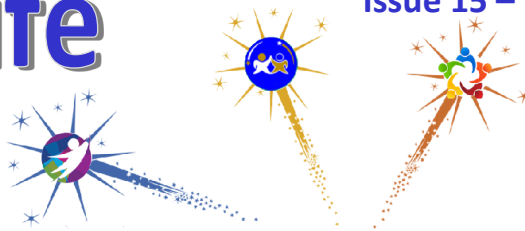


Thorpe Life

Excellence for all

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#WeAREbackBetter

We ARE an ambitious school striving for 'Excellence for All'. We believe our students are entitled to an excellent education regardless of ability or background.

How do we do this?

By inspiring and encouraging our students to take pride in what they do and who we ARE through our Academic and Pastoral Curriculum.

This term #WeAREbackBetter and challenge all our students to do this by focusing on being;

- ◆ **Aspirational** by being calm and purposeful
- ◆ **Respectful** by following our routines
- ◆ **Engaged** by making a positive contribution.



We have to go to the next level and this term we have to get better and we can do this by developing our three core character traits.

P. Briggell

Keeping children safe online

Students have been receiving extensive information within the Pastoral Curriculum around e-safety. Two assemblies have been delivered, one prior to Christmas and another in the New Year around this topic. Students have been surveyed on their experiences of this (please remind them that the deadline for completing this is Monday).

Please monitor your child's usage online and have conversations around this with them.

The NSPCC have some excellent guidance around how to do this. Please refer to our school website around further guidance in regard to e-safety, wellbeing and other safeguarding matters.

Please follow this [LINK](#) for Keeping Children Safe Online and this [LINK](#) for Online Safety Parental Controls.



Future Proofing -

In form time this week we have been thinking about "Future Proofing" and the importance of a solid education to prepare for the world of work. As we move in to 2022, with all its technological advances, a strong attendance record is more important than ever.

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.



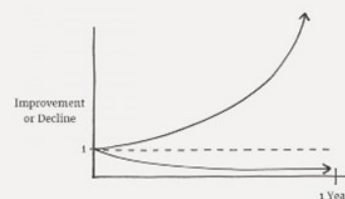
Our gates lock at 8.25 am and we expect our students to be on site and ready to go in to their first session by 8.20 am.

Please remember to contact the Attendance Line to tell us that your child is going to be absent from school. If we register a child as absent and have no notification from home, we will contact you to discuss the absence.

The Power of Tiny Gains - We welcomed students back with our 'Reset' session on Monday. Our focus this term is about getting better by focusing on the power of tiny gains. In simple terms, we have challenged every student to get 1% better every day. If you get 1% better each day for one year, you will end up thirty-seven times better by the time you are done. This is why small choices and tiny gains may not appear to make much of a difference at the time, but add up over the long-term. We wish all of our students the best of luck in this endeavour.

The Power of Tiny Gains

$$1\% \text{ better every day } 1.01^{365} = 37.78$$
$$1\% \text{ worse every day } 0.99^{365} = 0.03$$



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Career Corner

Year 12 Work Experience

- We would like to remind parents of Year 12 students that students should be in the process of organising their work experience for Monday 5 to Friday 9 September 2022. The deadline for work experience being organised is **Monday 2 May 2022**.

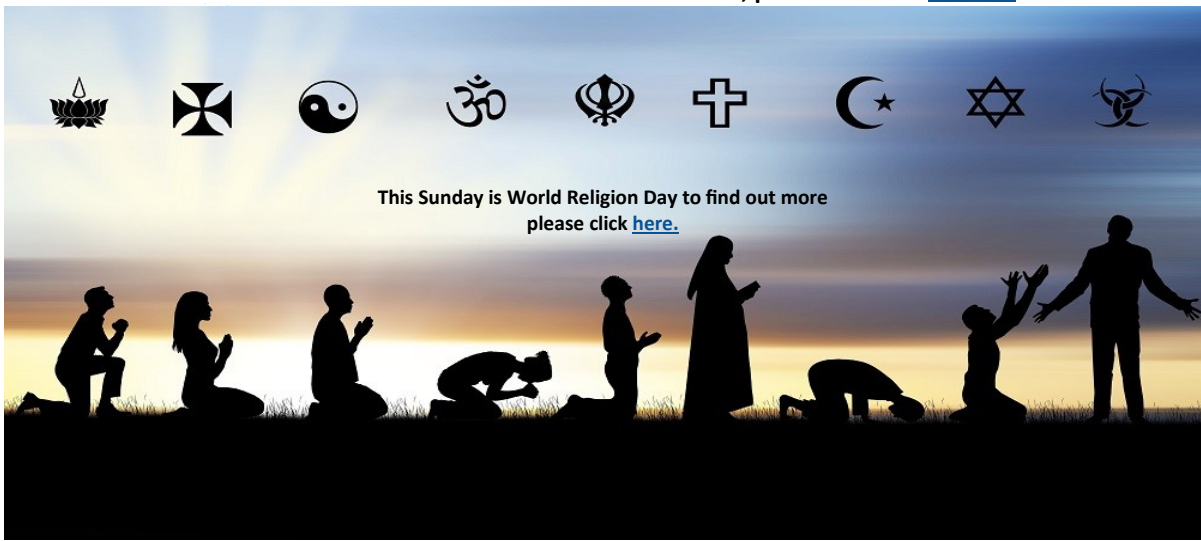
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- Mathematics
- Physical Education
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