



## Thornden School Newsletter 10th November 2023

### Head of School Welcome



Hello Families,

Lots to tell you about this fortnight from Thornden School! Apologies about the storm that never was – obviously reports were that Storm Ciaran was due to be particularly fierce, but it turned out to be fairly tame in our neck of the woods. These calls are very difficult to make and we were mindful of our scaffolding and the fact that most local schools were closing. It is always better to be safe than sorry. Thank you for your support with this and well done to staff and students for resurrecting online learning so quickly.

A quick staffing update for you. Ms Georgiou (Head of Year 9) is not currently in school so we have asked Mr Jewell, current Head of Year 10, to oversee both year groups for a short period of time. This means that some of his History lessons are being covered but we need to ensure that students have the pastoral care needed. Please continue to contact your child's tutor in the first instance and we will update you on this situation over time.

This Monday we had a really productive INSET day with our staff (teaching and support staff) visiting other schools, colleges and providers to share effective practice. Thornden are an outward looking school, and we want to network and develop alongside other professionals.

We are continuing to work on being a truly inclusive school. We have safeguarding reviews by HISP every half term and we have our own student voice activities in school. We know that derogatory language (e.g. racist, sexist, homophobic) is rare but we want to ensure that every single student and member of staff feels safe and secure and that they are able to be their true selves at Thornden. We have been working with the **Global Equality Collective**. This is a multi-award winning global community of over 13000 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion change makers and educators who have one simple aim – **to make ordinary classrooms extraordinarily inclusive**. Staff have already completed a survey and now students will do the same. Once we have the results from this anonymous survey, we can start to make an action plan with GEC on the areas that we want to tackle to see a lasting change in our culture. There is a short introductory video that you might find interesting [here](#).

Year 8 have stepped up to serve their school community by being student receptionists for the first time. Each student does one double period a day to welcome visitors and help our busy reception with the day-to-day running of the school. Feedback so far has been really positive, and we would like to thank reception for welcoming them and our students for being such brilliant ambassadors.

Lastly, there were two really successful residential trips over half term – Iceland and Paris. Read on for more but a big thank you to the staff for making these happen, for students for being wonderfully engaged and behaved and to parents for their support.

As the nights are drawing in, if your child rides their bike to school please make sure that they have lights and that they are wearing their helmets at every part of their journey. We check them on the way out but your support with this is appreciated.

As ever, please get in touch if needed,

Caroline Lowing  
Head of School

## Friends of Thornden

A quick reminder that FOTS, Thornden's PTA, are holding our **AGM and first Bids meeting of the year on Tuesday 13th November at 7.30pm in E1**, which is the first classroom you come to on the right past lost property, when you come in via the reception corridor.

**All parents are most welcome to join us.** We only have a handful of active team members (<10) which doesn't feel like many for such a big school, so to keep on punching above our weight we do need your support.

I would like to put out a particular plea to anyone who feels they might be able to take on the role of **Treasurer** for our little charity, to get in touch at [fots@thornden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:fots@thornden.hants.sch.uk)

David Holdsworth, who is standing down at the AGM, has done an amazing job as FOTS treasurer and would be around for a handover/some handholding if that was required. I have had no expressions of interest yet and I'm starting to get a little twitchy(!) so if it is something you would be interested in exploring, whether on your own or with someone else, please don't be shy about getting in touch.

We already have requests from staff for things they believe will enrich your child's experience at Thornden, totalling more than we currently have in the accounts, so if you are not yet supporting our PTA financially, the donation scheme forms are on the school website [here](#).

Look forward to seeing you on the 13th!

All the best  
Polly

## Year 8 textiles work

Year 8 have been creating Supermarket Sweep cushions in textiles. Creators of these amazing pieces of work are:

Will F  
Neshen  
Stanley  
Ben R  
Molly W  
Hattie  
Daisy Q

So many students created great pieces of textiles!



## Artist of the week

31/10/2023

This week's Artist of the Week is Parthiv N from Year 9 for his amazing coloured pencil drawing. Parthiv completed this piece to enter into the HISP Art Competition. Well done Parthiv and good luck!



06/11/2023

This week's Artist of the Week is Nora T from Year 9 who has created this lovely collage in the style of Mr Splice as part of her Graphic communication project. Well done Nora!



## Hampshire County Council - Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Scheme

Hampshire County Council is now inviting eligible families to sign up to free school holiday clubs over the Christmas Holidays, as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Scheme.

To check eligibility criteria and individual eligibility please click the following link: [Free School Meals for Students up to 16](#)

To find out more about your local HAF schemes please use the following link: [Holiday Activities and Food Programme](#)

Here you can search for activities and contact local providers directly to sign up to the schemes.

The HAF programme is funded by the Department for Education so that local authorities can offer healthy food and enriching activities in the school holidays to children who receive income-based free school meals. A small number of places are also available on HAF schemes for other vulnerable families.

To find out more about the HAF Programme visit the [connect4communities website](#). For queries please email [connect4communities@hants.gov.uk](mailto:connect4communities@hants.gov.uk)



## Awesome Art Club

Awesome Art club started for Year 7's last half term, with a great turn out and some wonderful artwork produced! Our Year 7 artists began creating drawings of animals in chalk and charcoal.

Awesome Art is held at lunchtimes in A3 and is open to any Year 7s who love Art and want to learn some new techniques and work with different media. Please speak to Miss Willis if you would like to come along.



## Online Safety Message

### Combating Online Bullying

#### When Screens Become Battlegrounds

##### Introduction

Following on from the previous article on fake profiles and social bots, this article shifts the focus to a more dangerous threat in the digital realm: online bullying. In an age where digital interaction is as real as face-to-face communication, the impact of cyberbullying can be profound. Four in ten children aged 8-17 (39%) have experienced bullying, either on or offline. Of those children bullied it was more likely to happen on a device (84%) than face-to-face (61%). Understanding and addressing this issue is key to creating a safer online environment for everyone.

##### Understanding Online Bullying

Online bullying, or cyberbullying, is the use of digital platforms to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person. By its nature, it can be relentless and more unescapable than traditional bullying, following victims into their homes through their devices.

##### Types of Online Bullying

- **Harassing Messages:** Repeatedly sending malicious messages.
- **Impersonation:** Creating a fake profile to cause trouble in someone else's name.
- **Public Shaming:** Sharing embarrassing photos or stories to humiliate someone.
- **Exclusion:** Intentionally excluding someone from an online group.

##### The Impact of Online Bullying

The effects of cyberbullying can be devastating, leading to anxiety, depression, and in severe cases, self-harm. Due to online anonymity, it can encourage bullies and make it harder for victims to escape the abuse.

##### Combating Online Bullying

- **Education:** At Thornden we teach the students about the signs and effects of online bullying.
- **Policies:** We also have policies that define and address cyberbullying.
- **Reporting Mechanisms:** We have an email address and a QR code that students can use to report any concerns or bullying to.

##### Encouraging Positive Digital Citizenship

Promoting a positive school culture both online and offline can help prevent bullying.

We are encouraging students to:

- **Speak Up:** If they see bullying, say something.
- **Empathise:** Understand how their words and actions can affect others.
- **Be Inclusive:** Foster a community that values inclusion.

##### Conclusion

Online bullying is a challenge that calls for a collective response. By taking proactive steps, we can create a digital landscape where respect and kindness prevail.

##### Further Reading and Resources

[NSPCC](#): A charity that provides information and support around bullying and cyber-bullying.

[Internet Matters](#): A website that has information about responding and spotting the signs of cyberbullying.

Mr A Thomas  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr T Baldwin  
Head of Computer Science

## Sports Update

### Recent Results

U12	Boys	Football	vs	Swanmore	League	Lost 0 - 4	
U12	Boys	Football	vs	Kings'	League	Lost 1 - 4	
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Oaklands	County Festival	Won	Ben L
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Kings'	County Festival	Lost	Ben L
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Brookfield	County Festival	Won	Ben L
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Bay House	County Festival	Drew	Ben L
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Island Free School	County Festival	Won 15-10	Ben L
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Crofton	County Festival	Lost	Ben L
U12	Girls	Football	vs	Mountbatten	League	Lost 1 - 7	Mya
U13	Boys	Football	vs	Wildern	National Cup	Lost 3-6	All
U13	Boys	Football	vs	Winton	National Cup	Won 6 - 1	Charlie and Jay
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Crofton	County Festival	Drew 10 - 10	Orion M & Oliver T
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Oasis	County Festival	Won 20 - 0	Orion M & Oliver T
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Bay House	County Festival	Drew 5 - 5	Orion M & Oliver T
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	St Georges	County Festival	Won 15 - 5	Orion M & Oliver T
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	John Hanson	County Festival	Drew 5 - 5	Orion M & Oliver T
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Toynbee	County Festival	Won 15 - 10	Orion M & Oliver T
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Bay House	County Festival	Won 20 - 0	Orion M & Oliver T
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Kings'	County Festival	Lost 0 - 15	Orion M & Oliver T
U13	Boys	Hockey	vs	Perins	Friendly	Won	Ethan
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U13	Boys	Hockey	vs	Perins	Friendly	Won	Ethan
U13	Boys	Football	vs	Winton	National Cup	Won 6 - 1	Charlie and Jay
U14	Boys	Football	vs	Bay House	National Cup	Lost 2 - 2 (4 - 5 Pens)	Sandro
U14	Girls	Netball	vs	Henry Beaufort	League	Won	Iona P
U14	Boys	Football	vs	Bay House	National Cup	Lost 2 - 2 (4 - 5 Pens)	Sandro
U14	Girls	Netball	vs	Henry Beaufort	League	Won	Iona P
U16	Girls	Netball	vs	Henry Beaufort	League	Lost 16 - 10	Olivia K
U16	Boys	Rugby	vs	Brookfield	County Vase	Won 34-0	Matthew C
U16	Boys	Football	vs	Toynbee	County Cup	Won 6 - 3	
U16	Girls	Rugby	vs	Priestlands	Friendly	Lost	Ellie S
U16	Girls	Netball	vs	Henry Beaufort	League	Lost 16 - 10	Olivia K

### Extra-Curricular PE Timetable

This half term extra-curricular timetable is the same as the last, with the addition of trampolining club on a Friday afterschool. Please use this [link](#) for all timetables.

### Extra-Curricular PE Timetable Half Term 2

(\*Each half term there will be a new timetable that may have slight changes)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School (7:45am – 8:20am)</b>					
<b>Sports Hall</b>				All Years Breakfast Netball Miss Hall	
<b>Lunchtime</b>					
<b>Sports Hall</b>	Year 7/8 Basketball Mr Hall	All Years Badminton Miss Hall	Year 9/10/11 Basketball Mr Hall	Year 7/8 Basketball Miss Jones	GCSE PE Mr Hall
<b>Gym</b>		Year 7/8 Table Tennis Mr Lax		Year 9/10/11 Table Tennis Mr Lax	
<b>After School (3:00pm – 4:00pm)</b>					
<b>Field</b>	Year 10/11 Girls Rugby Mr Hall  All Years Running Club Mr Osben & Mr Goodall	Year 9/10/11 Boys Rugby Mr Hall & Mr Gibbs  Year 7/8 Boys Football Mr Osben & Mr Lax	Year 7/8/9 Girls Rugby Mr Hall & Mr Gibbs	Year 7/8 Boys Rugby Mr Hall, Mr Gibbs & Mr Goodall	
<b>Astro</b>	Year 7/8 Boys & Girls Hockey Mr Lax & Miss Clayton	All Years Girls Football Miss Jones, Miss Hall, Mr Goodall & Miss Clayton	Year 9/10/11 Boys Football Mr Osben, Mr Lax & Mr Goodall		Year 9/10/11 Boys & Girls Hockey Miss Jones
<b>Sports Hall</b>					All Years Boys & Girls Trampolining Club Jo James (External Coach)
<b>Courts</b>	Year 8/9 Girls Netball Miss Hall & Mr Gibbs		Year 10/11 Girls Netball Miss Hall & Miss Clayton	Year 7 Girls Netball Miss Hall & Miss Clayton	
<b>Gym</b>					

### Golf Success

Well done to Year 8 student Georgia Richardson who won the girls U16 and U18 Hampshire Schools Golf Association Championships last week. Yes you read that right, Georgia who is 12, won the girls U16 (best gross) & girls U18 (best gross) competitions! Shot a gross score of 80, just 8 over par. She has now qualified as the U16 champion of Hampshire and will represent Hampshire at the England U16 championships in July 2024.

Well done Georgia, we look forward to hearing how you get on.





Baddesley Park Football Club – Players Wanted

## BADDESLEY PARK FOOTBALL CLUB - PLAYERS WANTED

FA Level 1 Qualified Coaches



<https://baddesleyparkfc.clubbuzz2.co.uk>  
<https://www.Facebook.com/baddesleyparkfootballclub>

### OPEN SESSIONS

BPFC U14's Girls season 2023/24 are currently looking for a couple of experienced players to join their existing squad currently playing in the HGYFL Division 1.

If your child is in year 8 or 9 from September 2023 why not get in touch!

For more information contact:

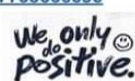
[Richard McClure 07748983555](tel:07748983555)

[Stefan Hargrave 07957450088](tel:07957450088)

[Peter Hosking 07709066090](tel:07709066090)



Respect



### 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)

### Twitter

Follow @PEThornden on Twitter for a few more pictures and regular updates from the PE department.

## Reporting at Thornden

Please see attached information regarding reporting at Thornden. This document explains everything you need to know.

## Youth Club

The Youth Club at The Hilt is opening back up again.

Time : Fridays – 6pm – 8.30pm

Location: The Loft (Inside The Hilt, Hiltingbury Road, Chandlers Ford)

Snacks provided.

Please see the attached flyer for more info.

## Eastleigh Basics Foodraiser

Students in 9SBB ran a dodgeball competition on Friday 20th October to collect food for Eastleigh Basics food banks. There was a lovely atmosphere and friendly play between students with representatives of 9GSSA ultimately winning!

Thank you to all of the year 9 families who kindly donated items. We will continue to collect items in S4 for a couple of weeks before taking it to the food bank, if you would like to donate anything.



## Paris Trip written by Abby Flood

The Year 9 Paris trip was a few days that I will never forget. I've never seen my friends and classmates look so happy! I really enjoyed the cultural aspects- we went to the Musée d'Orsay and the Pompidou Centre, seeing paintings such as 'Starry Night' by Van Gogh. The range of activities that we did really made the trip exciting; we saw everything from The Stade de France to the Eiffel Tower sparkling at night, to a virtual reality flight over France. I so grateful to have been part of such a brilliant trip!



## Careers

### Thornden School Careers Website

We are continually developing our careers provision at Thornden School. As part of this, we have a dedicated careers website that is regularly updated. We have now added a specific page for parents/carers to provide you with useful information and resources, to help you support your student with their career's decisions. The webpage includes general career guidance, information about both T-Levels and apprenticeships and support for parents when their student is applying to university. You will also see that there is a broad range of information for all students to refer to throughout their time at Thornden and beyond. Please click on the link below to find the webpage:

<https://sites.google.com/view/thorndenschoolcareers/parentcarer-support>

### Feedback

We are looking to obtain feedback regarding our current career's provision in school and invite you to complete section 1 of the attached form (link/QR code below).

We would also like to establish a broad range of industries who would be able to offer careers talks in school and/or work experience placements (usually during the first week of September each year). If you, or someone you know, would be willing to talk to students about your job role or offer one week of work experience, please complete section 1 and 2.

<https://forms.office.com/e/N8AdYLFmNR>



To visit our Thornden School Careers website that covers a range of options, information and guidance (and also includes our Careers newsletters), please click on the following [link](#).

### Careers Talk - Police

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, the Police are coming into school to talk about careers in policing and the various routes into the industry. If your son/daughter is interested, please ask them to sign up using the QR code provided. The talk will take place in the Canteen at 8.35am, please remind them to go to tutor first to ensure they are registered. All year groups welcome.



## Safeguarding at Thornden School-Mr Thomas



Hello everyone,

I am delighted to write to you to share an update of all the things we are doing at Thornden School to promote a culture of safety and raise the importance of the well-being of our students and wider community.

Safeguarding and Well Being are the fundamentals of our school, and our aim is to create a sense of belonging, inclusion and unity. We have been fortunate this term to have visitors come to Thornden to assess the work we are doing with our students and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Students spoke about a school where they felt safe and supported and this showed that they are happy and succeeding at Thornden School.



We are always looking to see what else we can do to continue and develop that support. I am therefore happy to let you all know that we have become a part of the Teen Tips Well Being Hub group. This is a network that will allow us to develop the support around well-being and mental health of our students and provide signposting, resources and experts for you, as parents and carer to access. It will also, importantly provide our students with access to their support and resources.

I will be writing to you all in more detail and launching this with students soon – please watch this space!

As a staff body completed our statutory Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023 training. However, as part of our continued efforts to ensure staff can support our students, we now complete regular training during the school term. So far, we have looked at the 4 main different types of abuse, what they are, how to spot signs and how to respond accordingly as well as a further session on 'Unidentified Adults' and, importantly what the contextual concerns are for us as a school.

Our assembly and tutor programme has also been adapted this year. Assemblies are now followed up with an enrichment activity in one of the weekly tutor sessions therefore re-enforcing the messages we want our students to have. I was fortunate to do an assembly on 'What makes a good friend' and the importance of being able to share anything that you are worried about. During their tutor sessions students, as a tutor



group were able to complete an online form to make suggestions about how they felt they could best report any concerns. We have been able to respond to this by moving the QR reporting code, creating 'Worry Boxes' around the school and adding a 'Reporting Safeguarding Concern' to our school homepage for people to have an easy way to report things. Student have also asked us for greater signposting of support, and I have attached one of the new posters here which we created to direct them.

We are also continuing to work closely with our local community and have the K-9 drug dog visit the school and the PCSO's attached to our community are visiting Thornden School on 13<sup>th</sup> November as part of Operation Spectre. This is a week of action where police work alongside partners, such as us, to raise awareness of the risk of carrying knives and the impact they have on the lives of young people and their families.

**URGENT AND OTHER SUPPORT AVAILABLE**

- Shout** 85258  
**Shout** offers confidential 24/7 crisis text support for times when you need immediate assistance.  
**Text "SHOUT" to 85258**  
**Web: [www.giveusashout.org](http://www.giveusashout.org)**
- SAMARITANS**  
**Samaritans** 24/7 365 days a year - they'll help you and listen to how you are feeling.  
**Call: 116 123**  
**Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)**  
**Web: [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)**
- Crisis Tools**  
**Crisis Tools** helps you support young people in crisis. Short accessible video guides and text resources are available for free.  
**Web: [www.crisistools.org.uk/resources](http://www.crisistools.org.uk/resources)**
- PAPYRUS**  
**Papyrus** provides confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person.  
**Call: 0800 068 3131 or text: 07860 039967 (9am - midnight, 365 days a year).**  
**Web: [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)**
- childline**  
**Childline** provides a confidential telephone counselling service for any child with a problem.  
**Call: 0800 1111**  
**Online chat with a counsellor: <https://bit.ly/3HfYkwd>**  
**Web: [www.childline.org.uk/](http://www.childline.org.uk/)**
- Good Thinking**  
**Good Thinking** is London's digital wellbeing service and provides a range of resources for young people to help improve mental wellbeing, including free NHS-approved apps.  
**Web: [www.good-thinking.uk](http://www.good-thinking.uk)**
- THE MIX**  
**The Mix** provides free, confidential support for young people under 25.  
**Call: 0808 808 4994 (3pm - midnight every day)**  
**Email: <https://bit.ly/3Ce6Vf4>**  
**Web: [www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk)**
- Beat**  
**Beat** provides support to help young people who may be struggling with an eating problem or an eating disorder.  
**Call: 0808 801 0677 (for help in England) (9am - midnight during the week and 4pm - midnight on weekends and bank holidays).**  
**Email: [help@beateatingdisorders.org.uk](mailto:help@beateatingdisorders.org.uk)**  
**Web: [www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk](http://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk)**
- kooth**  
**Kooth** is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing, community, including live chat with the team, discussion boards, a magazine with helpful articles, and a daily journal.  
**Web: [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)**

## 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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