



## Thornden School Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Bike Thefts – Message from Hampshire Constabulary

Hampshire Constabulary has advised us that there have been a few bike thefts around Fryern Arcade recently and they are aware that some students from Thornden and Toynbee use this area to lock up their bikes. Two bikes were stolen one afternoon between 3-5pm. The bikes were secured properly, so the owners had taken the appropriate steps to keep their property safe.

Immobilise is a property register which increases the chances of owners being reunited with their belongings should they be lost or stolen. Parents/carers can register details for free (for bikes, you will need to provide the serial number). For further information, please click on the link below:

[The National Property Register, for Phones, Gadgets, Bicycles & More... \(immobilise.com\)](https://www.immobilise.com)

### Careers Information

For the latest careers information (including our Careers newsletters), please click on the following link which will take you to the Thornden School Careers website:

[Careers Newsletter \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

### Hampshire & Isle of Wight (HIOW) Saliva Testing Newsletter

Please click on the links below for the latest copies of the HIOW COVID-19 Saliva Testing newsletters (7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February):

[HIOW Newsletter 07.02.22 \(thornden.hants.sch.uk\)](https://thornden.hants.sch.uk)

[HIOW Newsletter 14.02.22 \(thornden.hants.sch.uk\)](https://thornden.hants.sch.uk)

## Music Concerts

Below are the concert dates that our music groups/ensembles will be performing in until the end of this academic year.

All the performances will start at 7.00pm in Thornden Hall.

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	Spring Concert (All ensembles performing)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022	Summer Concert (All ensembles performing)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Rising Stars Concert (Years 7,8 & 9 solos/duets)

We hope to see you at one of our forthcoming concerts!

Mr R Jones  
Head of Extra-Curricular in Music

## Online Safety

On February 8<sup>th</sup> it was Safer Internet Day. The theme was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. The internet is a great place to share, celebrate and support young people. Please find attached to the covering email with this newsletter, a poster from Digital Awareness UK which will hopefully allow you to have an online safety conversation with young people.

We would like to highlight an app that is growing in popularity. Replika is an artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot companion that its developers claim users can form an actual emotional connection with. Once users have created an account and chosen a 3D avatar, they select the type of relationship they want with the chatbot: friend, mentor, or romantic partner. It isn't the only AI chatbot app available, but Replika pushes the boundaries of the concept to offer a highly realistic conversational experience.

In the guide (attached to the covering email with this newsletter), you will find tips on a number of potential risks such as possible addiction, inappropriate content, and in-app purchases.

Dr J Evans, Deputy Headteacher  
Mr T Baldwin, Head of Computer Science

## Teacher Training Opportunities



Help shape  
futures - Teach



We are now  
recruiting for  
Primary starting  
September 2022

[www.hampshirescitt.org.uk](http://www.hampshirescitt.org.uk)



## Thornden Sport

### Recent Results

Age Group	Gender	Team		Opposition	Fixture Type	Result	Player of the Match
U12	Boys	Football	vs	Henry Beaufort	District Cup	Won 5-3 (AET)	PoM: Alex
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Wildern	Friendly	Won 55-40	PoM: Jack
U13	Girls	Rugby	vs	Wildern	Friendly	Won 45-20	PoM: Lola
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Henry Beaufort	Friendly	Won 42-14	PoM: James
U13	Boys	Hockey	vs	Alton	County Trophy	Won 3-0	
U13	Boys	Hockey	vs	Ryde	County Trophy	Won 3-0	
U13	Boys	Hockey	vs	Churchers	County Trophy	Won 4-0	
U13	Boys	Hockey	vs	Ballard	County Trophy	Won 2-0	
U13	Boys	Hockey	vs	Romsey	County Trophy	Won 2-0	
U13	Boys	Hockey	vs	PGS	County Trophy	Won 3-1	
U13	Boys	Hockey	vs	KES Witley (Semi-Final)	County Trophy	Won 5-4 on Pen Flicks	
U13	Boys	Hockey	vs	Bohunt (Final)	County Trophy	Lost 0-1	
U13	Girls	Rugby	vs	Priestlands	County Cup	Won 30-15	PoM: Jess & Bella
U14	Boys	Hockey	vs	Alton	County Trophy	Won 4-0	PoT: Khai-Ren
U14	Boys	Hockey	vs	Embley	County Trophy	Lost 1-3	PoT: Khai-Ren



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U14	Boys	Hockey	vs	St. Johns	County Trophy	Won 3-0	PoT: Khai-Ren
U14	Boys	Hockey	vs	KES Witley	County Trophy	Lost 2-4	PoT: Khai-Ren
U14	Boys	Hockey	vs	Romsey	County Trophy	Won 5-1	PoT: Khai-Ren
U14	Boys	Rugby	vs	John Hanson	Friendly	Won 53-29	PoM: Ben
U16	Boys	Basketball	vs	Bitterne Park	County Cup	Won 57-47	PoM: Tarun

U14 Girls Football Team face The Towers School (Kent) in the Quarter Finals of the National Cup  
WE'RE AT HOME!

The U14 girls next opposition is against The Towers School from Kent. Like Thornden they have had a series of good results, so this quarter final face off is due to be a good one. The date is currently being arranged but as soon as we know more, we will update you.

National Athletics



Those of you who have read our newsletters in the past will remember Lucia from the summer term last year. Lucia dominated the athletics circuit last season and has continued to develop over the winter months. Lucia (Year 8) now competes in the older, U15 age category. This means she competes against students both in her year group and in the year above. I tell you this because Lucia has recently competed in the 300m at the National Indoor Championships in Sheffield. Being the youngest athlete in the event is an incredible achievement in itself, but Lucia managed to achieve a PB of 42.27 and finished 4<sup>th</sup>! This is a staggering achievement and something she has worked incredibly hard to accomplish.

This result now places Lucia 5<sup>th</sup> in the country. Congratulations, we are all very proud of you.

Cross Country Successes

Over the past few weeks we have had some very good results in the Cross Country.

Big congratulations to Will A who finished 8<sup>th</sup> (inter boys competition) and Casper W who finished 5<sup>th</sup> (junior boys competition) in the Hampshire Cross Country event. Both will now compete for Hampshire in the next event.

In the U13 District Trials competition, Lucia B and Chloe P finished 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in the girls event with Casper W finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the boys event. We wish them all the best of luck when they next compete representing Eastleigh and Winchester.

### Taekwondo Success

A huge well done to one of our Year 7 students, Radu, who secured a Silver medal at the Horizon Taekwondo Championship which took place last Sunday in Halifax. An impressive result, especially when you consider that Radu only started Taekwondo last summer and this was his first competition.

Well done Radu.



### Student Success

We are always keen to hear about success stories from our students outside of school, so please do get in touch if there is news we can share.

For any sporting successes, please email Mr Hall, Head of PE: [b.hall@thornden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:b.hall@thornden.hants.sch.uk)

## **General Contact**

If you need to contact the school, please use either of the email addresses below. In an emergency, please contact the school during office hours on 023 8026 9722.

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