Thorpe Life

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Engage - Work Hard



We have written to you before about the safety of our school site and how important it is for us to have routines for movement around our busy school. Like a big concert, football match or any event where there are lots of people moving around we too have one way systems, routes for entry and exit. We also have routines for behaviour in the time when students are not in classrooms. Of course we understand that it is important for children to run and be outside and we are fortunate to have a big field and space to support this. However, it is important to ensure that in these times all our students behave in a way that is safe and cannot intentionally or unintentionally cause harm for others.



As part of this, adults on duty will be monitoring behaviour and we will be awarding positives and negatives. Three "out of lesson negatives will result in a loss of lunchtime. If a student continues to behave in a way that is not safe we may even conduct a risk assessment in liaison with parents or consider further consequences. Our new Out of Lesson Routines are below for you to read, please support us in discussing them with your child over half term and help them to understand how important they are for the smooth safe

running of our school for everyone.

Sporting Fixtures - We take the behaviour of our students very seriously. We also take our sporting successes seriously! At the heart of our success in sport is the team work from all of our students and good sportsmanship. Integral to this is students representing their team and their school. As a result, if the behaviour of a student in school fails to meet our expectations this may result in them missing their next sporting event. Our procedure is as follows -

"In the aftermath of a serious behaviour incident (Hub/EIS/Suspension) or as a result of persistent failure to meet the expectations of our school students, students may be required to miss their next sporting fixture".

working lives forever.



Aspire

- A1 We move from lesson to lesson quickly and calmly, without loitering in corridors, toilets or waiting for others. We leave lunch and break spaces when told.
- A2 We do not use mobile phones, earpods, headphones or any other mobile devices during our school day. Exemption: Sixth Form students in Sixth Form Spaces
- A3 We walk on the left hand side of corridors, paths and stairs, not blocking others' journey. We follow one way systems in buildings and when crossing sites, without using the field.

Respect

- R1 We treat the buildings, fields and facilities with care, including the canteen, toilets, changing rooms and furniture. We do not litter, graffiti or vandalise our school.
- R2 We show kindness and support to all students and adults at all times. We know when we need to apologise and speak kindly to each other, including when playing sports.
- R3 We follow instructions the first time we are asked, identifying ourselves by giving our name as we are all part of the Thorp community.

Engage

- E1 When the bell goes to signal the end of form, lessons, break or lunch we walk directly to our next timetabled activity with no disruption
- E2 When moving around our school we engage with others sensibly not chasing around or pushing others - this includes play fighting.
- E3 When we move around our school during a lesson, we behav sensibly, we do not disrupt other lessons. We are silent,

Safeguarding Focus - We have already shared information about our work to keep our students safe while they are online. Part of that work involves screening our students' online activities for signs extremism.

We are sure you were following the trial of the young murderers of Brianna Ghey. It came to light during the trial that one of the young people had been researching Infamous Serial Killers - our Securus System would have highlighted this and we would been able to intervene. Searches for information on extreme violent acts, weapons and on extremist beliefs (both Political and Religious) at home or school are flagged up to our safeguarding team and acted upon promptly.

Let us work together to build more peaceful, inclusive and stable societies in which terror and violent extremism have no home.

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Social Space - For our Years 7 and 8, we have opened Classroom N10b every lunchtime for a warm, safe place for our students to meet friends and play games such as Chess, Dobble and Bananagrams!

We are sure that many readers of Thorpe Life have seen significant changes in their working lives over the past decade or more. Whether you work in a garage, an office, a shop, a school or a hospital, technology has had a massive impact on our work. As we prepare our students for the world of work, we simply do not know what innovations will change their



For that reason, we encourage our students to think about future proofing - being aware of changes in technology and being ready to adapt when a challenge comes their way.

Good attendance habits are part of this future proofing. The student who turns up every day is not going to miss those important messages and will be well placed to make changes when the next technological challenge comes our way.





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Thorpe St Andrew School

Leavers Hoodies 2024

10pm Wednesday 27th March 2024



On Monday we welcomed Year 5s from Hillside, Dussindale and Hemblington Primary Schools to our IT Coding Event.





Entries by END OF FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Theme: light in the darkness

How to submit: On your House Google Classroom find the slide with your house name, add your photo, add your name and class.

A reminder to check and ensure that your child(ren)'s uniform adheres to the school guidelines. If there are any missing items, please refer to the uniform list. Your co-operation in maintaining a presentable uniform appearance contributes to the positive atmosphere within our school.



Sixth Form Clothes Shop Event



3 weeks to go!

11am-3pm South Site Hall Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form Laundry Lane NR7 0XS Free entry

Gifts Galore! Jewellery, candles and wax melts, skin-care products. books and toys, jams and chutneys, cards and clothing

... and many more hand-crafted items!



Chill and chat while learning a new skill All years groups

Please click to find what amazing Clubs TSAS have to offer!

Over the next few weeks, we will be putting on TSAS's Got **Talent Showcase!**

If you would like to show off your special talents (solo or group), send a video to gpayne3kk@yare-edu.org.uk.

Last day to enter is Sunday 25 **February** 2024!



Friday 16 February 2024 - Year 11 NCS Assembly Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 23 February 2024 - Half Term Holiday Monday 26 February 2024 - Spring Term Begins Tuesday 27 February 2024 - U13 Girls' Football Team EFL Cup

Thursday 29 February 2024 - FOTSAS Committee Meeting

Friday 1 March 2024 - U13 Girls' Indoor Cricket Competition, National Reading Champions Quiz Check out our website for future dates. Term Dates for 2024/2025 are HERE.



Student **Spotlight**

Check out the first edition of Student Spotlight here.