



## Thornden School Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

### Head of School Welcome



Dear Families,

I hope that you are enjoying the sunshine and all of the sport!

A busy two weeks for the school. Year 11 have finally finished their exams. It was a very long examination period and they conducted themselves brilliantly. We are hugely proud of them and cannot wait to celebrate with them at the Prom at the end of June.

Year 10 are currently doing their Trial exams and are living up to the example that Year 11 have set. The best of luck to them on their final weeks.

I have had a busy couple of weeks. Firstly, finishing the OFSTED Ethnic Minority programme. I am not giving up the day job just yet but the whole programme, including shadowing a real inspection, has been invaluable for me as a school leader. I also attended my final ASCL Council in Sheffield and got to meet Lord Blunkett and Sam Freedman, a political commentator who worked at the Department for Education for some years.

We have caught the political bug at Thornden as well as everywhere else! We are going to hold a Mock election on 3rd July after a week of assemblies. We would love for you to discuss this with your children – our main aim is that they engage with what is going on and make their own mind up about who to vote for. Results will be shared with all students on the morning of 4th July.

Year 7 have been out all week on their first Geography field trip to St Catherines' Hill. It is so important to engage with geographical issues that are close to home as well as global ones and the students have been fantastic.

We welcomed our new parents on our Intake Evening this Tuesday. Current Year 7 parents – can you believe how fast that year has gone? It probably only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming you and now Year 7 are completely settled and getting ready for Year 8. It is so lovely to meet the new parents and we cannot wait for 4th July ... not because of the election but because that is Welcome to Thornden Day (Ms Parker bagged it first!)

Just a reminder that it is INSET day on Monday so students will not be in school. I am going to launch my vision and new 3-year plan for the school so this is an important day for us – details to follow.

Another reminder that we have our first Parents' Forum (focussing on reports) on 2nd July at 7pm in Thornden Hall. Please do fill in this short [form](#) if you would like to attend.

Thank you again for all of your kind words and emails. We have heard from a number of parents about how the staff have supported students and families. We really appreciate you taking the time to get in touch.

Caroline

## Dates for your diary

Event	Date	Information
<b>Inset day</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School closed</b>
Rising Stars Concert	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm
Year 9 FunFest	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Period 7 and 8
Year 8 Gurdwara Trip	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	
Year 10 Big Summer Picnic	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Period 7 and 8
Welcome to Thornden Day	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day for new Year 7's
Summer production/musical	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> July	
Year 7 Fantango	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Period 7 till 4pm
Activities day/Enterprise Day	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	
Last day of term	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	

## 2024-2025 Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Information
Inset Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	School Closed
Year 7's only	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	New Year 7's only
Year 8-11 return to school	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	All students to return to school

Inset Days 2024-2025
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June

### Meet the team behind the scenes!

Diane is our Senior Finance Officer, providing financial support for both the School and Hall. Her role includes invoicing, payments, trip and Arbor finance and liaising with both suppliers and parents.



Diane joined Thornden a year ago after moving to the area to be closer to her family. When not working, Diane likes to spend time with her grandchildren, walking her Cocker Spaniel, reading and travelling.

**10/06/2024**

Another lovely lino print for this week's Artist of the Week, this time from Ethan V in Year 8. Well done Ethan!



**17/06/2024**

This week's Artist of the Week is Nath H, for his lovely clay toadstool house. Nath created this in our lunchtime Art club and after painting it, added his own led lights before photographing it. Well done Nath!



## Cluster Schools Orchestra Play Day-Mrs Gale (Head of Music)



On Monday 10th June the music department hosted a Cluster Schools Orchestra Play Day in Thornden Hall. Musical students from Toynbee School, Hiltingbury Junior School and St Francis School joined forces with musicians from Thornden to create a large orchestra for the day.

The day started with a short concert for our visitors featuring Thornden's Wind Band and String Orchestra. We then gathered to form a large ensemble of over 100+ musicians and spent the rest of the day learning to play 4 new pieces. It was great to see the younger students playing in Thornden Hall and being inspired by the older musicians. The day was led by Mrs Gale and Mr Jones with the assistance from Mrs Dodd and Mrs Bartlett from the Hampshire Music Service. We were delighted to finish the day by performing to parents from our visiting schools.



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

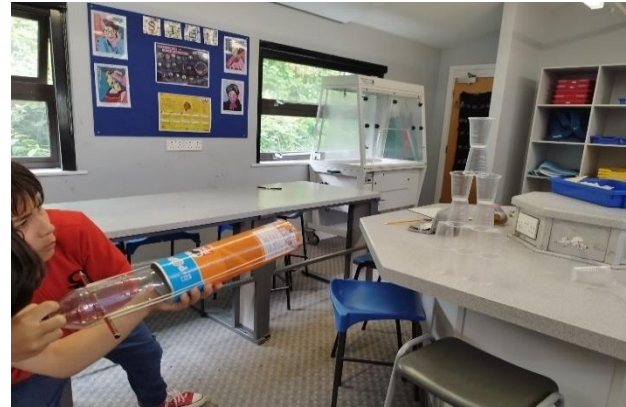
Please follow this [link](#) for the current timetables for extra-curricular clubs.

We will be showcasing each of our clubs in the newsletter.

### STEM Club

STEM club is for enthusiastic, budding young scientists and engineers in Years 7, 8 and 9. It runs every Tuesday after school from 3-4pm. The club is designed to allow students to try experiments and solve problems using engineering solutions that they wouldn't come across during their everyday science lessons. Recent projects have included pin hole cameras, hovercrafts, making slime and bath bombs, sending coded messages using LEDs, making hot air balloons and designing new twists on the Operation game. One keen Year 7 scientist said "the activities we do here are always fun and enjoyable. It's one of the highlights of my week".

Thank you to FOTS for funding some of the resources we have bought to make the projects possible.



### Arbor App Parent/Carer details

We would like to bring to your attention the importance of ensuring that your details on the Arbor App are accurate and up to date. Please take a moment to log in to the Arbor App and review the information associated with your account.

Please ensure that your child's legal name, emergency contacts, and any other relevant information are correct. If you find any discrepancies or changes need to be made, kindly update them promptly through the app.

If you encounter any difficulties or have any questions, please feel free to contact our school office who will be happy to assist you.

## Colour Run to Celebrate Pride Month-Mrs H Weeks (Teacher in Science)



Despite the inclement weather, lots of enthusiastic students turned out to participate in Thornden's first Colour Run to celebrate Pride Month. An intrepid course had been mapped out by Mr Hall across the school field and through the woods, with powder stations manned by willing staff volunteers. Mrs Weeks channelled all her knowledge of parkrun and conducted an exuberant, albeit amateur, warm-up to the sounds of Taylor Swift and Harry Styles. The runners then completed two laps (or more if they were super keen) of the course, being covered in purple, green, blue and pink coloured powder as they ran. They were rewarded at the end with some sweets and the chance to cover each other in the remaining powder. The heavens then opened, and everyone rapidly dispersed with powder trailing behind them.

Thank you to everyone who donated money. Over £200 has been donated and, after paying for the powder, we will give the remaining money to Breakout Youth in Southampton, an LGBTQ+ charity supporting young people.

We hope that this will be the start of an annual celebration of Pride month to make sure everyone at Thornden knows the school is inclusive and diverse.



### Online Safety

Here are a couple of links to useful websites that contain lots of help and resources to keep your child safe online.

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Internet Matters](#)

[NSPCC](#)





### Calendar 2024-2025

A copy of the calendar can be found on the website via this [link](#). The live calendar page will be updated in due course. If you have any questions, please send an email to [info@thornden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:info@thornden.hants.sch.uk).

You can also find key dates on this [link](#). This page will be updated as and when dates are published.

## Safeguarding- Mr Thomas (Assistant Headteacher)



Please take a look at training opportunities for parents/carers.

Click on the image for more information.



A **free** health & wellbeing event for all parents, carers & professionals who support or work with young people

#### WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

PACE events consist of two main components:

1. A number of specialist workshops on young people's emotional health and wellbeing.
2. Information stands from local and national organisations.

Attendees can choose which sessions they would like to attend; select as many or as few as you would like to attend.

**FRIDAY 19TH JULY 2024**

OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL, STAKES HILL RD, WATERLOOVILLE, PO7 7BW

#### WORKSHOPS:

**NEW** Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), Tourette's Syndrome and Tics, Supporting your Autistic Child to Thrive, and Disability, Difficulty, SEND & Mental Health.

BOOK YOUR WORKSHOP SPACE AT:

[hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events](https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events)

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### 2024 PACE Events

**Free** health & wellbeing events for all parents, carers & professionals who support or work with young people

DATE	LOCATION
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	<b>Gosport</b> St Vincent College, Mill Lane, Gosport, PO12 4QA
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	<b>Basingstoke</b> Queen Mary's College, Cliddesden Rd, Basingstoke, RG21 3HF
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>Andover</b> Testbourne School, Micheldever Rd, Whitchurch, RG28 7JF
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	<b>Waterlooville</b> Oaklands Catholic School, Stakes Hill Rd, Waterlooville, PO7 7BW
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	<b>Winchester</b> Winchester United Reform Church, Jewry ST, Winchester, SO23 8RZ
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	<b>Havant</b> Trosnant Federation of Schools, Stockheath Lane, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 3BD
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	<b>New Forest</b> Lyndhurst Community Centre, Main Car Park, Lyndhurst, SO43 7NY

BOOK YOUR WORKSHOP SPACE AT: [hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events](https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events)



## Department Spotlight

New feature! Each newsletter we will shine a spotlight on the work of one of our fantastic departments.

# LIGHT THE SOUTH ARTS TRAIL 2024



With the excitement of the 2024 Arts Trail looming, the Art Department at Thornden would like to give you the chance to paint and own your own mini lighthouse, whilst supporting the amazing cause of Southampton Children's Hospitals.

For £10 you are able to purchase your own ceramic mini lighthouse, which comes with its own small set of acrylic paints and a brush...all you need to create your own masterpiece!

Once you have purchased your lighthouse, you can either paint it at home, or come along to the art department periods 7&8 on 12<sup>th</sup> July where we will be having a lighthouse painting afternoon.

The mini lighthouse sets will be able to be purchased via Arbor until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July with all proceeds going to the Southampton Children's Hospitals charity.

If you do not wish to purchase a mini lighthouse but would still like to support this worthy cause, you can donate via the Just Giving page, using the link below. Anything you can spare would be much appreciated!

[Donate here](#)

*Look out for Thornden's 'Little Light' on the Arts Trail this summer!*

## Sports Update-Mr B Hall (Head of PE Department)

Team	Gender	Sport	VS	Opposition	Fixture Type	Result	Player of The Match
U15A	Girls	Rounders	vs	Perins	League	Won 12-8	Jess C
U15B	Girls	Rounders	vs	Perins	League	Won 16-3	Ellie S
U13	Boys	Tennis	vs	Meoncross	League	Lost 0 - 12	
U13	Boys	Cricket	vs	Churcher's College	County Cup	Lost by 3 wickets	
U12	Boys	Cricket	vs	Kings'	District Cup	Won by 8 wickets	
U13	Boys	Tennis	vs	Boundary Oak	League	Lost 4 - 8	
U15	Boys	Tennis	vs	Brighton Hill	League	Won 12 - 0	
U13	Girls	Rounders	vs	Crestwood	League	Won 11.5 - 5.5	Aksana N & Hera B
U13	Girls	Cricket	vs	Petersfield	Chance to Shine Tournament	Won	Amelia S
U13	Girls	Cricket	vs	Eggars	Chance to Shine Tournament	Won	
U13	Girls	Cricket	vs	Springfield	Chance to Shine Tournament	Won	
U13	Girls	Cricket	vs	Mountbatten	Chance to Shine Tournament (Semi)	Lost	
U15	Girls	Cricket	vs	Mountbatten	Chance to Shine Tournament	Won	Amelia S
U15	Girls	Cricket	vs	Toynbee	Chance to Shine Tournament	Won	
U15	Girls	Cricket	vs	Petersfield	Chance to Shine Tournament	Won	
U15	Girls	Cricket	vs	Oasis Mayfield	Chance to Shine Tournament	Won	
U15	Girls	Cricket	vs	Preistlands	Chance to Shine Tournament (Semi)	Lost	
U13	Boys	Tennis	vs	Oaklands	League	Won 7-6	
U15	Boys	Tennis	vs	Oaklands	League	Won 12-0	
U15	Girls	Tennis	vs	Oaklands	League	Won 8-4	
U15	Boys	Tennis	vs	Perins	Friendly	Won 8 - 5	
U13	Boys	Tennis	vs	Perins	Friendly	Won 13 - 9	
U13	Girls	Tennis	vs	Perins	Friendly	Lost	
U13	Boys	Cricket	vs	The Bay	Chance to Shine Tournament	Won	Noah B
U13	Boys	Cricket	vs	Oasis Mayfield	Chance to Shine Tournament	Won	
U13	Boys	Cricket	vs	Toynbee	Chance to Shine Tournament	Lost	

U13	Boys	Cricket	vs	Hounslow	Chance to Shine Tournament	Won	
U13	Boys	Cricket	vs	John Hanson	Chance to Shine Tournament (Semi)	Won	
U13	Boys	Cricket	vs	Priestlands	Chance to Shine Tournament (Final)	Won	
U13	Girls	Rounders	vs	Romsey	League	Won 15.5-5	Issy H & Ellen P
U15	Boys	Cricket	vs	Toynbee	Chance to Shine	Won	Owen C
U15	Boys	Cricket	vs	Brighton Hill	Chance to Shine	Won	
U15	Boys	Cricket	vs	Oaklands	Chance to Shine	Won	
U15	Boys	Cricket	vs	Bohunt	Chance to Shine (Semi)	Lost	
U15	Boys	Cricket	vs	John Hanson	Chance to Shine (3rd/4th)	Lost	

### Athletics Success

A huge well done to our Thornden Athletics sides. All 4 track KO teams finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in their semi-finals and have now all qualified for the Hampshire Schools Track KO finals next week. This is a huge achievement, especially as we think we are the only school in Hampshire to have all 4 teams make it to the finals. Good luck all involved, and we will update you with the results in due course.



### Billiards

A huge well done to William T from Year 7 who has won the English Under-16 Billiards Championship title at Maltings Q Club, Kings Lynn. He has now won the title three years in a row! William has been called up to represent England in Snooker and Billiards at the home international this summer. Well done William and good luck.

### Football Success

Well done to the U12 Stoneham Spitfires who represented Southampton this weekend at the ACES National Football Tournament in Nottingham. It was strict criteria to enter as it was invitation only. Teams could only attend if they had won division 1 or their county cup this season.

The boys competed against 30 top teams from around the UK and only lost one game. Unfortunately, this was in the semi-final against the team who went on to win the tournament. The Stoneham Spitfires U12 were placed 3rd Nationally, which is a phenomenal achievement! Well done to Adam and the team.



## Field Event/Sports Day 2024 -Mr Hall (Head of PE)

### All Year Groups Field Events

Students will sign up to the field events and 1000m/15000m via their tutor. If they have been selected for these events, they must register with their class teacher first and then head down to PE.

- High Jump for all year groups is on **Friday 21st June Periods 7/8.**
- Long Jump for all year groups is on **Tuesday 25th June Periods 3/4.**
- Javelin for all year groups is on **Thursday 27th June P7/8.**
- Shot Put for all year groups is on **Thursday 27th June P7/8.**
- 1000m or 15000m for all year groups is on **Thursday 27th June P7/8.**



### Sports Day-Year 10

Due to trial exams, the Year 10's will have sports day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Their sports day will begin after break and will roll into their Year 10 belong event. **Students must arrive to school in their full Thornden PE kit, with plenty of water and sunscreen. NO FACE PAINT PLEASE.** Please make sure they come prepared to take part in their P1/2 and P3/4 lessons.

Year 10 - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	
Periods 1-2	Normal lessons
Periods 3-4	Normal lessons
Periods 5-6	<u>Track Events</u>
	<u>Tug of War</u>
Periods 7-8	<p><u>Year 10 Belong event</u> Follow the Year 10 belong event details.</p> <p><u>PE Staff to offer some sports activities:</u> Football, Rounders, Cross Bar Challenge Etc...</p>

### Sports Day-Years 7/8/9

**Students must arrive to school in their full Thornden PE kit, with plenty of water and sunscreen. NO FACE PAINT PLEASE.**

Please note that Year 7 and Year 9 will be their P1/2 lesson like normal. Please make sure they come prepared to take part in that lesson (PE kit for this lesson is allowed). Year 8 will start with football and rounders as they have an author visit in Thornden Hall periods 7/8.

Year 7/8/9 - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024			
Year	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Periods 1-2	Normal lessons	Mixed Football or Rounders	Normal lessons
Periods 3-4	Mixed Football or Rounders	Track Events	Tug of War
Periods 5-6	Track Events	Tug of War	Mixed Football or Rounders
Periods 7-8	Tug of War	Thornden Hall Author Visit – Details emailed	Track Events

If the weather looks too poor for the day to go ahead, we will email both students and parents/carers the day before. If this is the case students should come to school in normal uniform and equipped for normal lessons.

## FOTS News-Polly Gleeson



FOTS had a very successful time at the Year 6 parent's induction meeting this week and enjoyed meeting lots of new (and old) "Friends". We did a roaring trade in second hand uniform raising several hundred pounds which we will immediately spend at our next bids meeting in a couple of weeks (date tbc).

Do drop off any good quality used uniform at reception in a bag marked FOTS and it will make its way to us for resale, which ultimately benefits your child, other families and the environment. However, please just put anything grotty, stained or with holes or frayed in your usual textile recycling bin. We are looking forward to the annual influx of the departing Year 11's uniform to fill the gaps!

### Year 10s FOTS uniform order

Jemima and Sayani have been supporting FOTS as part of their DofE and are coordinating the sale of Year 11 uniform this year. All proceeds from the sale of Year 11 polos will go to the prom/yearbook/year 11 projects.

To order:

Contact them before the end of term using this [link](#).

Please state the number and size of blue Year 11 polo you require e.g. 5x 36" and if you would like any larger sweatshirts. They will bag up your order and put it at reception and let you know when it is ready for you or your Year 10 to collect, before the end of term, as the school is closed for the summer. You pay via the FOTS uniform tab in the Arbor shop. Logo polos and sweatshirts are £2 and new logo (very limited stock) £3.

Nic has very kindly offered to open up the FOTS shed (down the stairs to the left of Thornden reception) to sell uniform from 1-4pm on Saturday 13th July. Come along (with your child if necessary, if sizing is an issue) and pick up some spares for the year ahead or Year 11 uniform. Please pass on the message to other parents, particularly those with Year 6s, in case this would be useful to them.

And finally, if you haven't filled in the forms for the donation scheme yet, it's never too late to do so, it makes such a difference. FOTS have given just over £95,000 to the school since the scheme started so our last meeting should take us over the milestone of £100k - we will have Pimm's to celebrate!



All the best  
Polly Gleeson

## Useful Information

- Eastleigh Active Summer Programme-Eastleigh Active sessions of £1 per session for those receiving Housing benefit. Follow [link](#) for more information.
- The Churches Together in Chandlers Ford Group have arranged for an election Husting to hear from each of the parliamentary candidates for Eastleigh. Please see poster attached for more details.
- Big Mouth Theatre Summer Holiday workshop, Wonka!-Over the course of 5 days over the summer, the children have a week full of sweet factory-fun as we delve into the colourful characters and sensational stories! The children will get to make, create, and meet new mates! Plus there'll be an opportunity for parents to watch what the children have been getting up to. For further information, please visit: <https://bigmouththeatre.com/drama-camps> or see attached poster.
- Merdon Junior School are holding their annual Family Fun Day on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Please see attached poster for more information.

## 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.

[info@thornden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:info@thornden.hants.sch.uk)/[reception@thornden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:reception@thornden.hants.sch.uk)

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