



# #WeAREThorpe #WeARERevising



Revision is learning and is an ongoing process that all years engage in preparation for assessments and building skills and looking to be successful in GCSEs or A Levels regardless of what year they are currently in.



**Thorpe Revision Routines** SIXTH FORM

**Engage**  
PLCs  
PRAG, Review, Action  
E3 We work independently in silence asking for help promptly if we do not understand what to do, asking questions politely.

**Aspire**  
Flashcards  
Create, Recall, Revisit  
A3 We present our work neatly, with care and pride.

**Respect**  
BUG  
Box, Underline, Go over  
R3 We follow instructions, the first time we are asked.

As we start GCSEs and A Levels this week the whole school ARE Focus is on developing our Revision Learning Routines. As a result for the next four weeks we are all developing revision learning techniques.

We will focus on Personal Learning Checklists (PLCs) week beginning Monday 22 April 2024.

Week beginning Monday 29 April 2024 Flashcard Development and use.

Week beginning Tuesday 7 May 2024 Box, Underline, Go Over "BUG" - questions.

Over this period students will be taught, teachers will model and students will be expected to carry out these revision learning routines independently as part of their homework.

Students will be awarded SPECIAL POSITIVES by Class Teachers and Head of Years for completing their independent work.



**Good Luck** to all Year 11 and 13 students as they embark on their GCSEs, A Levels or equivalent.

*P. Bignell*

## Changes in Regulations Regarding Taking Children Out of School

On 29 February 2024, the Government announced a new **National Framework** advising schools and Local Authorities regarding children missing school.



The framework requires schools to consider referring a family to the Local Authority if a child misses 10 or more sessions (or 5 days) of school for unauthorised reasons. This includes unauthorised holidays. The County Council may levy a fine if parents are found to be taking children on unauthorised holidays. From August 2024, the fine will be £80 if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days. If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within three years, the fine will be charged at the higher (£160) rate. **Any further unauthorised absences within 3 years of the initial fine could result in prosecution, which could lead to a criminal record and a fine of up to £2500.** The final decision on whether to prosecute remains with the Local Authority (LA) and funds raised from fines levied are used by the LA to fund attendance support.

It remains the School's Policy that no holiday will be authorised during term time. Requests for leave of absence on compassionate grounds will be considered on a case by case basis but usually will only be granted where there is end-of-life care involved.

[You can read more about this new initiative from the Government by clicking here](#)

Report Absence using the Attendance Textline: 07860 054048  
Include the name of your child, and the reason for their absence.

**Fight the Fake! >>>** 5 Fact-Checking Tips from Britannica

- 01. Choose Sources Wisely**  
Some types of sources are better than others. Find sources that thoroughly provide information before publishing it. Try to track down primary or authoritative sources, like scholarly journals or government databases rather than second-hand reports.
- 02. Proceed with Caution**  
Question generalisations and anything that seems too good to be true. Think about the author's motivation, why have they created that? Does the source have a hidden point of view?
- 03. Trust Expertise**  
When in doubt about a source, check the author's qualifications. Determine how well he or she knows the subject.
- 04. Expand Your Search**  
Don't settle for a single source; find two or more sources and look for a consensus. Search far and wide from simple web searches to databases and Google Books.
- 05. Understand Context**  
Few facts exist outside of the broader context. Read around the fact to see how it fits into the big picture.

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## Safeguarding and Wellbeing Focus

You will be familiar with the term "Fake News", made popular by certain well-known politicians. Students are particularly vulnerable to fake news, as they increasingly rely on Social Media for their information. We are encouraging them to "Fact Check" and to maintain a healthy scepticism over things that they hear and find out. As part of your conversations with your children, you may want to support them as they try to find their way through the minefield of modern information.

The **Encyclopedia Britannica** was once the go-to source for information in any school library. It is still going strong! It offers this advice to help us sort the real news from the fake, perhaps you could encourage your child(ren) to adopt a sceptical approach to what they hear online by following these five steps.



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Come and join us at our M-themed

## M May Quiz 'n' Chips



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7pm-9.30pm  
North Site Hall, Longfields Road

£6 per person – which includes the entry to the quiz and a portion of chips. Bring, or join, a team of up to 8 people.

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!!

Prize for the best-dressed, M-themed table!!

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 word 'Quiz' plus your surname.

Scan the QR code to book places.

Any questions? Please contact [thorpefriends@gmail.com](mailto:thorpefriends@gmail.com).



ONLINE SHOP

## Thorpe St Andrew School

Leavers Hoodies 2024

Deadline for orders has been extended to Monday 22 April 2024, please note for anyone who misses the final deadline, there will be a charge of £39.99.

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies  
Please click [here](#) to order yours today!

CLASS OF 24  
CHARLIE

Name / Nickname (Optional)



### Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form celebrates receiving Computing Quality Mark.

We have been recognised for delivering high-quality computing education to young people, developing their digital skills and preparing them for the future.

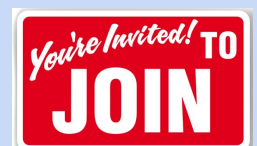
The school has achieved the National Computing Quality Mark after evaluating its computing education and demonstrating high-quality provision. The Computing Quality Mark is awarded by the National Centre for Computing Education and recognises excellence of computing education offered by a school as part of their curriculum development through the Computing Quality Framework (CQF). We are only the third High School in Norfolk to receive this award.

Claire Garside, senior lead facilitator at the NCEE, said: "Congratulations to Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form, on becoming an NCEE 'Computing Quality Mark' school! They're among the schools leading the way to deliver high standards in computing education. The Computing Quality Mark recognises the quality of their provision to ensure all students receive the computing skills and knowledge so valuable for today and in their future careers."



## The Benefits of Joining a Club

Please click [here](#) to find the amazing Clubs TSAS have to offer!



Gain New Interests, Meeting New People, Improving Social Skills, Boost College/Sixth Form Applications, Improving Confidence, Improving Communications Skills, Teamwork and most of all have FUN!!

Friday 19 to 21 April 2024 - Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Practice, Dr Maren Duvendack - Talk on Global Development

Monday 22 to 23 April - Art - Photography NEA

Tuesday 23 April 2024 - Year 9 Sports Leaders for Sportshall Athletics at UEA

Wednesday 24 April 2024 - Year 13 Final Assessed Drama Performance

Thursday 25 April 2024 - Junior Mathematical Challenge, Year 12 Post 18 Event, Sports Leaders, Cricket Leadership,

Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening, please click [HERE](#) to book your appointments, UCAS Parent Talk

Friday 26 April 2024 - NEACO Assembly, Year 11 Final Practical Drama Exam

Check out our [website](#) for future dates. Term Dates for 2024/2025 are [HERE](#).

