambridge University Robotics Society Girls' Challenge. It was an event that had been created to invite more girls into studying engineering, specifically robotics. We were given 2 challenges, each with 3 levels and we had to try and complete them in a limited time. Even though I just did it because I was interested in what it was and not because I wanted a future in it, it was still a lot of fun. I met a lot of new people and had a q&a session and I found out a lot more about what it was like to go to university. Overall I enjoyed the experience.

Well done, Tooni! In the past, our students have engaged in a number of events which have developed their awareness of the world of Engineering. It is terrifying to think that the projects that they work on when they are at University will use technology that has not even been invented yet!

STOP BULLYING

STAND UP. SPEAK OUT.

Anti-bullying Pledge

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged their support in our stance against bullying. So far we have now 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](#).



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

On December 3 this year, during the annual celebration of people with disabilities, we are celebrating the challenges and opportunities for people who live with disabilities. This year, International Day of People with Disabilities will be used to recognise that people who live with disabilities are among the most affected populations amid the COVID pandemic.

If you would like to find out more please click on this [LINK](#).

NORWICH FOODHUB

Congratulations to **Christopher Hagg, Elinor Grimmer, Evelyn Bowers, Lucy Aspinall, Evie Meale and Luke**

Napthen for their excellent effort to collect items for the Norwich Food Hub. They emailed us to let us know what a difference it will make to people who are less fortunate. We are really proud of them!



Monday 6 December 2021 - Annual School Carol Service
Thursday 9 and Friday 10 December 2021 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Monday 13 to Friday 17 December 2021 -
Santa Dash in PE Lessons

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.



GCSE Maths revision guides and workbooks are available to order via ParentPay, at the school's discounted price of £3.25 per book, for Year 10 and 11. Students. Books will be passed to students in January.