# Thorpe Life

## **Excellence for all**



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#### **Pastoral Curriculum**

Behaviour Management Although aspects of this, particularly the application of sanctions, only applies to a small number of Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form students, I wanted to make you aware of some changes that we have made for this





• To enhance learning we have changed our procedure for moving from one lesson to another. Our expectation when the end of lesson bell rings is that all students go directly to their next class

rather than congregating in a social area and only moving on to their next class when a further bell is rung. Staff have been briefed to meet-and-greet their students at their classroom door and allow them in to commence learning tasks as each arrives. We expect more learning and calmer corridors and social spaces as a consequence.

- Our shared work on teaching Social Routines and targeting the use of Positives and Negatives has most definitely led to classrooms that are calm and focussed. We are now shifting some attention to our behavioural expectations in communal areas and during breaks and lunchtimes. We are doing some trials in this area with Year 9 over the next couple of weeks and will use the results of that work to guide changes to behaviour expectations and behaviour management across the wider school.
- We do target specific antisocial behaviours and behaviours that reduce learning with the issuing of negatives. This term the consequences for receiving negatives will increase for some, with the threshold for receiving an after school reflection changing from four negatives being received in any one day to the receipt of three in one day.

THERE'S JUST **NO NEGATIVES** TO IT.

To promote Student Athletes we want to ensure students are behaving across the school.

To support this vision as a PE department, we have put in place:

- 7 Day ban from extracurricular clubs and fixtures, If sent to the HUB by any member of staff around the school.
- 14 day ban from extracurricular activities and fixtures, if sent to the HUB by the PE department.

Thank you for your continued support.

#### **Year 11 Working Together Evening**

Thank you to all Parents/Carers and Students who attended the Year 11 Working Together Evening, it was great to see this event so well attended.



If you missed the evening, please follow this LINK to view the presentations from the evening.

attendance Many students received an "AP1 Report" at the end of December. At the top of the report we listed the student's attendance

> record as a % of the days in Attendance Ladder the term.



Over the whole year, even a small % absence can have a significant impact a student's learning. The "Attendance Ladder" shown left, puts things perspective.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, or you need to report that they are too ill for school, please call the school's (01603 attendance line

497722) in the first instance. If we do not receive timely notification of a child's absence, we may contact you to check that the child is safe and well. BEST are available for more indepth discussions and can co-ordinate a supportive plan to encourage an improved attendance record.

County Lines - During form time this week students were again, reminded about who the Designated Safeguarding Leads are in the school and the importance of having a trusted adult in the school that they can speak to if they are concerned or worried about anything.

Next week there will be a focus on County Lines and Criminal Exploitation. Please see some information from the NSPCC around

If you have any concerns about your child and would like to see further support , please follow this <u>LINK</u> to Early Help.

If you would like to have a conversation with a Designated Safeguarding Lead in school please call 01603 497711 to speak to a DSL.



Last term, we averaged more than 1,000 engagements with our After School activities! Some new clubs have been arranged, which began late last term and will run throughout the Spring Term.

Look out for:

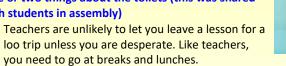
Homework Club - a chance to work on those Key Knowledge sheets and GCSE revision tasks in a calm and studious atmosphere in our Library. The Club runs four days a week (not Fridays!) until 4.00 pm for all years.

Choreography Club - learn to plan and direct dance routines in our PACE with Mrs Minister. All years are welcome, and the club runs on Thursdays.

We announce details of our clubs through Google Classroom, via each Year Group's own newsfeed.

Please click here to see all available clubs running this term.

### One or two things about the toilets (this was shared with students in assembly)





- During breaks and lunch, you should go on your own or at the most with one friend. Groups will be turned away.
- Only one person in each cubicle.
- No eating in corridors- and of course not in the loos.
- Ignoring an instruction or being rude to Duty Staff will get you a negative - or worse.
- If the bell has gone you will need your teacher's orange lanyard.

The following articles are available on our website.

To read these in full, please visit our website or click on the links/images below.



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Step into the NHS for KS3
This is an exciting resource and competition for students in KS3, designed to help raise career aspirations and awareness of the breadth of 350 careers available in the NHS. See our online gallery for inspiration!





Our Textiles Department need your help! They are looking for donations of jars of any kind and newspaper for use in their department.

Please can you take all donations to the Textiles department.









Year 7, 8 and 9 Flu Immunisations -Monday 16 January 2023

Careers Talk - Sizewell (Engineering)
- Wednesday 18 January 2023
Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening
- Wednesday 18 January 2023

Year 12 - UEA NEACO Outreach - Uni Insight Day - Thursday 19 January 2023

"I See Me" - Challenges Careers Stereotypes around Gender and Disability - Thursday 19 January 2023

Years 10 and 11 HPV Vaccinations - Thursday 26 January 2023

Year 10 - Holocaust Deep Thinking Morning - Thursday 26
January 2023

Music Industry Taster Day and Song Writing Workshop with IE Music (provided by Norfolk Music Hub) for Year 9 and 10 students - Thursday 26 January 2023

Textiles Artist - Workshops for Years 9, 10 and 11 - Friday 27 January 2023