

THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM



A Truly Outstanding Sixth Form

Now the Department for Education has published its final data for the 2018 results, we can confirm all the early indications show that our Sixth Form is not only one of the best in Norfolk but also stands out against the national picture.

The overall value added scores across all subjects and qualifications places the school in the top two in Norfolk.

On other measures, the Sixth Form sits only just outside of the top 5% Nationally with strong subject performance, especially in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics.

The final piece of data is about progression rates showing student achievement of university places higher than local competitors (UCAS wording) and on achievement into apprenticeship degrees, apprenticeships and employment.

These achievements are to be celebrated and also provide a very strong base for all those applying to join us in September. (Good luck to all those Year 11 students facing their PPEs and for the final examination papers from May).

Finally, after the Minister of State for Education's visit to the school, as the only school in the Eastern Region selected to pilot the new Post 16 T-Level qualifications, the school has been invited to bid for significant capital funding to build new areas for teaching.

Mr Clayton



Bus Breakdown or Delay

Recently, when a bus was held up by a traffic accident, some students chose to leave the bus and walk home across fields.

We must emphasise that students should remain with the bus unless there is a clear instruction from you, as a parent, to the driver to release a student.

We would ask you to discuss this at home and have in place a plan with your child should it be needed, including contact arrangements.

If the school is made aware of an issue, we will aim to alert parents. As parents, it is also worth you keeping a record of the County Hall number for transport as they will be able to speak directly to the company concerned and it is only the company that has direct access to the driver.

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Norfolk Police Education Programme

The school continues to work closely with Norfolk Police to deliver a series of PSHEE lessons and assemblies. These will continue to run throughout the year with follow up discussions in PSHEE lessons.

Over the next few weeks locally based Officer PC Troy Brandon will also be around school to answer students' questions following the current round of assemblies for Years 9, 10 and 11.

Examination Invigilator

We currently have vacancies for Examination Invigilators. Full details are available on the school website.



Maths Vault

Just a reminder to all parents and students that the "Maths Vault" has a range of useful revision materials and mathematics information within RM Unify.

After School Supervision Group

The school is piloting an After School Group. The group will run from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm and will be held in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC).

Students attending the after school and revision clubs can have access to this group if they are unable to be collected before 5.00 pm or are unable to make their own way home. Students will need to bring their own work with them.

Parents must pre-book a place and this can be done simply by logging on to Parentpay. The After School sessions can be found by selecting the 'Pay for Other Items' tab where you can book the day/days required. Payment will need to be made at this stage to allow a booking. The cost will be £5 per session.

Parents must also have in place a system to contact their young person to let them know they have arrived to collect them. The **emergency number** to contact is **01603 497750**, should this be required.

It must be stressed that this cover is only until 5.00 pm so again, parents should have in place an emergency backup plan if they should be delayed.

The club will start on Monday 4 February 2019 and run from Monday to Thursday inclusive, each week.

Should you have any further questions, please email office@thorpe-st-andrew.norfolk.sch.uk and a member of the school team will get back to you.

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 4 February 2019 - Year 11 Pre Public Examinations (Two Weeks)

Monday 18 February 2019 - Half Term Starts

Friday 22 February 2019 - Half Term Ends

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