



### Pastoral Curriculum

This week we celebrate Pride Month at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form. Pride Month is important because it marks the start of huge change within the LGBT+ Community and at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form this is true, to continue to raise awareness and improve attitude and inclusiveness through our academic and pastoral curriculum.

#Pride2022 #WeAREspectful



**Who are we?** - The TSAS Pride group started in 2020 as a way for our LGBTQIA+ students to stay in touch with each other during the isolating experience of the first lockdown. Being LGBTQIA+ can be an isolating experience during normal times so it was especially important that we supported our LGBTQIA+ during the lockdown.

On return to school, the group meets twice weekly and our doors are open to everyone.

### Why are LGBTQIA+ groups important to have in schools?

The following information has been collected nationally by Stonewall, please click this [LINK](#) for facts and figures.

42% of LGBT+ school students have been bullied in the past year, double the number of non-LGBT+ students (21%).

48% of students have had little to no positive messaging about being LGBT+ at school in the last year. However, students whose schools had positive messaging about being LGBT+ also had reduced suicidal thoughts and feelings – regardless of whether they are LGBT+ or not.

Half of LGBT students hear homophobic slurs 'frequently' or 'often' at school.

Seven in ten LGBT students report that their school says that homophobic and biphobic bullying is wrong, up from half in 2012 and a quarter in 2007. However, just two in five LGBT students report that their schools say that transphobic bullying is wrong.

Just one in five LGBT students have been taught about safe sex in relation to same-sex relationships.

Two in five LGBT students (40%) are never taught anything about LGBT issues at school.

Almost nine in ten secondary school teachers (86%) and almost half of primary school teachers (45%) say that students in their schools have experienced homophobic bullying.

Join our Pride Group to ensure this is not the case at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form.

*Almost all teachers – 96% in secondary schools and 91% in primary schools – who have addressed lesbian, gay or bisexual issues or different families received no complaints from parents for doing so.*



### Quotes from students

'Being a part of Pride is in the name. I'm proud of who I am, no matter who I love.'

'I love being a part of pride it gives me a sense of belonging and individuality within the school community'

'I feel welcomed because you will be accepted for who you are. Pride matters because people need to be accepted for who they are, and feel safe'

'Pride is important because often it's one of the few times the younger generations of LGBTQ youth can be proud of themselves without being considered obnoxious or annoying, not only that but often times with the media portraying the community as mostly teens and children it can feel quite isolating however pride allows an opportunity to view all the spectrum of members.

It's comforting to have a community of other LGBTQ people and especially surrounding pride month where we gain the most visibility out of the year. Often the experience of being LGBTQ can be isolating and frustrating but seeing those around us with similar struggles and values creates a sense of solidarity that's important.

**Advice for others in the community:** Don't give up, no one talks about the loneliness it's common to feel without that community behind you, especially when you're not out, it's normal and it's ok, it's important to know when to reach out. Don't be afraid, the world is a scary place but for every person against you there is someone who will stand by you, never forget that. You shouldn't let the weight of other's opinions drag you down, be you, be bold and do what makes you happy, social pressures shouldn't be the cause of your misery so don't let it be. Most of all BE YOU'

### Pride Event 2022 - Thursday 23 June 2022

saw Thorpe students run their first Pride event. The students enjoyed opportunities to learn more about the LGBTQIA+ community through stories and quizzes, as well as creating their own poems expressing their identities.

This was followed by a parade across the school site, with many students marching in support of the LGBTQIA+ community within our school.

The week will end with a pride-themed non-uniform day and a bake sale. This will be raising money for The Trevor Project, a (non-profitable organisation)- a crisis charity of LGBTQIA+ youth and for the Norfolk LGBT Project - a local charity which does excellent work supporting all members of the LGBTQIA+ community, both of these charities were chosen by the TSAS Pride Group and the proceeds will be split between them both.



The following articles are available on our website. To read these in full, please visit our [website](#) or click on the links/ images below.



**GradJobs**

**Attendance Matters - #weAREsteppingUp - Engaged by Attending and Being On Time**

Our Attendance matters form time activity continued the focus on employability and on how a good attendance record demonstrates this to a prospective employer. This week, the focus was on being a dependable colleague - dependability was identified as the most important quality in a colleague in a GradJobs survey.

**“A dependable employee not only shows up for work on time every day but also produces consistent work and can apply company policies and business strategies equally to each task and assignment. He makes commitments, delivers on time and follow-up on what has been done.”** (Playing4SoftSkills.com)

**On Tuesday, Athletic Districts Year 8, 9 and 10 Competition.**



Maths fun in the allotment.



TSAS Performing at Norwich Arts Centre.



Tennis against Gresham High School.



**Salvete discipuli!** - We are proud to announce a fantastic enrichment opportunity for students in Years 7 to 9. 'The Latin Programme Summer School' is back for another year! Over four days we will be exploring our theme **Little-Known Greece and Rome** through language classes, storytelling, theatre, music, creative writing, art history and more!

For 2022, we are keeping things online and the course will run between 2 August 2022 and 5 August 2022. The cost is free this year. You will be sent a Zoom link the week before Summer School begins. There are three online lessons each day running between 10.00am and 12.50pm. **No prior knowledge of Latin or Classics is required.** Please register following this [link](#).

If you do register and take part, please email me to let me know by using the [link](#).



**Friday 24 June 2022 - Non Uniform Pride Event including a Bake Sale to raise money for Norfolk LGBT Project**  
**Tuesday 28 June 2022 - Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening**  
**Friday 1 July 2022 to Sunday 3 July 2022 - DofE Silver Assessed Expedition to Theberton**  
 Please click [HERE](#) for School Calendar dates.

End of year assessments are taking place over the next few weeks and we expect students to have the correct maths equipment. This includes a geometry set and a scientific calculator. Items can be purchased through the school using ParentPay. A calculator is £9 and a maths set (calculator, geometry set and clear pencil case) is £10.25. Students will receive items in their next maths lesson following payment.



Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form Presents

**12th - 16th July**  
**South Site Hall 7:00pm**  
**Tickets £7.50**

Story and Lyrics by Howard Ashman Music by Alan Menken  
 This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Musical Theatre International (Europe)

**Little Shop of Horrors**