



Pastoral Curriculum

Students this week have been asked to “Just do the right thing” in response to our non-negotiable negatives. These are designed to make Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form a more calm and productive place in order to support everybody’s learning to enable **Excellence for All**. Students have responded really well and demonstrated engagement in their studies and hard work throughout their lessons.

P. Biguell



“Catch them being good”

I am writing this short piece just to clarify the school’s position concerning the issuing of positive and negative points.

Firstly, our first goal is to identify positive behaviours and to praise them. We know that saying, “Well done” and giving words of encouragement builds success.

My weekly look at the ClassCharts data shows that between 97% and 99% of the points issued by staff so far this academic year have been positives, praising mature, kind and focussed behaviours.

This week we have been more robust in responding to six behaviours that had become too common in the school and staff have been responding to such behaviours with the issuing of a ‘no negotiation’ negative point. Any student in KS4 getting five such negatives in one day had an after-school reflection to explore the problem. Four students in Year 10 got five negatives in one day and just one student in Year 11.

| | Positive | Negative | Ratio |
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| Year 7 | 31414 | 398 | 99% |
| Year 8 | 29600 | 695 | 98% |
| Year 9 | 32974 | 1041 | 97% |
| Year 10 | 22907 | 821 | 97% |
| Year 11 | 21942 | 713 | 97% |

The same sanction will apply to KS3 students from Monday 3 October 2022. If this had applied this week (which was a coaching week on the changes to the behaviour system) then in Year 7 the two students who received five negatives in one day, the four students in Year 8 and the five in Year 9 would have had to attend the after-school reflection session to discuss the cause and effect.

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| Week starting 19/9/2022 | 35837 | 1013 | 97% |
| Week starting 26/9/2022 | 40484 | 1738 | 96% |

Despite this attention being focussed on making classrooms even more calm, respectful and focussed and whilst the data for this last week shows an increase in negatives being issued for unwanted behaviours, it also shows that staff have given out more positive points to celebrate good work, efforts and social interactions.

Dr Evans

Form Time Reading Programme

At Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form, students are given the opportunity to live a thousand lives...

“The more you read, the more you know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” - Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

Dr. Seuss could have been talking about the students at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form with this quote as reading has become a core part of everyday life.

In form time twice a week, for twenty minutes, students in Years 7 to 9 are read to in their tutor groups. They are exposed to a range of texts from different cultures, traditions and time periods, as well as a careful selection of important works of non-fiction. By reading to them, we are able to supplement the text with valuable context that boosts student knowledge and understanding.

In addition to providing our students with access to some of the best fiction and non-fiction ever written, the tutor group reading programme is also designed to complement the curriculum, drawing links to ideas, themes and figures studied in lessons.

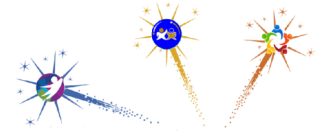
By the end of the Key Stage, our students will have read a number of books with challenging themes and vocabulary. When you walk around the building, there is a sense of calm and focus as students enjoy their latest book, but do not be surprised if you see staff touched by the emotion of the books like *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio.



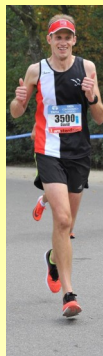
Attendance Matters - Our Form Time activities have taken the theme of Inclusion this week. Students who take a full part in everything that the school has to offer are in a good place to perform at their best no matter what they set their mind to.

In our Attendance Matters feature, we likened absence from school to a racer who stalls on the start line. Even a day’s absence represents five hours of lost learning, which needs to be caught up on. Students who miss school through absence are supported by their teachers and by BEST to catch up so that they are not disadvantaged by their absence.

#WeAREjoining
#ComeandfindoutwhoWeARE



London Marathan - On Sunday 2 October 2022, Mr Asker and Mrs Minster are competing in the London Marathon. Both members of staff are running the marathon for their chosen charities that both mean a great deal to them. Mr Asker is running on behalf of his late Grandmother's chosen charity MS Society and Mrs Minster is running on behalf of The National Brain Appeal.



The School will also be holding a Non Uniform Day on Monday 3 October 2022 to celebrate and raise funds for both charities. Parents/Guardians are able to make a voluntary donation via Parent Pay or students are able to contribute a donation on Monday morning during form time.



The Teachers two just giving pages are also available below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/david-asker2>
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachael-minister1>

Thorpe St Andrew Sixth Form

Excellence for All

Welcomes you to our
Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 20 October 2022



Doors will open at 6.00 pm for Students who will be new to Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form

Doors will open at 6.30 pm for Students already attending the School

More information coming soon on our [website](#)



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Just a few photographs from our
Open Evening



It was wonderful to welcome over 500 Year 6 families and visitors to our Open Evening. We had a fantastic evening showcasing all Thorpe has to offer.

Special mention to the amazing Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form students who were Guides, Helpers and Ambassadors for the school and impressed everybody with how they demonstrated our ARE values, they were a credit to the whole community.



Please click [HERE](#) for School Calendar dates
Monday 3 October 2022 - Non-Uniform Day – Marathon Charities
Tuesday 4 October 2022 - Years 7 to 13 Meet the Form Tutor
Monday 9 October to Thursday 13 October 2022 -
Year 9 Performing Arts Spotlight Mornings
Tuesday 11 October 2022 – Year 10 Working Together