



Thornden School Newsletter 27th September 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

Please click on the image to access the latest video update for Thornden School.

Caroline Lowing



Meet the team behind the scenes!

Sally Kingsley-Smith is the Pastoral Support Manager and can be found in our Wellbeing Den.



She works with a fantastic team and together they provide support for students on helping them to support their own wellbeing. She is a trained ELSA, so uses these techniques within her own work. She also manages the team of counsellors, liaising with them and students who require their services. Being passionate about wellbeing, she likes to refer to the 5 ways to wellbeing whenever she can! They deliver one to one check ins for students, group sessions and drops ins. She is part of the safeguarding team and enjoys working with students and their families to ensure everyone is safe. Sally keeps staff aware of students needs and advocates for students when she can.

Sally loves to spend time with her family even if it is often watching them from the side of a hockey pitch! After the school day relaxation is key for Sally, she likes to walk, cook, read and watch tv! A walk by the sea with her dog, Bumble, is a daily habit and one of her favourite things to do. She enjoys creating new dishes and experimenting with recipes, being an avid Saturday Kitchen fan, she often gains ideas from this. Her love of reading has extended to audible books, since joining Thornden, it is a lovely way to pass her commute.

2024-2025 Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Information
Year 11 Mundeford trip	Wednesday 2 nd October- Tuesday 8 th October	Day trips each day
Open Evening	Thursday 10 th October	New families to visit the school. Closing at 1.10pm no lunch provided.
Open Morning	Tuesday 15 th October	New families to visit the school
Year 9 visit to see author	Tuesday 15 th October	
GCSE Certificate Evening	Wednesday 16 th October	Ex Year 11 students and families
Flu Vaccinations	Friday 18 th October-Monday 21 st October	
Open Morning	Tuesday 22 nd October	New families to visit the school
Year 7 Disco	Wednesday 23 rd October	Year 7 only
Diwali Celebration	Thursday 24 th October	More information to follow
Iceland Trip	Friday 25 th -29 th October	
Paris Trip	Friday 25 th -28 th October	

Inset Days 2024-2025
Friday 11 th October
Wednesday 15 th January
Monday 10 th February
Monday 23 rd June

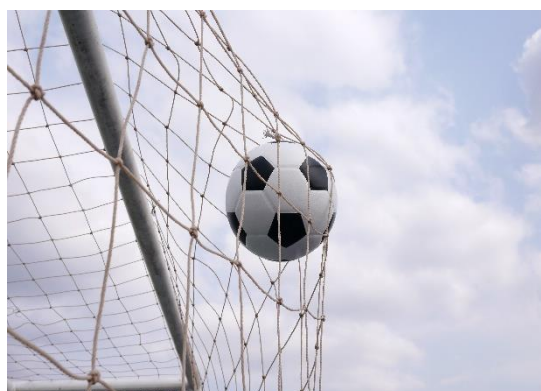


The school will be closed to students from 1.10pm on Thursday 10th October to allow the staff to prepare for our annual Open Evening. There will be no lunch available on this day.

Extracurricular Timetables

Please follow this [link](#) to our current timetables.

All timetables for Autumn 1 are now available to see on the website using the link above.



Careers- Miss Stickland (BTEC Enterprise and Careers Lead) & Miss Quinn (Careers Coordinator)



Click [here](#) for all the latest careers news, events and opportunities.

Hampshire Hospitals

Please see attached poster regarding exploring a career in Prosthetics and Orthotics.

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust Youth Board 2024-25

The Youth Board is made up of a group of committed young people from across Hampshire, the New Forest and Isle of Wight who want to contribute to decision-making in their local NHS Trust while building their skills and experience to support them in their futures.

They are recruiting for new members of the Youth Board and students are able to apply to:

- Share their voice & support decision-making within their local NHS Foundation Trust.
- Develop their confidence, teamworking, communication & leadership skills.
- Gain insight into how the Trust operates and potential career paths within Southern Health.

Click image for more details.

Applications for the Youth Board are open now until 10am on 15th October 2024.



Speakers for Schools

Virtual Parent & Carer Open evening to discover! Featuring professionals from a range of creative industries such as visual effects, film, craft, music and more.

Click image for more details and to book.



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Thornden Hall

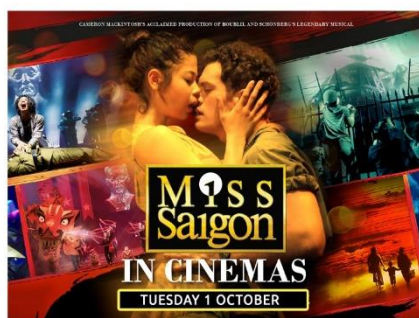


Thornden Hall Arts Centre provides support for the Performing Arts Departments in Thornden School, and plays host to local and community groups, amateur or professional companies, providing a year-round entertainment programme. Vist Thorndenhall.co.uk/whatson for a full programme.

Shaun Ryder



He's the wild man of rock who became a national treasure. Happy Mondays and Black Grape frontman Shaun Ryder is hitting the road for a new, spoken word tour. The star of more-TV-shows-than-anyone-has-a-right-to-feature-on – including *Celebrity Gogglebox*, and *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here*, among many others – redefined the sex'n'drugs'n'rock'n'roll lifestyle during the halcyon age of Madchester. He's touring in support of his new book: *Happy Mondays - and Fridays and Saturdays and Sundays*. Fans can look forward to a carnival of excess, wild tales, and improbable truths, as they enjoy the talents of a unique rock'n'roll star dubbed Britpop's answer to WB Yeats. Strap yourselves in and say Hallelujah for Shaun.



Malaysia 2024-Mr Jewell (Head of Year 11)



At the end of last half term, 18 students, Mr Jewell & Mrs Nesbitt went to Malaysia as part of the World Challenge trip. The trip was an incredible experience, giving students the opportunity to see lots of different parts of this amazing country. The trip started in Kuala Lumpur for two days where the students went on a walking tour taking in the sites.

After this we travelled to Rompin State Park in the north of the country where we camped for 3 nights in the jungle. We went on a variety of treks which had many challenges, hills, heat and lots of creepy crawlies. It was fantastic to see so much of the natural world. We saw monkeys, scorpions, snakes and much more. Tigers and elephants also live in the area. Our guides were excellent and spent each evening with the students having a singalong.

After leaving the jungle, we made our way further north to Cherating, a coastal town to do some marine conservation. We stayed in chalets and helped do a variety of tasks at the local turtle sanctuary. This included painting a mural, building steps, a beach clean up and planting over 1000 mangroves. We also went on a firefly tour which was a real highlight of the trip. The students also went on a night patrol trying to find nesting turtle mothers to help protect their eggs and



nesting grounds. While on the patrol we released two turtle hatchlings in what was a truly unforgettable experience.



From Cherating we travelled back towards the south of the country and spent time in the historical city of Malacca. A real highlight was exploring the city which had been fought over for hundreds of years. Students were able to take in all the culture on offer here. Ranging from street art to Chinese temples, to the square where Malaysian independence was declared.

Our final few days found us back in Kuala Lumpur exploring the city further. We squeezed so much into the final few days. We went up the famous Petronas Towers for excellent views of the city, we did a traditional Malay Batik painting class, we went to Cameron Highlands for some amazing views and saw lots of monkeys. We also visited the Batu Caves to explore a traditional Hindu temple. The students also spent time shopping in some of the many markets of Kuala Lumpur as well as exploring the famous food markets.

We would like to say a big well done to all the students who attended, the trip was designed for them to be out of their comfort zones and for them to be challenged. It is safe to say they met that challenge head on and had many unforgettable experiences.



Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

There are a variety of different courses and support services available for all parents/carers. Currently available courses include:

- How to cope when your child can't
- Embracing Autism
- Understanding ADHD

There are various dates available throughout the next year.

Please [click here](#) for more information.



**Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service**

Safeguarding-Mr Thomas (Deputy Headteacher and DSL)



Hi everyone,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to highlight the work done around safeguarding our students at Thornden this week.

It has been a real pleasure to be able to do an assembly each day to the year groups to discuss and show to them what safeguarding means and looks like at Thornden. I feel it is really important to be really transparent with them about our processes and things we do both openly and behind the scenes, to make sure they are safe and happy - whether this is how students can report things, what happens when they do, our safeguarding curriculum, which is designed to help them make decisions to keep them safe or the way we communicate with you, our parents and carers about it. Students have also completed a Safeguarding Audit for me and the results have been really pleasing with a really high percentage of our students feeling safe at school, clear on how to report concerns, feel that we look after their mental health and encourage them to respect and treat people equally, which is great to hear.

Alongside this we have completed further training with staff around the four different types of abuse, how to identify them and scenarios to complete to further this training. Our mantra of Knowledgeable and Curious staff is key to always being aware of what signs, no matter how subtle, to look out for.

We are also aware that our students spend quite some time online and the enjoyment that they get from this but also that this can be quite difficult for parents and carers to navigate so I have included an overview of some of the most popular apps and sites that people are currently using.

As always thank you for your support around keeping our students safe and if you do have any concerns please let the relevant Head of Year know or use the 'Report a Concern' link on our homepage.



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Wellbeing Den-Mrs Kingsley-Smith (Pastoral Manager)



BSG (Bereavement Support Group)

Following our recent rename to BSG, we now meet on a weekly basis, each Friday breaktime. In addition to this, we will be arranging some other activities for our students to attend. We are fortunate to have Mr Burnham, Mrs Limbrick, Mrs Willson and the Wellbeing team supporting us with this.

Young Carers

Young Carers are meeting every Tuesday breaktime. Following on from our assemblies and raising awareness of young carers, we are pleased to see an increase in the number of students who recognise the valuable role they have. We are already busy planning some outings to take place through the school year. Mrs Willson, Mrs Ash and I are all on hand supporting our young carers.

Wellbeing Den

Our Wellbeing Den continues to welcome students of all year groups, supported by Mrs Byrne, Miss Malhi and myself. We are open at lunch and breaktimes and can also pre-book appointments for students.

We are now inviting our young people, who are at risk of emotionally based school avoidance, to join us for breakfast at 8.20am to 8.35 am on a Wednesday and Friday morning. We hope this will provide them with a softer landing at school, arriving before the majority of students and relaxing with our wellbeing team. Toast and cereal will be provided. If you think your child would benefit, please do contact either myself or your Head of Year.

We also see the return of our lunch bunch club for year 7 students on a Thursday lunch time. Year 7 students can turn up with their food and spend the lunch break with each other and the wellbeing team.

We are grateful to FOTS for their support in enabling us to offer these additional services by providing us with breakfast equipment and a lovely emotion themed rug.

As I write this we are looking forward to our first parent / carer coffee and conversation morning for our Year 7 parents on Thursday 26th September. Please look out for future events.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or suggestions!

Medical Reminders-Medical Team

Nut and aerosol free zone

- Please be reminded that we aim to keep the school **nut free**. Therefore students must not bring nuts of any kind into school including in foods such as cereal bars, chocolate, biscuits and cakes. We have a high number of students that have a life-threatening allergy to nuts, including peanuts.
- Please can students bring an alternative to **aerosol** deodorants into school, as their use, particularly on mass in the PE changing room, can be a trigger for some of our asthma sufferers.

Thank you for your support!





Department Spotlight

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



Mr Burnham-Head of Dance Department

Firstly, I would like to congratulate last year's Year 11's who had a fantastic set of results. In fact they scored over a grade higher on average than most other schools – they were simply brilliant!

Dance at Thornden aims to offer all students the opportunity to participate throughout their time at the school. It is inclusive and comprehensive in approach. On top of having Dance in their KS3 curriculum, we have three Dance companies that students may join.



Junior Dance Company is for all students in Years 7 and 8. We meet on a Monday lunchtime in the Dance Studio. This session is led by our two new Dance Student Leaders and myself. The company will perform each year in The Last Dance – our annual school Dance Showcase.



Senior Dance Company is for any students in Years 9, 10 and 11. We meet on Wednesday 4-5pm in the Dance Studio. Senior Dance Company aims to raise the standard further, provide a pathway into GCSE Dance and to support those taking GCSE Dance. The company also perform in The Last Dance as well as an annual performance at the University of Chichester in June.

Pulse Dance Company is just for Boys! Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are all a part of this company which offers a 'brotherhood' amongst the members and a safe space to explore their creativity and physicality. We have over 30 boys in this company who have developed a reputation for being outstanding in the South of England. Pulse regularly perform in school, at the University of Chichester and in other platforms as they arise. Pulse meets on Fridays from 3-4pm in the Dance Studio. The Dance Studio seems to be permanently buzzing with students coming to rehearse and be generally creative in their break and lunchtimes, as well as after school. I am really proud of all our Dance Students and what they achieve.



Sports Update-Mr Hall Head of PE



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

Social Media

We are gradually familiarizing ourselves with our new Instagram page, which serves as a platform to enhance communication and celebrate achievements. This page highlights the dedication, success, and spirit of our students. We warmly invite parents to follow us: [Thornden Sport Instagram](#).



Recent Results

Team	Gender	Sport	VS	Opposition	Fixture Type	Result	Player of The Match
U12	Female	Football	vs	Westgate	League	Drew 2-2	Lily Upson
U12	Female	Football	vs	Swanmore	League	Drew 1-1	Lily Upson
U12	Girls	Netball	vs	Westgate	League	Won 14-4	Kitty G
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Hounslow	County Cup	Lost	Ben and Josh
U12	Boys	Football	vs	Mountbatten	League	Won 2-0	
U13	Boys	Football	vs	Perins	League	Won 5-0	
U13	Girls	Netball	vs	Westgate	League	Won	Chloe S
U12	Boys	Football	vs	Crestwood	League	Won 8-0	
U14	Boys	Football	vs	Kings	National Cup	Won 3-1	
U14	Boys	Rugby	vs	Mayville High	County Cup	Won	Jackson
U15	Boys	Football	vs	Noadswood	County Cup	Won 2-1	
U15	Boys	Football	vs	Mountbatten	National Cup	Lost 0-3	
U15	Boys	Hockey	vs	Perins	Friendly	Lost 4-9	Nathan and Daniel

Immunisations-Flu vaccination

Please make sure you complete consent for your child to have their flu vaccination by Tuesday 15th October.

School Code: SH136715

Session dates: Friday 18th and Monday 21st October 2024

Year Group: 7 – 11

Link to website: [Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme : Hampshire Healthy Families](#)



Current vacancies

We have a variety of roles we are recruiting for at present:

- Teacher of Science-Maternity cover
- Exam Invigilator
- Design & Technology Technician
- Teacher of PE/Second in Charge of PE
- Cover Supervisor

For more details and to apply, please [click here!](#)

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/reception@thornden.hants.sch.uk

Inspiring Future Teachers (IFT) is a national School Centred Provider of Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) working through regional partners to offer one-year postgraduate routes to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) with the option to study for a master's level Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE). Inspiring Future Teachers – HISP Teacher Training is your local hub and aims to provide the opportunity to train to teach in Hampshire.

