



Our Academic Curriculum

At Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form we strive for **excellence** through our academic and pastoral curriculum for all our students regardless of ability or background.

We have a broad and balanced Curriculum which promotes:

- Spiritual, Moral, Cultural, Mental and Physical development of our students
- and helps to prepare our students for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

To be successful and achieve **excellence** in all they do.

Our curriculum is based on:

- The National Curriculum to meet the needs of our learning.

It enables our students to:

- Acquire knowledge and expertise by prioritising subject depth and valuing deep knowledge.

We support this through our “Core 6” values and our Raising Achievement Team.



Chromebooks -



All Year 8 students have received their Chromebooks from their Form Tutor this week. The long battery life of Chromebooks means that a full charge will allow students to access the online resources that their teachers direct them to in class to support their learning. A quick check at home each evening will help your child get into the routine of charging and then packing their bag ready for school the next day.

Year 7 students are scheduled to receive their Chromebook after they return from February half term. Other Year Groups will then follow. Thank you to all parents that have read and completed the necessary documents that make the Chromebook For All initiative possible.

#WeARELearning - At Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form we know that good habits and routines help us all. Last year we began these in our lessons to help our students and teachers make the most out of their learning time in the classroom. Our habits, or routines as we call them are our “Core 6” -

Our CORE 6 at Thorpe ARE -

- **Starting and Ending a lesson routines**
- **Retrieval routines (at the start of every lesson)**
- **High impact questioning**
- **Behaviour routines – We ARE**
- **Literacy**
- **Assessment and feedback**

We are a research led school and we know that students learn better and behave better if they have routines to follow. Schools that make excellent progress and achieve the best possible outcomes for their students have well established learning routines.

In addition to this, the past two years have taken away routines for our young people. Students find comfort in routine, we all do! If our students know what they are doing and what to expect, it will help them and it will provide significant help to our most vulnerable students and our neurodiverse students.

In future issues of Thorpe Life we will explain what each routine is, what it looks like in the classroom and how it supports learning.



The Raising Achievement Team - At Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form we believe our students are entitled to an excellent education regardless of ability or background. To ensure this, we have a group of specialist support staff and teachers called The Raising Achievement Team. The Raising Achievement Team’s role is to support our vulnerable students, whatever their need. This support is varied and suited to each student but is most often through a joined-up approach of a combination of academic support and social and emotional support. Academic support can be in small groups or 1:1 sessions during or after school, focusing on Literacy and Numeracy key skills at KS3 and then GCSE English and GCSE Maths at KS4. The support can also be for social and emotional well-being, an example of which is the allotment project which a small number of students have timetabled sessions to engage in. We also have a dedicated safe space for identified students called “The Base” which is a Social, Emotional and Mental Health provision where a hybrid timetable can be delivered. The Raising Achievement Team also supports the Quiet School.



The Raising Achievement Team is lead by our SENCO Mr Salgado. Mr Whymark is the Raising Achievement Manager who specialises in Maths intervention. They work with the Raising Achievement Team including Mrs Beales, Mr Crane, Mrs Grix, Mr Jackson, Mr Burley, Mrs Dunn, Mr Waters, Mrs Hamilton, Mr de Diego Blas and Ms Doggett.





The following articles are on our website.
To read these in full, please visit our [website](#) or click

#WeAREbackBetter

WeAREbackBetter - This week our focus has been on showing our aspirations by improving our presentation. Students have been challenged to make sure their work is neat and presentable in three ways:

- Make no unnecessary marks, doodling and scribbling
- Make sure the date, title and lesson objective of your work is clear
- Use blue or black ink to write with

AEROSOL FREE SCHOOL



For the health and safety of all in our community, the use of aerosol deodorants is NOT PERMITTED onsite at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form.

Students who wish to "freshen up" during the day will need to use a roll-on, gel or pump spray deodorant.

If exposed to aerosols or pressured perfumes, some students could have an allergic reaction and it could lead to serious harm.

"Every Student Matter"

We are excited to introduce a new member of the Sixth Form Team but this time they have 4 legs and paws! To find out more about our new recruit Hugo please click [HERE](#).



Big Maths

To find out more about "Big Maths Wednesday", please click [HERE](#).

The Knotty Co, a Young Enterprise triumph!

Please click [HERE](#) to find out more about The Knotty Co.



Sixth Form Applications

We have now completed our round of meetings with Year 11 students who have chosen to continue their further education within our Sixth Form.

It was a real pleasure to meet with each student to start getting to know them and find out about their short and longer term aspirations and discuss how we can help them achieve this.

We are aiming to let students know of the outcome of our meetings within the next couple of weeks.

We are delighted that so many Thorpe students have chosen our Sixth Form for their Post 16 studies, and we hope that they are as excited as us to be joining a Sixth Form which is rated in the top 10% nationally (2021 results).

Why not stand out?
Join a Sixth Form in the Top 10% Nationally*



*This includes all Sixth Forms and colleges and private education providers.



Celebrate Burns Night To find out more about our delicious themed menus, please click [HERE](#).

Tuesday 25th January 2022

Cream Roasted Swede Soup (V)
£1.60

Sausages, Neeps & Tatties

Vegetarian Sausage with Neeps & Tatties
Raspberry Cranachan Trifle

Main Meal & Dessert - £2.35

For any allergies or dietary requirements please ask a member of our catering team, we are happy to help...



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We are very proud to announce that we have been selected as School Provider for Norfolk Tennis for this year.

The presentations will take place at the AGM on Monday 28 February 2022, by Zoom.