

THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM



Assemblies

As part of our ongoing work with Norfolk Constabularies Safer Schools Partnership, PC Troy Brandon will be delivering assemblies to all our students in Years 9 to 11, on the consequences of carrying weapons.

Whilst this is happening, Years 7 and 8 will be completing activities around the same subject with their form tutor, delivered in a way more suitable for our younger students.

There will be opportunities in the following days in form time for students to discuss what they have learnt from these assemblies and activities in a supportive environment. In addition to this there will, as always, be the BEST team available to discuss any further concerns they may have.

This is part of our ongoing commitment to keeping the school community safe and supported.

Mrs Veeren

Arriving to School on Time

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child arrives in school on time. We do continue to have a small number of students arriving late to school, which disrupts the flow of the lessons and therefore the learning of others when they arrive late.

If a student receives four late marks in one week (at any time of the day, not only mornings) they will go into the system for a 30 minute pastoral detention. The detentions will run within the current Tuesday and Thursday pastoral detentions. Parents will be informed via e-mail.

AM registration counts twice and all other lessons count once. Therefore, if a student is late Period 1, 2 and 3 they will be given a pastoral detention.

If your child has been persistently late over the last term they will have been spoken to by their Head of House or Assistant Head of House. They will be aware of the consequences.

Mrs Veeren

Uniform Policy

There will be a small adjustment to the uniform policy with the school uniform skirt moving to a navy pleated style. This will be compulsory from September 2019 for all new students. Current students will not be required to switch immediately but parents are requested to purchase the new style when needing to replace current items.

Your support in keeping all students in the correct uniform is appreciated.

Mr Clayton

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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 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 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.

Mr Clayton

Careers Fair

Sixth Form are holding their Post-18 event on Tuesday 12 March 2019, and to end the day (Period 5) we have an exciting Careers Fair in the South Site Hall.

This will be extended for any Year 11 or 13 students wishing to attend between the times of 3.15 pm - 4.00 pm. Parents are also more than welcome to attend this session.

We have many local employers attending offering all levels of apprenticeships, the armed forces for employment opportunities and our Sixth Form's two most popular universities: University of East Anglia (UEA) and University of Lincoln.

We hope to see you there.

Mrs Bernard

Sky 600 Blog Competition

The school is launching a blog competition via house assemblies. Please see the link below for more information:

<https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/sky-ocean-rescue/>.

Sky is challenging young people aged 11-16 to express their voice, using their creativity and communication skills to write a blog to shine a spotlight on the issues affecting ocean health. All entries need to be submitted by 26 April 2019 to Miss Rekiec in the Geography department.



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Study Skills Workshop

Year 8 students have been attending Study Skills Workshops which are designed to help them learn the Key Knowledge. We have shown the students four techniques which have been proven to be effective and our aim is to prepare the students for their GCSE examinations and for their learning beyond.

Students were also given preliminary information about a subject choice that they can make now ready for September 2019. More information will be given to students in their History and Geography lessons between 18 and 21 March, and information will come home to you so that you can help your child make the appropriate preference choice.

Please take the time to ask your child to show you the four techniques. We looked at time management strategies, before demonstrating three learning and revision activities. Students have been shown how to create flashcards, knowledge wheels and how to set up quizzes to test their knowledge retrieval.

Mr Dewar

Annual Public Speaking Competition



Our Annual School Public Speaking Competition is now well underway. The vast majority of our students have participated. There have been some fantastic persuasive arguments that have been presented in our House assemblies. The students have chosen topics that they feel very passionate about, subjects that are very close to their heart and sometimes about personal experiences. We recognise how challenging it is to present in front of peers and we celebrate the achievement of all those who participated. The skill of public speaking plus the resilience and determination it takes to do this is part of what will give our students an additional 'edge' to support them in the future.

A very well done to all those students.

Mrs Veeren

Examination Invigilators and Lettings Assistant

We currently have vacancies for Examination Invigilators and a part-time (as required) Lettings Assistant.

The Lettings Assistant will be required for approximately 8 hours per week to be worked Saturdays and Sundays.

For further information please contact HR@yare-edu.org.uk or visit the school website to apply.

Year 9 Interim Report

Interim reports for Spring Assessment are now available via 'My Child at School'. We encourage all parents of Year 9 students to review these grades at home with their son or daughter. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's Head of House. Equally, if subject teachers have any concerns they will contact you at home.

Dates for your Diary Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12 March 2019 - Year 12 UCAS Evening

Wednesday 20 March 2019 - Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening

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