



### Our Academic Curriculum

We are delighted to welcome back all TSAS students after the February half term. As we begin the new half term we have focused on **#WeAREgrowing**.

**To:**

**Aspire** making sure every second counts by getting to lessons on time.

**Respect** by sharing mature conduct in social spaces.

**Engage** by being fully engaged in all lessons.

Students have embraced these challenges and settled into routines positively. Well done everyone.



**Aspire** - To ensure that every second counts in learning. Students have been encouraged to move quickly to their next lesson. To make things easier for students to remember we have removed the warning bells. Students have responded positively to this challenge.

**Respect** - To ensure our Social Spaces are a pleasant environment for all our students, we promoted in our assembly this week, politeness and consideration for others. Littering, shouting and anti-social behaviour is not acceptable.

To ensure these Social Spaces are safe for all our students we are asking all students to:

- Be Kind**
- Be Calm**
- Be Considerate**

Way back in 2014 Ofsted said that low level disruption had to be stamped out in England's schools.

These are the types of behaviours that they identified.

- talking unnecessarily or chatting
- calling out without permission
- being slow to start work or follow instructions
- showing a lack of respect for each other and staff
- not bringing the right equipment
- using mobile devices inappropriately.

We are ensuring all our students are showing they are **engaged** in their lessons, by showing they can do their retrieval tasks, they are correcting their answers and improving their work, they are sitting up, alert, not distracting other students' learning and respecting each other.



**The report from Ofsted (2014) also highlighted that:**

When schools get it right, the atmosphere in classes and around the school is calm and positive.

**This is how TSAS is now described by visitors to our school.**

Students understand the school's behaviour policy and know it will be implemented rigorously by staff.

**All staff are aware of the system of sanctions and rewards, are fully trained and work together to ensure this is the case.**

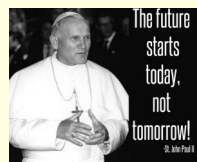


**School Uniform**, please be reminded that branded/logo clothing and hoodies are not school uniform.

School uniform can be purchased at Stevensons in Norwich, please see [website](#) for further details.

If you require any financial support with buying correct uniform, please email your child's Year Group BEST.

**BE READY FOR LEARNING**



Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow". Taking this as our Thought For The Week, Form Time noted that we are half way through the School Year. 710

students currently have an Attendance Record standing above 95%, which we would report as "excellent" in a job reference. Almost 100 students show full attendance, without a single day missed.

However, many students have missed days due to seasonal colds and flu and associated bugs. Now we are moving into Spring, those bugs are on the way out, so now is the best time to resolve to make improvements to Attendance Records that have been affected by occasional absence.

Our Monday Morning briefing for students included a reminder of our view that Banter (or "Bantz") is unacceptable. Often, we deal with students who have become distressed by the way that other students, including friends, have upset them with comments that were claimed as "banter".

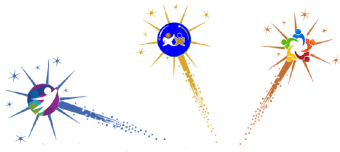
We reminded students that comments are best left unsaid if

- You would be upset if someone said it to you
- It's hurtful
- You are not friends
- Someone has asked you to stop saying it
- The person you said it to isn't laughing
- You are commenting on someone's insecurities.



Bullying can have a serious effect on a student's sense of self and wellbeing. When a student comes to their BEST to talk about a negative experience, we take their views seriously, and collect as much evidence as we can to enable us to act. Usually, a discussion with the student responsible is enough to stop the situation, but occasionally we have to implement further stages in our Anti-Bullying procedures in order to address the incident.





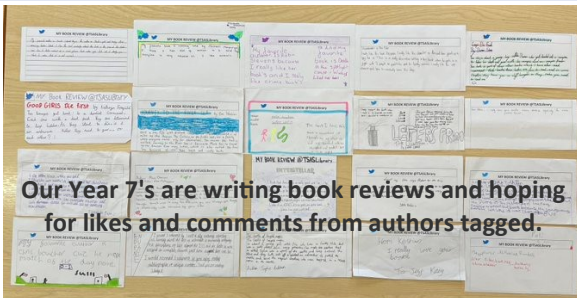
ARE you showing you ARE?  
Aspirational by making every minute count  
Respectful by mature conduct in social spaces  
Engaged by being fully engaged in lessons

The following articles are on our website.

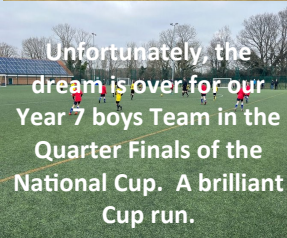
To read these in full, please visit our [website](#) or click on the links below.



Our first Principal's Breakfast Awards took place on Friday 10 February, we ARE very proud of our Year 9 and 11 students for showing they are Aspirational, Respectful and Engaged.



Our Year 7's are writing book reviews and hoping for likes and comments from authors tagged.



Unfortunately, the dream is over for our Year 7 boys Team in the Quarter Finals of the National Cup. A brilliant Cup run.



Great half term training session for the Holland Tour



We were very excited to meet Bali Rai, an English Author of Children's and Young Adult Fiction, he will be visiting our school to speak to our Key Stage 3

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**April 3 - April 17**

If you claim free school meals you can take part in free activity days over the holidays.

Book a session and drop in to see what it's like!

**Choose from**

- Football and multi sports
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Choreography Club - Thursdays, 3:15pm, PACE

Creative Writing Club  
Wednesdays, 3:15pm, N122

## Spring Quiz 'n' Chips

with a little bit of Bingo thrown in too!

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

7pm-9.30pm

South Site Hall, Laundry Lane

Teams of up to 8 people welcome. £5 per person – which includes the entry to the quiz, a couple of bingo rounds and a portion of chips.

Do bring your own drinks (including a tippie, should you wish to!), nibbles, accompaniments, cutlery, glasses and some extra change for our raffle and interval games.

Prizes for the winning team and wooden spoons for the losers!!

Payment can be made on the night, or in advance via bank transfer:

- Account Name: Friends of Thorpe St Andrew School – Parent Teachers Association
- Sort code: 30-96-17 Account no.: 01989745
- As a Payment Reference, please enter the work 'Quiz' plus your surname.

Click on this advert to reserve a table. For more information, contact [thorpefriends@gmail.com](mailto:thorpefriends@gmail.com).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 27 February 2023 - Year 13 PPEs begin
  - Wednesday 1 March 2023 - Industrial Action - School Open for Years 11, 12 and 13
  - Thursday 2 March 2023 - Careers Talks - Taverham Vets
  - Wednesday 8 March 2023 - Year 8 Working Together Evening
  - Thursday 9 March 2023 - Year 10 Maths Feast Competition
  - Tuesday 14 March 2023 - Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening
  - Friday 17 March 2023 - Team 6 Quiz 'n' Chips
- Check out our [website](#) for future dates.