



Academic Curriculum

At Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form we are committed to providing a wide range of extra curricular clubs afterschool to engage with the whole community, to enable our students to develop and learn new skills. These are opportunities to make new friends, develop teamwork and have new experiences. I challenge everyone to join at least one club this term to experience all that Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form has to offer.



After School and Lunchtime Activities

School does not finish at 3:05 pm. For many of our students, the school day extends beyond the end of taught lessons to include a host of activities. Whether they are a part of one of our amazing sports teams, or treading the boards in the school



production, our students enjoy an enriching after school programme which helps to develop social and leadership skills as well as being good fun.

Some of our activities are subject-focused, building on classroom learning with some “super-curricular” activities to enhance students’ enjoyment of the wider subject. Others are not related to the curriculum at all, so we call them “extra-curricular”.

We advertise these clubs and activities through each Year Group’s Google Classroom. Each activity will have its own classroom as well, so that teachers can share information with students about the club.

We have a club for everyone, from budding Scientists, to trying your hand at growing your own produce to performing arts, there is something for everyone.

Do not delay and join a Club today. Please click [HERE](#) to find out about all the amazing clubs we have on offer.

Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure that every one of you are familiar with our ClassCharts approach to sharing live information with you about how your child is doing in class.



To better help us maintain focussed, calm and productive classrooms we have this week reviewed our use of the school’s Rewards and Sanctions system and I want to share some revisions with you.

1. We have shared with staff their overall ClassCharts usage data, highlighting the staff that use the system particularly effectively in rewarding the display of positive behaviours and focussed effort by students.
2. We are supporting staff who have experienced barriers to the effective use of the ClassCharts system, for example IT issues or their personal technical know-how.
3. We are looking carefully at our rewards system and how the accumulation of positive points can best be rewarded, through both badges and certificates but also through extra freedoms and privileges.
4. We have identified six common behaviours that can loosely be termed as unproductive, disruptive or disrespectful. Obviously we do not want these behaviours to influence the performance of any child or their classmates.
5. To reduce the display of such behaviours, we have this week been discussing them with students and explaining how from Monday 26 September 2022, we will be robustly responding to their display through the issuing of a negative point. An afterschool reflection focused on the impact of such behaviours will result should any student be issued five or more such ‘no negation’ negatives in one day.

We do need your support with this, in both praising your child when they receive positives and also in explaining to them why any negative behaviours that are identified on ClassCharts should be avoided in the future.

Language Rocks - The European Day of Languages (EDL) is celebrated across Europe on 26 September every year. It aims to promote the rich linguistic diversity of Europe and raise awareness of the importance of lifelong language learning for everyone. It was set up by the Council of Europe and was first celebrated in 2001.

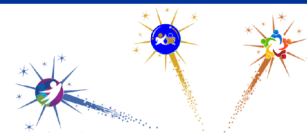
Languages are an increasingly important part of the curriculum at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form, as more and more students take the ebacc route in their GCSE studies. We want students to be equipped with the skills and mindset to thrive in a multicultural world. We are very proud of the excellent results achieved by our GCSE cohorts in French, German and Spanish. We are also delighted to see our first cohort of Year 13 Spanish students perform so brilliantly in their examinations.

To mark EDL, we want to remind students that ‘MFL rocks!’ During next week, students on the North Site should keep their eyes peeled for language-themed painted rocks. Anyone finding a rock, should take it to an MFL teacher where it will be exchanged for a small prize. There will also be a language-related activity during Friday form time.



#WeAREjoining

#ComeandfindoutwhoWeARE



Year 6 Parents/Carers

Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form would like to invite both you and your child to an

OPEN EVENING

on Thursday 29 September 2022

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Deciding on your preferred high school is a big step and we want to help you make that choice. We believe Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form can offer you opportunities, experiences and fun to the highest level, but come along and find out for yourself.

Come and find out who we **ARE**

To view the Thorpe Gateway, please click [HERE](#) and to view the School Prospectus, please click [HERE](#).



Aspirational



Respectful



Engaged

Our event launches before your choice of schools needs to be sent to the Local Authority. I have been assured that Norfolk County Council do not process any forms until **after** the closing date.

If you would like to find out more about the school, please contact Miss Banham on hbanham6kh@yare-edu.org.uk



Thursday 22 September 2022 - Year 11 and 13 Class of 2022 Graduation Garden Party

Thursday 29 September 2022 - Year 6 Open Event, School Closes at 2.00 pm

Please click [HERE](#) for School Calendar dates.