



Thornden School Newsletter 25th October 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

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

Caroline Lowing



Important Parent Notice

Please do not use the school grounds to drop off or collect children. Please use local roads and areas to do this.

Please also be mindful how you drive near the school, especially during the busy periods, before and after school. We want to keep all our students safe.

New Absence Reporting Process

From the 4th November, you will be able to log same day absences for your child using the Parent Portal and Arbor App.

- Absences can be reported in the attendance section -please input the absence details and submit the request. Further details can be found here: [Logging absences on the Parent Portal and Arbor App](#)
- We encourage you to use this new process for reporting absences. However, if you would like to notify us of an appointment that has been booked for a future date or you are unable to access the Parent Portal or Arbor App, please use the absence reporting form on the school website - [Absence Reporting Form](#)
- Please continue to report absences before 8.35am every day that the student is absent
- For students who have not registered and for whom we have not been notified of an absence, you will receive a text message. Please could you respond to this text message by telephoning 02380 246577, submitting absence details on the Parent Portal/Arbor App or completing the absence reporting form.



2024-2025 Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Information
Iceland Trip	Friday 25 th -29 th October	
Paris Trip	Friday 25 th -28 th October	
Year 7 Reports to parents	Wednesday 6 th November	
Year 7 Parent and Carer Evening	Thursday 7 th November	
Year 10 RS Mosque visit	Tuesday 12 th November	Lesson 2-4
Year 10 Parent and Carer Evening	Thursday 21 st November	
Year 10 Reports to Parents	Thursday 21 st November	
Year 11 Trial Exams start	Monday 25 th November	
Year 7 Christmas Fayre in the Canteen, 4-5pm	Wednesday 27 th November	

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

Half term
Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November

Extracurricular Timetables

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

Timetables for Autumn 1 are now available to see on the website using the link above. Please keep an eye out for changes for Autumn 2, starting after half term.



Showcase-GCSE Artwork

Continuing our GCSE theme, Amy T-C painted a set of three portraits as part of her GCSE exam work. She used herself and her friends as inspiration and produced amazingly realistic portraits using oils. Well done Amy!



This lovely digital piece by Hannah B is based on the theme of Portrait & Disguise. Hannah experimented with double exposure using Photoshop to create her magazine cover. Well done Hannah!



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



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

Barton Peverill

We invite Year 10 and Year 11 students to join us on Wednesday 6th November at the Utilita Bowl, Southampton to learn more about our Hampshire Cricket Programme.

This programme provides all (male and female) students with the opportunity to train and play cricket alongside their full-time study. Students will be receiving specialist coaching from the Hampshire Cricket coaches and participate in fixtures during the summer.

Prospective applicants are invited to attend this information evening to speak to our staff, ask any questions, have a tour of the facilities and an opportunity to take part in a practical coaching session (please bring kit for this session).

We kindly ask that you share this invitation with your students. They can book their ticket through here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/barton-peveril-college>.

PATHWAY

NHS SOUTH EAST ENGLAND NURSING INSIGHT EVENT

Thursday 14th Nov | 18:00 - 19:00

VIRTUAL

Are you a student, parent/carer or teacher interested in finding out more about a career in Nursing? Join this event to hear from NHS South East Nursing representatives about the wide range of opportunities available within Nursing in the South East.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kick off with Pathway CTM, providing an overview of what to expect!
- Explore Nursing:
 - You will learn about the different environments Nurses work within.
- Panel Discussion:
 - Hear from a diverse panel of professionals about their insights and experiences!
- Engage in a live Q&A session:
 - Have the opportunity to ask your questions.

REGISTER HERE

NHS England

PATHWAY

NHS SOUTH EAST ENGLAND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS INSIGHT EVENT

Thursday 24th Oct | 18:00 - 19:00

VIRTUAL

Are you a student, parent, carer or a teacher in the South East? Passionate about Healthcare and considering a career as an Allied Health Professional? Don't miss the chance to gain valuable insights and kickstart your journey!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kick off with Pathway CTM, providing an overview of what to expect!
- Explore Allied Health Professions:
 - You will learn about various different AHP Departments!
- Panel Discussion:
 - Hear from a diverse panel of professionals about their insights and experiences!
- Engage in a live Q&A session:
 - Have the opportunity to ask your questions.

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NHS England



NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

- Friday 1, RB&O Wolf Witch Giant Fairy: 19:15
Sunday 3, A Night at the Movies Charity Concert: 15:00 & 19:00
Tuesday 5, Cinemalive - Phantom of the Opera: 19:00
Wednesday 6, Van Gogh - Poets & Lovers: 19:30
Friday 8, PP Arnold - Soul Survivor: 19:30
Saturday 9, The Mayor of Eastleigh's Charity Concert: 19:45
Sunday 10, Highfield School of Dance: 12:00 & 14:00
Monday 11, The Arts Society - Masters of the Sea: 19:30
Saturday 16, City of Southampton Orchestra: 19:30
Sunday 17, Sons of Pitches - The Best Bits: 19:00
Monday 18, Peter Symonds College Concert: 19:30
Tues 19 & Weds 20 - HMS Youth Choir - From West End to Broadway: 20:00
Thursday 21, Cinemalive - Girl from the North Country: 19:30
Friday 22, Movies @ the Hall - Wilding: 19:30
Saturday 23, Hampshire County Youth Orchestra Concert: 16:00
Saturday 23, Kiss Me, Kate: The Musical: 19.30
Sunday 24, Starz Ballet - Glitter and Glow: 10:00, 13:00 & 16:00
Tuesday 26, The Met - Tosca: 18:00
Weds 27 & Thurs 28: Winchester Area Schools Orchestras' Concerts: 19:30

For more information
and tickets
call the Box Office
023 8024 6555
or visit
thorndenhall.co.uk



Thornden's approach to bullying – Mrs Kehoe (Assistant Headteacher)



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to the year. I have been delighted to see so many purposeful lessons, which are calm and the vast majority, disruption free.

I wanted to update you on Thornden's new approach to bullying, which has been developed in response to valuable feedback from our student and parent community. We appreciate your input and are committed to creating a safe, inclusive environment for all our students.

I would firstly like to share some data with you from the last academic year. When bullying type behaviour occurs at Thornden, we record this as, 'Making others feel upset, uncomfortable, unsafe'. This definition is taken from The Diana Award, a bullying charity. We are delighted that a group of our students have completed their Anti Bullying Ambassador Training, which was delivered by the charity. Last year, we had 82 incidents of this recorded. In addition to these 82 incidents, there were also incidents of physical behaviour between students. This is how Thornden responded to all of these incidents:

Sanction/Consequence	No. issued
Detentions	48
Internal Isolation	16
Cross School Inclusion (Toynbee School)	2
Suspension – verbal abuse towards another student	4
Suspension - Racial abuse towards another student	2
Suspension - Physical behaviour towards another student	24

We recognise that bullying behaviours need to be dealt with swiftly and with a firm but fair response. Our new approach recognises that young people make mistakes but that repeated and deliberate unkind behaviour will not be tolerated. Please see details below, of our new stepped approach and how we will respond to bullying behaviours in the future.

Thornden's approach to bullying in school

ONCE	REPEATED	ONGOING	SUSTAINED
<p>One incident of behaviour intended to make others feel uncomfortable, upset or unsafe.</p> <p>Staff action: Email or phone call to parent.</p> <p>Consequence(s): Restorative conversation and /or Break time DT.</p>	<p>Second incident of behaviour intended to make others feel uncomfortable, upset or unsafe.</p> <p>Staff action: HOY phone call home.</p> <p>Consequence(s): SLT ASDT and /or RBD.</p>	<p>Ongoing incidents of behaviour intended to make others feel uncomfortable, upset or unsafe.</p> <p>Staff action: Parental meeting with HOY to discuss bullying contract.</p> <p>Consequence: Isolation Room and bullying contract.</p>	<p>Repeated deliberate behaviour that is intended to make others feel uncomfortable, upset or unsafe.</p> <p>Repeated deliberate breach of bullying contract.</p> <p>Staff action: Parental meeting with SLT. Final warning letter.</p> <p>Consequence: Suspension. Removed from Thornden.</p>

Reasonable adjustments will be made for students with Special Educational needs = social stories/comic strips.



Belong - Care - Aspire - Succeed

In addition to the more traditional 'punishments', the consequences will also include restorative work with students. This will allow us opportunities to find the intention and purpose of the behaviour – remembering they are different. We will create an opportunity for the student to explore and understand the impact their behaviour and choices can have on others.

Students will learn about Thornden's new approach to bullying, the week commencing 11th November. This will include Assemblies and tutor time activities. Students will look at and discuss:

- How do we know if it is bullying? (the difference between bullying, conflict and meanness)
- The impact of bullying
- Our new stepped approach to dealing with bullying
- How Thornden will become a 'telling school' – Are you an Upstander or Bystander?
- How do I report concerns of bullying at Thornden?
- The importance of checking in with the victim following an incident

We believe these changes will significantly improve our ability to prevent and address bullying at Thornden. We welcome your continued feedback and support as we implement these new measures.

With very best wishes

Laura Kehoe

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor to sit on our Academy Committee. We meet once a half term, in the evenings at the school. The Committee is a small and friendly group of people who care about young people and act as a critical friend to the school. If you are interested and want to know more than please do get in touch via info@thornden.hants.sch.uk - if we have a number of people who want to stand we will have to hold a vote.

In addition, we have a number of vacancies for co-opted governors - these are people who are **not** parents but want to do something community-minded. If you have any friends or colleagues that might be interested then please ask them to get in touch.

Thank you,
Caroline



Inter-Tutor Pumpkin Photos-Year 9

We have had some amazing entries this year for our Inter-Tutor pumpkin competition!



Halloween Bake Off-Year 8



Lost Property

Over the next week, students will be asked to come and check the lost property area. If your child has lost something, please encourage them to come and see if their item has been handed in. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of or donated to charity on Monday 11th November.



Year 9 Persuasive Speaking Competition-Miss Herridge (3rd in English)



In English, Year 9 have kicked off the year with a focus on the skills of rhetoric and the art of persuasion. They have learned how to use the Aristotelian Triad - ethos, logos, and pathos - to influence and manipulate their listeners. As we all know, Thornden's young people are opinionated and incredibly passionate in their beliefs. This, combined with their learning of rhetoric, was celebrated on Wednesday 23rd with our annual Year 9 Persuasive Speaking Competition.

In lessons, students were encouraged to select a topic they are genuinely interested in and passionate about, to write a final persuasive speech using the skills practised in this unit of work. Speech topics ranged from the serious to the absurd. One student wrote a vehement rant about which form of cooked potato is the best (roasties, obviously). Others wrote subtle, harrowing pleas for support for important topics such as ending racism and promoting equality. To my knowledge, no student wrote a speech about the plethora of reasons that English is the best lesson ever... but there is always next year.

On Wednesday, all of Year 9 watched their chosen class representatives deliver their speech. They were a respectful, mature audience. The speakers were courageous and confident. I am incredibly proud of their achievements. Ms Lowing and Mr Vickerage judged our winners and selected the following:

1st place - Amitis M - Exam stress

2nd place - Jayan T - Racism doesn't belong in the modern world

3rd place - Joanna T - 1, 2, 3, 4 (starvation around the world)

Congratulations to all Year 9 students on their excellent work in English.





Department Spotlight

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



Music-Mrs Gale (Head of Department)

It has been a busy half term in the music department as we welcomed our new Year 7 students to their music lessons and our extra-curricular musical groups. We now have just over 200 students regularly attending weekly instrumental and vocal lessons with our visiting music teachers.

Our Year 11 GCSE Music students are busy preparing their Ensemble Performances for the NEA (non-examined assessment) part of the course, whilst our Year 10 GCSE Music students are exploring The Blues.

Our Year 7 Beginner Instrument Project is running again this year in partnership with Hampshire Music Service, and it was a pleasure to be able to give instruments to 9 new clarinet players and 4 new brass players earlier this term. Our hope is to welcome these players into our School Wind Band in the future. This is the third cohort of students we have had go through this project and many students have continued learning their instrument into Years 8 and 9 which is great.

The Year 9 Music Technology Club has proved to be extremely popular again this year too. This takes place after school on Tuesdays from 3-4pm. The club is currently full, and we are therefore rotating the groups so that those on the waiting list can join in January.

A new addition to our extra-curricular activities this term is the Show Singers group which rehearse on Tuesday lunchtimes. This group sing songs from the Musicals, and it is ideal for anyone who loves singing and wishes to audition to be part of our school production later in the year. All students are welcome. For further details of the extra-curricular activities on offer in the music department please follow this [link](#). All groups will be performing in our first concert of the year in Thornden Hall on Tuesday 17th December. We look forward to seeing some of you there!



Sports Update-Mr Hall (Head of PE)



Social Media

We are gradually familiarising 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](#)



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

Recent Results

Team	Gender	Sport	VS	Opposition	Fixture Type	Result	Player of The Match
U12	Boys	Football	vs	Toynbee	League	Won 1-0	
U12	Girls	Netball	vs	Perins	League	Won 15-3	Kitty G
U12	Girls	Football	vs	Henry Beaufort	League	Drew 2-2	Cara G
U12	Girls	Football	vs	Kings	League	Won 3-1	Isla W
U12	Boys	Football	vs	Mountbatten	League	Won 2-1	
U12	Boys	Football	vs	Toynbee	League	Won 2-0	
U13	Boys	Football	vs	Horndean	County Cup	Won	
U13	Boys	Football	vs	Toynbee	League	Drew 2-2	
U13	Girls	Netball	vs	Perins	League	Won 16-8	Emily L
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Henry Beaufort	Friendly	Lost 15-20	Logan R
U14	Girls	Netball	vs	Perins	League	Lost 11-17	Heather & Mia
U14	Boys	Football	vs	Bitterne Park	National Cup	Lost 1-3	Spencer
U14	Girls	Football	vs	Romsey	League	Won	
U15	Boys	Football	vs	Kings	County Cup	Won 2-2 (5-4 on Pens)	Miller
U16	Boys	Rugby	vs	Westgate	County Cup	Lost	
U16	Girls	Netball	vs	Perins	League	Won 29-20	Grace & Ruby
U16	Boys	Football	vs	Wavell School	County Cup	Won 3-3 (5-4 on pens)	
U16	Girls	Football	vs	Kings	League	Won 1 - 0	Freya S

Badminton Success

Congratulations to Tom R-C who has been selected for the Hampshire Badminton squad for 2024/25.

Well done Tom.

Taekwondo News

This past weekend, Year 10 student Radu competed in the Dutch Open Taekwondo Championships in the Netherlands, a highly competitive event that drew over 1,000 elite athletes from across four continents, all competing for crucial world ranking points that contribute to qualification for the Olympics and World Championships.

Radu delivered a remarkable performance, showcasing his dedication and months of hard work, reaching the semi-finals and securing a well-deserved Bronze medal!

This impressive result marks Radu's first world ranking points, a significant milestone in his Taekwondo journey.

Well done Radu!



Gymnastics Success

Well done to Chaia who competed in the south regional competition... and won!

She is now AA South Region Junior champion and will be representing the South of England later in the year. She also qualified for English championships and British Teams.

Well done.

Eastleigh Football Club
Schools / Family Day

SCHOOLS DAY AT THE SILVERLAKE

JOIN US FOR EASTLEIGH FC VS BOSTON UNITED ON SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER AS WE CELEBRATE THE YOUTH OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

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ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL: [JNACE@EASTLEIGHFC.COM](mailto:jnace@eastleighfc.com)

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Student Christmas Lunches-Mrs Kehoe (Assistant Head)



We are introducing Christmas lunches this year, for all year groups. We hope this will become a lovely Thornden tradition! Please see details below.

Monday 9 th December	Year 7
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 8
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 9
Thursday 12 th December	Year 10
Friday 13 th December	Year 11



Venue: School canteen (x5 classes at a time)

Ticket only: £4.20 unless FSM (must be purchased by **Friday 29th November**). To purchase the ticket, please log into the Arbor shop and click on the Christmas dinner link.

Timings: Due to the capacity of our canteen, each year group will be split into two halves. Students will be notified which group they are in.

Christmas Lunch 1 – 12.30am – 1.10pm

Christmas Lunch 2 – 1.20pm – 2pm

Christmas Jumper: Students may wear a Christmas Jumper on the day they are having their Christmas dinner. All other uniform must remain as usual.

Additional details: The canteen will be open as normal at break times during this week (no hot meals will be available, but they will still provide hot and cold snacks).

Best wishes

Laura Kehoe

Arbor Updates

Arbor

We would like to remind you of the importance of keeping your details on the Parent Portal/Arbor App accurate and up to date. Please take a moment to log in and review the information linked to your account.

Ensure that your child's legal name, emergency contacts, and other relevant details are correct. If any updates are needed, kindly make those changes directly through the app. Please follow the below guides for more information:

[Updating your own guardian details on the Parent Portal and Parent App](#)
[Parent Portal and App - Profiles, messages and meetings](#)

If you experience any issues or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact our school office, and our staff will be happy to assist you.

Communication

We've noticed that some of our school communications may occasionally end up in your spam folder. To ensure you don't miss any important updates, here's a quick guide on how to save our emails in your mailbox:

- Open Your Email: Log in to your email account.
- Check Spam Folder: Look in your spam or junk folder for any emails from the school. If you find any, open one of them.
- Mark as Not Spam: Click the "Not Spam" or "Not Junk" button. This will move our emails to your inbox.
- Add to Contacts: To further ensure you receive our emails, add our email address (e.g., school@emailaddress.com) to your contacts or safe senders list. You can usually do this by clicking on the sender's email address and selecting "Add to Contacts" or "Add to Safe Senders."

By following these simple steps, you'll make sure our school communications always reach your inbox.

Thank you for your assistance.

Students unable to participate in PE

If your child is unable to participate in PE/Dance for any reason, please send them in with a dated note (preferably on their Tracker) rather than emailing, particularly if it is short notice. It is difficult for staff to access their emails during the day whilst teaching and on occasions there may be a cover teacher. If the medical reason is ongoing please contact the Medical Team to discuss further.

Thank you for your support.

Medical Team and PE Department

Canteen

Due to staff shortages we will, unfortunately, have to stop serving food after school.

However, we will continue to serve breakfast from 8.00am until 8.35am.

Did you know that we serve hot food at breakfast like bacon and sausage rolls? We also serve FREE toast with jam to anyone who would like it!



Year 7 Halloween Disco

Raised £600 towards the Year 11 prom. Thank you to all who attended!



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.

