



Thornden School Newsletter 26th January 2024

Head of School Welcome



Dear Parents and Families,

What wild weather we have been having! From freezing temperatures to high-speed gales, it certainly has been variable. We have moved to allowing students to be inside the building in year 'zones' which has largely gone well.

Last week the interim CEO of HISP Trust, David Pike, came into school to spend the day with students in a variety of lessons. He was very impressed by the ethos of the school, by the way that our students focus in lessons and by our talented teachers. Having worked in a wide range of industries, David is immersing himself in education so that he can better understand the work and the challenges that schools face.

This week I have spent a lot of time in the Maths department, completing the Maths Curriculum Review. It has been a real pleasure to spend time with students and staff in this important curriculum area and seeing how talented the team are in explaining very difficult topic areas and supporting students to show resilience in their learning.

I continue to work closely with our sixth form colleges so attended a Governors meeting at Barton Peveril on Tuesday. It certainly is an impressive organisation and I am very pleased to offer any support that I can.

I hope that you have been able to keep safe and dry – please do get in touch if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you,

Caroline

15th January 2024

This week's Artist of the Week is Mia.H from Year 7 for creating this neat and well thought out collagraph plate. Mia will use her plate to create collagraph prints in the forthcoming weeks. Well done Mia!



22nd January 2024

This week's Artist of the Week is Austin.C from Year 7 for his amazing Steam Punk inspired pencil pot made from clay. We loved his imaginative idea and attention to detail! Well done Austin!



Meet the team behind the scenes!

Aly Murray started as the PA to the Head of School and Administration Manager in September 2023.



Aly supports Caroline with key tasks across the school, as well as managing various key support services across the school, including attendance, data, reception and careers. Aly also supports with some of the safeguarding administration as she has previous experience as a DSL.

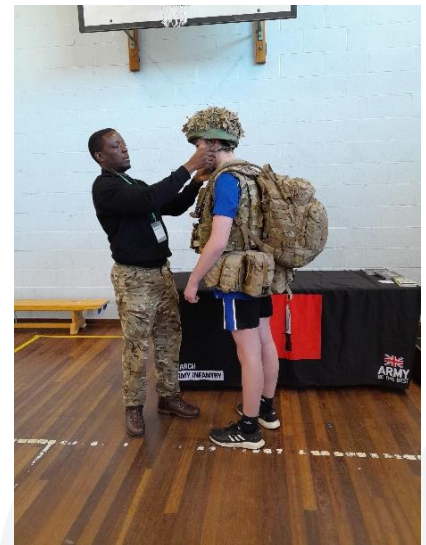
Aly said "I've really enjoyed the start to my career at Thornden. Everyone has been very welcoming and supportive"

Aly is a keen Harry Potter fan and loves all things Marvel.

Army Taster Day

On Tuesday 16th January we were lucky enough to welcome 7 members of the British Army into school to spend the day with the students. They started the day with a careers briefing about working in the army and a description of what their day was to entail. They then split into 2 groups. The first session was a fantastic entrepreneurial teambuilding task. They were given a pack of kit and asked to construct a product they would then have to pitch to the soldiers, like Dragons Den! Students designed people carriers, canon stands and movers, to name but a few! They then had to present their ideas, describe them in full, price them and justify why the army needed them. This encouraged the students to be work together, be creative, communicate and think on their feet.

The second session was all about communication. Students were tasked with drawing an image, then communicating that to their partners with only verbal instructions, getting across the importance of clear and effective communication when being a part of a team in the army. They also all got to try on the standard webbing and kit along with a bomb suit, it is safe to say a few of them need to grow a little before they will properly fit into the gear! Overall, it was fantastic day that the students (and army!) thoroughly enjoyed. We look forward to welcoming them back in the future to work with more of our students.



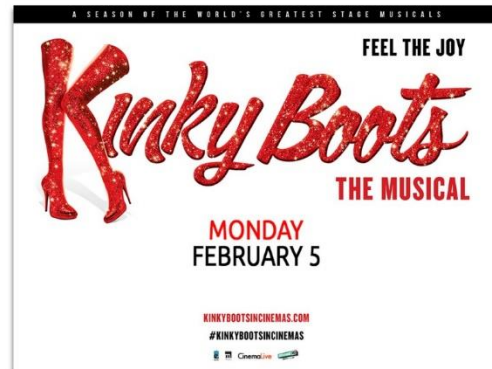
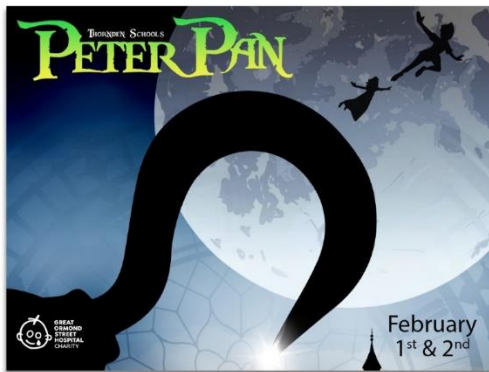
Useful Information

- Childrens Mental Health week-please see attached information about talking to your child about mental health.
- SSS Learning share parent resources to help you support your child's health and wellbeing. Please follow this [link](#) for a variety of useful resources.
- Wessex Cancer Support are running a Stairway to Everest event to promote physical activity, especially in the school holidays. Please see [link](#) for more information.
- Please see attached information and advice on winter bugs and keeping well.
- Ace sports are running a half term holiday club in Chandlers Ford, see poster for more information.
- RLSS UK National Pool Lifeguard qualification information attached to the newsletter.

Thornden Hall

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For more information about events at Thornden Hall visit www.thorndenhall.co.uk
or call the box office on 023 8024 6555



Online Safety Message

Navigating Live Streaming Safely

Understanding and Managing the Risks of Real-Time Broadcasting

Introduction

Live streaming has become a popular way for people, especially teenagers, to share their experiences and connect with others in real time. However, like any online activity, it comes with its own set of risks and challenges. This article aims to guide you in navigating the world of live streaming safely and responsibly.

The Appeal of Live Streaming

Live streaming allows individuals to broadcast themselves to an audience in real time, often through social media platforms. This can range from sharing moments of their daily life to showcasing talents. Its appeal lies in its immediacy and interactive nature.

Potential Risks of Live Streaming

1. **Privacy Concerns:** Accidentally sharing personal information or location details.
2. **Inappropriate Content:** Exposure to or participation in broadcasting inappropriate or harmful content.
3. **Online Predators:** Potential engagement with harmful individuals who may use live streams to target or exploit young broadcasters.

Safety Tips for Live Streaming

- **Check Privacy Settings:** Ensure streams are only shared with intended audiences.
- **Be Mindful of Background Information:** Be aware of what personal information might be inadvertently shared in the background.
- **Avoid Sharing Personal Details:** Never disclose personal information like addresses or phone numbers.
- **Supervision and Guidance:** Younger children should have adult supervision while live streaming.

Empowering children to Make Safe Choices

- **Education:** Teach children about the importance of digital citizenship and the impact of their digital footprint.
- **Critical Thinking:** Encourage them to think critically about what they choose to share and with whom.
- **Reporting Mechanisms:** Ensure children know how to report inappropriate content or behaviour on streaming platforms.

Conclusion

While live streaming offers exciting opportunities for expression and connection, it is crucial to approach it with awareness and caution. By understanding the risks and taking proactive steps to mitigate them, we can ensure a safer and more enjoyable live streaming experience.

Further Reading and Resources

- [UK Safer Internet Centre - Live Streaming](#)
- [NSPCC – Livestreaming and Online video apps](#)
- [Internet Matters - Guide to Live Streaming](#)

Mr A Thomas
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr T Baldwin
Head of Computer Science

Safeguarding at Thornden School-Mr Thomas



Hi everyone,

Firstly I wanted to say thank you to the many of you who have completed the form that I sent out previously. Our aim is to look for ways for the school, parents, carers and students to work closely together and in a positive and collaborative way and your feedback and ideas have been really appreciated. The link is here if anyone would still like to complete it:

[Thornden School Parent / Carer Form](#)

At the end of this half term I will be putting together an action plan around this and will be in touch in due course.

Moving forwards, the final week of this half term we have Children's Mental Health Week where we will be taking some time to explore, support and signpost for our students. Many members of staff have volunteered their time to put on activities and events for our students which I will update you about in the next newsletter.



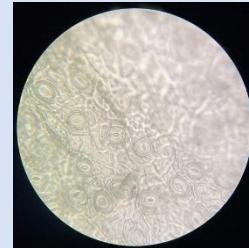
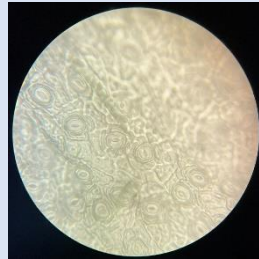
Although it is important to have a designated week to focus on this, we are aware that supporting the mental health of our students is one of our most pressing actions. To ensure that this is at the forefront, I am completing the 'Senior Mental Health Lead' training and will then look to develop the range of support on offer to our students and staff. Please watch this space.

As always please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or worries.

Adam Thomas

Year 10 Scientists

Year 10 Scientists have been studying the structure of a leaf in their biology lessons. Here are a couple of great photos of the stomata and guard cells taken by one of our students using the light microscopes.



World Book Day



Hi everyone

Literacy is a fundamental responsibility in education, and at Thornden it is promulgated by all departments, and championed in particular by our Year 7 Read Know Grow teachers and by our exceptional library staff. With such a strong correlation between literacy and GCSE success, encouraging our students to read has never been more important.

With this in mind, on Thursday 7th March, which is World Book Day, we will be encouraging students to come to school dressed as a literary character. This should be a specific character that is obvious or easily explained, and students should be able to identify their chosen character, and which book they originate from. I must stress that it will not be a non-uniform day, and as it is a fun way to raise awareness of literary figures, students wishing to be involved cannot just wear their own clothes, claiming to be a generic character. For those students who do not want to dress up, normal school uniform will be required.

Thank you in advance for your support with this. We have not done this for many years, so I look forward to seeing an impressive array of Miss Havishams, Draculas and Robison Crusoes on World Book Day!

Paul Bridgeman

Teacher of Religious Studies and Read Know Grow

Wellbeing Hub Information

There is a range of support on offer from the Well Being Hub and their monthly topics and webinars which are free to Thornden parents:

The Wellbeing Hub Content Lineup
- Spring Term 2024 -

January - Technology and the developing brain

Week 1 Blog : Don't demonise the screen by Dr Amanda Gummer, Child Development Expert and Founder of The Good Play Guide

Week 2 Webinar : The Impact of AI on Education with Professor Rose Luckin, Professor of Learner Centred Design at UCL Knowledge Lab

Week 3 Video : How to quit gaming in 60 seconds by Cam Adair, Leading expert on game addiction and Founder of Game Quitters

Week 4 Webinar : Effects of technology on brain development with Dr Crystal Collier, Therapist, Educator and Author of The NeuroWhereAbouts Guide

Week 5 Activity : Technology and my brain for pupils aged 8-11 by Dr Crystal Collier

January/February - Act For Autism course

Created by Tessa Morton, Co-Founder of Act For Autism, this course will introduce you to the 3C pathway and explore topics including sensory challenges, communication strategies, autism in girls, teenagers and lots more. This course will be a permanent feature in The Wellbeing Hub, but the Q&A is a live session.

Module 1 A better understanding of autism - Connection (Wednesday, 10th January)

Module 2 The sensory system - Calm (Wednesday, 17th January)

Module 3 Talking about feelings - Communication (Wednesday, 24th January)

Module 4 Girls, the teenage brain, and school (Wednesday, 31st January)

Module 5 Live Q&A - with Tessa Morton (Wednesday, 7th February)

February - Parenting styles

Week 1 Blogs : Authoritative and authoritarian parenting by Julia Philpott, Parenting Coach

Week 2 Blog : Permissive parenting by Dr Tamara Scully, Clinical Psychologist

Week 3 Webinar : How to parent together when your parenting styles differ with Dr Maryhan Baker, Psychologist and Parenting Expert

Week 4 Blog : Uninvolved parenting by Dr Tamara Scully, Clinical Psychologist

Bonus Podcast : Sexual Violence Awareness with Action Breaks Silence

The Wellbeing Hub
WEBINAR PROGRAMME

The Wellbeing Hub offers a proactive approach to children and young people's mental health & wellbeing. Take some time to learn about the issues our young people are facing - book your place on our webinars today.

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LIVE WEBINAR

THE IMPACT OF AI ON EDUCATION, WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY, 6:30PM
With Professor Rose Luckin, Professor of Learner Centred Design at UCL Knowledge Lab

EFFECTS OF TECHNOLOGY ON BRAIN DEVELOPMENT, WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY, 6:30PM
With Dr Crystal Collier, Therapist, Educator and Author of The NeuroWhereAbouts Guide

HOW TO PARENT TOGETHER WHEN YOUR PARENTING STYLES DIFFER, WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY, 6:30PM
With Dr Maryhan Baker, Psychologist and Parenting Expert

HOW TO REGISTER:

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The Wellbeing Hub

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Parents at Thornden School

Careers

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](#).

Sparsholt College: Live Online Q&A session for Students and Parents on National Apprenticeship Week!

Tuesday 6 February 2024

5.30 – 6pm

Join us this National Apprenticeship Week for a Live Q&A session dedicated to parents and students hosted by our Apprenticeships Manager, Helen Mitchell and Senior Apprenticeship Liaison Officer, James Clements.

Find out more about apprenticeships with Sparsholt College Group (Sparsholt Campus, Andover Campus and University Centre Sparsholt) and get all your questions answered!

Register by using: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-apprenticeship-week-parent-and-student-qa-session-tickets-80004113507>



Upcoming Dates:

Non-uniform day	31 st January
Inset day	2 nd February
End of term	9 th February

Payable via Arbor

Sport Update

Recent Results

U12	Boys	Football	vs	Mountbatten	District Cup	Lost 0 - 1	
U12	Girls	Football	vs	Mountbatten	District Cup	Lost 2 - 2 (lost on pens)	Tuula & Emily
U13	Boys	Football	vs	Crestwood	District Cup	Won 5 - 0	Sachin & Spencer
U13	Girls	Football	vs	Houndsdown	County Cup	Won 2 - 0	Laila
U14	Boys	Football	vs	Toynbee	League	Won 4 - 0	Alex
U14	Girls	Netball	vs	Perins	League	Lost 14 - 15 (2 players down)	Sage
U14	Boys	Football	vs	Henry Beaufort	League	Drew 1 - 1	
U15	Boys	Football	vs	Kings'	District Cup	Won 5 - 2	
U16	Girls	Netball	Vs	Perins	League	Won	Elle
U16	Girls	Hockey	vs	Priestlands	Friendly	Drew 0 - 0	Megan T

Extracurricular Timetable Half Term 3

Please see the timetable for this half term. Changes in yellow.

Extra-Curricular PE Timetable Half Term 3

(*Each half term there will be a new timetable that may have slight changes, these are highlighted in yellow)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime					
Sports Hall	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
Gym		Year 7/8 Table Tennis Mr Lax		Year 9/10/11 Table Tennis Mr Lax	
After School (3:00pm – 4:00pm)					
Field		Year 9/10/11 Boys Rugby Mr Hall & Mr Gibbs			
Astro	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	Year 7/8 Boys Football Mr Osben & Mr Lax All Years Girls Rugby Mr Hall & Mr Gibbs	Year 7/8 Boys Rugby Mr Hall, Mr Gibbs	Year 9/10/11 Boys & Girls Hockey Miss Jones
Sports Hall	All Years Badminton Mr Osben				All Years Boys & Girls Trampolining Club Jo James (External Coach)
Courts	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	
Gym	GCSE PE Revision (invitation only) Room TBC – Meet in Gym Mr Hall				

Swimming Success

A huge well done to Amelia, Olivia, Arianna, Amelie, Ingrid, Evie, Georgie, Veronica and Megan who all competed at the county champs at the weekend. All performed brilliantly, but a special mention to Amelia who finished 4th in the 400m Individual Medley, Olivia who finished 4th in both the 400m and 800m freestyle, and finally Megan who finished 5th in the 250m freestyle, 1st in the 100m butterfly and 1st in the 200m and 800m freestyle. Well done to them all.

Indoor Athletics

A huge well done to Toby who competed in the high jump at the South of England regional indoor athletics competition at Lee Valley. Toby won the competition with a championship record height of 1.48m!!! Well done Toby, we look forward to seeing you break more records in the future.



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

Twitter

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

Music Performance

On Monday 11th December the Music Departments' extra-curricular groups and ensembles performed their annual Christmas Concert. Over 200 students took part as instrumentalists or vocalists, performing to an almost full audience in Thornden Hall. Our programme featuring a mix of Christmas themed music, helping to put the audience in a festive mood.

The next concert will be our Spring Concert on Tuesday 5th March 7pm, featuring all of our extra-curricular music groups, as featured in the Christmas Concert. Tickets are available online at www.thorndenhall.co.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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reception@thornden.hants.sch.uk

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