



Thornden School Newsletter 29th November 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

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

Caroline Lowing



Chinese New Year Celebration Event

We are holding a Chinese New Year celebration at school on Thursday 30th January from 6pm - 8pm, in the canteen.

Please fill in this [form](#) if you wish to attend. Please include how many will be attending and any dietary requirements.

Please complete by Wednesday 18th December.

We look forward to seeing you there!





2024-2025 Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Information
Year 8 Reports to Parents	Friday 6 th December	
Young Carers Trip	Friday 6 th December	Invitation only
Year 9 Reports to Parents	Monday 9 th December	
Year 9 Trip to Churches	Thursday 12 th December	Year 9 only RS
Year 11 Belong Event	Friday 13 th December	Prom fundraiser
Thornden Winter Concert	Tuesday 17 th December	Book tickets here
Year 11 Belong Event	Tuesday 17 th December	
Last day of term-please note the earlier finish time	Friday 20 th December	8.35 a.m. Registration 9 a.m. Period 1 (P1/2) 9.50 a.m. Period 2 (P3/4) 10.40-11.10 a.m. BREAK 11.10 a.m. Period 3 (P5/6) 11.50 a.m. Dismiss Years 7, 8 and 9 11.55 a.m. Dismiss Years 10 and 11

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

Half term
Monday 23 rd December to Friday 3 rd January 2024

Non-uniform days 2024-2025
Friday 13 th December
Friday 14 th February
Friday 4 th April
Tuesday 22 nd July

Meet the team behind the scenes!

Kelly is the newest member of our administrative team. She is based in reception where she works on transition, for the next cohort of year 7 students. She also supports the reception team with tasks and works on the front of reception once a week. Kelly has to be very organised to manage her role.

Kelly lives with her husband, three children and guinea pig Mr Buggins. In her free time Kelly likes to spend time at the beach with her family, drinking hot chocolate and eating pastries.

Please say hello if you pop into reception!



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Showcase-GCSE Artwork



This week's Artist of the Week showcases a beautiful GCSE piece from Ellie T. Ellie's lovely snail was modelled from clay as her final piece in her 3D design exam. Well done Ellie!

We are continuing to showcase our GCSE 3D Design work this week and would like to share this lovely piece by Kaitlin D. Kaitlin has worked with clay and wire to create her artwork based on the theme of Disguise.



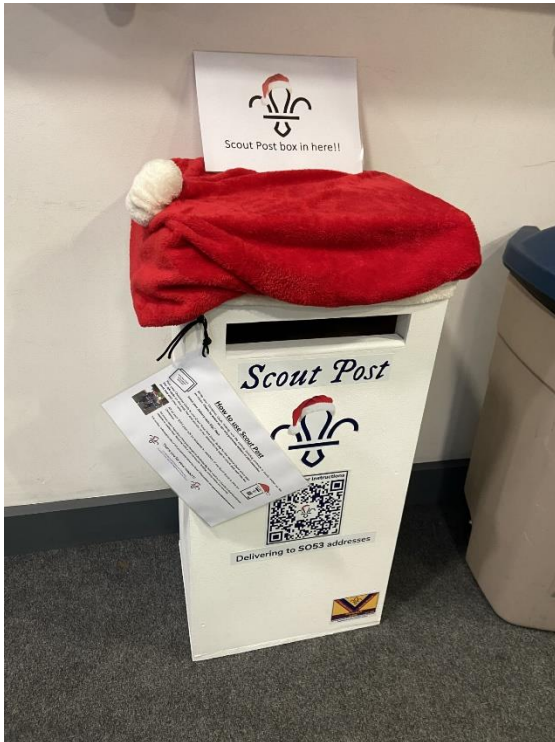
Co-opted Governor Vacancy

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



Thornden Hall



We are delighted to be able to offer 'Scout Post', located in Thornden Hall.

If you have Christmas cards to deliver in the SO53 postcode region, the Scouts will deliver them for you for just 35p.

All details on the post box.

How to use Scout Post

Write your Christmas Cards, making sure the address including postcode is clearly written on the envelope. **Please be aware we can only guarantee delivery to SO53 postcodes.**

Scout post delivery costs 35p/ item

Post your Christmas Cards in one of our Scout Post boxes. **To pay for the delivery please either scan the QR code on the post box and donate on our Wonderful.org page or simply post cash into the post box with your cards.**



All of your SO53 post will be delivered by members of our Scout Group in time for Christmas.

Money taken from Scout Post goes straight to Brickfields Big Build, which is 1st Chandler's Ford Scout Groups mission to replace their Scout hut with a new community building, activity centre and Scout HQ.

For further information about this project and about our Scout Group please visit www.1stchandlerfordscouts.co.uk.

Thank you for your support!

1st Chandler's Ford Scouts, Brickfield Lane,
Chandler's Ford, SO53 4DP Registered Charity 302227



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



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

Participation and Lifelong Learning are excited to launch their new free interactive Year 11 career options and activities resource, which has been developed to support learners with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Please click [here](#) for more information.

Useful information

Sparsholt College Open Event – 1st February 2025

Year 10 & 11 - Registrations are **now open** for Sparsholt College's next open event on **Saturday 1st February 2025**. This is an on campus, in person event for Year 10 & 11. To attend, students will need to register for the event, and book tours of the subject areas that they wish to see **as soon as possible** by visiting [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#). Timings for the event depend on the tour/tours that the student has booked.

Year 11 - Applications are still open and the application form can be accessed by using [How to Apply - Sparsholt College and University Centre Sparsholt](#).

AWE Nuclear Security Technologies

AWE Nuclear Security Technologies still has some apprenticeship opportunities open for roles starting in August 2025, anyone interested should visit the website: [Apprenticeships – AWE](#) for further information.

BAE Systems Maritime Services

Early Careers Online Information Evening

Tuesday 14th January 2024

18.30 – 19.45

To register click [here](#)!

Peter Symonds Application

The deadline to apply to Peter Symonds College is **Monday 9th December at 4pm**.

Please ensure applications are submitted on time as the college does not offer flexibility on deadline dates. Colleges are often oversubscribed so if students miss the deadline, they risk being unable to apply to their college/s of choice. We recommend students apply to more than one college to give more options once exam results are known.

LifeLab

Running since 2013, LifeLab has been inviting students in Years 9, 10 and 11 who are interested in finding out more about becoming a doctor to attend our Experience Medicine Summer School.

Life Lab offers a two-day course on 23rd and 24th July at a cost of £150

While with us students spend 2 days gaining experience of what it is like to train and work as a doctor. During the time with LifeLab the students will have the chance to:

- Learn how to perform clinical skills and practice these on a model
- Experience anatomy and pathology teaching
- Speak with health professionals
- Talk to medical students about training as a doctor and find out how the application process works
- Listen to our keynote speaker talking about life in medicine
- Take part in a trauma scenario

Please see an example of the [course programme](#). Please note this is subject to change. Link to web page: [LifeLab: All courses](#)

Extracurricular Timetables

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

Please see below for the current timetables. If you have any questions, please get in touch!

Extra-Curricular Music Department Timetable



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime					
MU2	Flute Cocktail <i>Mrs Dodd</i>	Advanced String Group <i>Mrs Gale</i>	Vocal Ensemble <i>Mrs Bekker</i>	Recorder Ensemble <i>Mrs Smith</i>	
MU3	Sax Mad <i>Mrs Bartlett</i>	Brass Ensemble <i>Mr Needham</i>	Percussion Ensemble <i>Mr Streater</i>	Jazz Band <i>Mr Jones</i>	
Drama 1		Show Singers <i>Mrs Rowcliffe</i>			
Drama 2			String Orchestra <i>Mrs Gale</i>		
Vocal Room				Vocal Ensemble <i>Mrs Bekker</i>	
After School (3:00pm – 4:00pm)					
Hall			Thornden Singers <i>Mrs Bekker</i>	Wind Band <i>Mr Jones</i>	
MU3			Grade 5 Theory <i>Mrs Smith</i>		

Extra-Curricular Other Activities Timetable



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breaktime					
Operation Clean Up Thornden Tuesday and Thursday All years welcome R3 <i>Miss Beard</i>					
Lunchtime					
L6		Duolingo-All years Learn a language, extend your streak and have fun <i>Mrs Stillman</i>			
M4	Funday Monday-Year 7&8 Fun board games and puzzles <i>Mrs Ryder</i>				
D1				Lunchbox Theatre-Year 7 Drama Club Games and fun drama activities <i>Mrs Smith</i>	
After School (3:00pm – 4:00pm unless stated)					
Science Lab S8		STEM Club-Year 7&8 Hands on practical challenges <i>Mr Buckley, Mrs Weeks and Miss Grotorex</i>			
E2		Chess Club-Years 7-10 Learn how to play and test your skills <i>Mr Duffy</i>			
Library				14.50-15.30 only Library Club-Year 7 Fun activities on books and themes <i>Mrs O'Doherty</i>	
R2			Wargames-All years <i>Mr Bridgeman</i>		

Year 7 Christmas Fayre – Mrs Coles (Head of Design and Technology)



What a great start to the Christmas season - on the 27th November the Year 7's hosted their very own Christmas Fayre, having spent the day before being elves in their Technology workshops producing lots of goodies and games for the fayre.

The queue for the Jam Jar tombola was around the block and students had a great time playing all the games, from Splat the Rat to hook the Snowman.

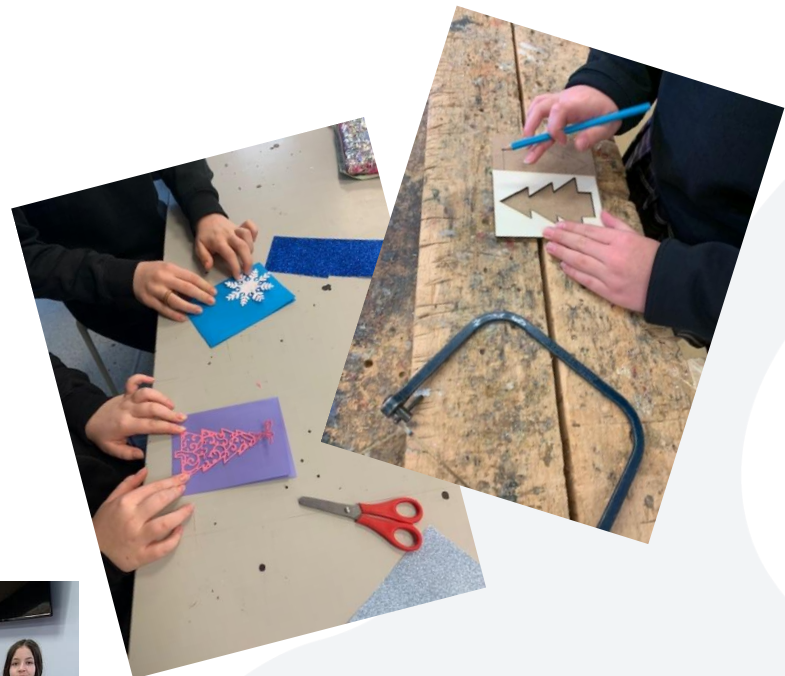
Some beautiful creations were produced, wooden Gonks, wooden tree decorations, Christmas cards, cakes/ biscuits and Christmas hot chocolate mugs.

The money raised will be going towards buying some new sewing machines for the Technology department.

A big thank you to all who helped with the fayre and came along to support us.

Year 7 showed great enthusiasm and enterprise skills in running the stalls on the evening - great fun had by all.

Merry Christmas
The Technology Team





Department Spotlight

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



Mrs Weeks-Science Leadership Team

It has been a busy start to the new school year for the Science Department. Our Year 11s have been working hard into the lead up to their trials and, as I write, are in the middle of their exams, and we wish them lots of luck in their biology, chemistry and physics papers. Our Key Stage 3 students have been learning a wide variety of topics, from the fundamentals of energy and cells to light, photosynthesis and the reactions of metals. Year 10 have been getting to grips with the GCSE curriculum and have been acquitting themselves admirably to the challenges of Key Stage 4!

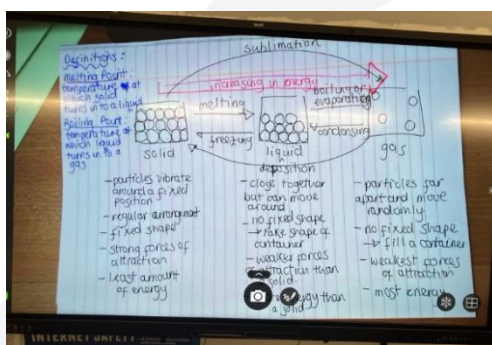
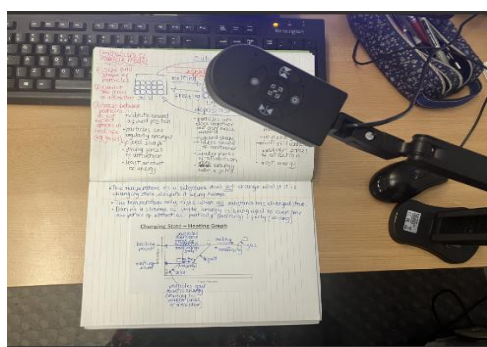
We loved meeting lots of prospective new students and parents at the Open Evening last month and we hope that everyone that came into the department enjoyed looking at the heart, lung and eye dissections, as well as trying the flame tests and electromagnets, amongst many other scientific delights. We were helped by our brilliant student leaders who made the whole evening go a lot smoother!

Our after-school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) club continues to go from strength to strength, with our year 7s and 8s taking on weekly challenges such as designing and making zoetropes and hovercrafts with great enthusiasm, encouraged by the thought, no doubt, of winning a sweet treat at the end of the club, if they produce the best challenge of the week. We were very proud to show off their models at the recent open evening.

We are very excited to be running our first extra-curricular trip in April 2025. Thirty Year 10 students will visit the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, as well as the beautiful city of Geneva. We hope this will be the first of many trips there in the future. It's also worth noting that there are lots of science and engineering-based activities in the local area that you can take your future scientists and engineers to. There's always lots of information on the careers section of the Thornden website. A particularly popular event is the Southampton Science and Engineering Festival (SOTSEF) at the University of Southampton which will be held in March 2025. You can find more information about that [here](#).



Finally, the department would also like to say a heart-felt thanks to FOTS for the donations that bought our famous school tortoise, Vernon, a new run, enabling him to go on holiday in the summer to Mrs Drabble, Mrs Clark and Ms Lowing's houses. We were also able to buy some new visualisers for the department which the teachers use to model answers, scaffold work and show the students' excellent work to the class. The visualisers really do improve our teaching and the students' learning. Thank you so much for all of your donations – they really do make such a difference!



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

Team	Gender	Sport	VS	Opposition	Fixture Type	Result	Player of The Match
U12	Girls	Rugby	vs	Various	Festival	Won 2 Lost 2	
U12	Girls	Netball	vs	Noadswood	Friendly	Won	Kitty & Timmia
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Oaklands	Festival	Won 35-15	
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Petersfield	Festival	Won 20-5	
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Priestlands	Festival	Lost 10-15	
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Wellington Academy	Festival	Lost 20-25	
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Ryde	Festival	Lost 5-15	
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Westgate	Festival	Lost 0-15	
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Priestlands	Festival	Lost 5-15	
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Swanmore	Festival	Drew 10-10	
U12	Boys	Rugby	vs	Petersfield	Festival	Won 5-0	George H
U12	Boys	Football	vs	Swanmore	County Cup	Won 3-0	
U12	Girls	Netball	vs	Henry Beaufort	League	Won	Isla R, Amelie P
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Deer Park	Festival	Won 30-5	
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Brighton Hill	Festival	Won 20-10	
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Bay House	Festival	Won 10-0	
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Petersfield	Festival	Won 30-20	
U13	Boys	Rugby	vs	Brookfield	Festival	Won 35-5	
U13	Girls	Netball	vs	Wyvern	League	Won	Mia L
U13	Girls	Netball	vs	Noadswood	Friendly	Won	Mia & Chloe
U13	Girls	Netball	vs	Henry Beaufort	League	Won	Mia L, Izzy T, Laycie K
U14	Girls	Rugby	vs	Various	Festival	Won 7 Lost 1	
U14	Girls	Hockey	vs	Forres Sandle	County Trophy	Drew 0-0	
U14	Girls	Hockey	vs	Ryde	County Trophy	Lost 0-1	
U14	Girls	Hockey	vs	Bohunt	County Trophy	Lost 0-3	

U14	Girls	Hockey	vs	Lord Wandsworth	County Trophy	Lost 1-3	
U14	Girls	Hockey	vs	Ladies College Guernsey	County Trophy	Won 1-0	
U14	Girls	Hockey	vs	Romsey	County Trophy	Drew 2-2	
U14	Girls	Hockey	vs	Portsmouth High	County Trophy	Won 2-0	Cara
U16	Girls	Netball	vs	Wyvern	League	Won	

Thornden Sports Sponsorship Opportunities

Dear Thornden Community,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. I'm reaching out to share an exciting opportunity to support Thornden School and its students in a meaningful way.

As many of you know, Thornden is committed to offering a variety of sporting experiences to our students, participating in local, regional, and even national events, often with impressive success! However, you may not be aware that our sports team kits are frequently outdated, sometimes damaged, and are shared across multiple teams. For instance, our current rugby kit is shared among eight teams, including both boys' and girls' squads.

Outfitting our teams with new, high-quality kits is essential, but the costs can add up quickly. To enhance our students' experience and pride, we are seeking sponsorships to help us update our team uniforms, staff attire, and protective covers for equipment like rugby and netball posts. These enhancements would foster unity among students and make a positive impression of our dedicated staff as well.

We are inviting members of our valued school community to help us connect with businesses or companies that might be interested in sponsoring our teams. Sponsors would gain visibility within the Thornden community and the satisfaction of knowing they are making a real difference in our students' educational and sporting experiences.

If you or someone you know would like to discuss potential sponsorship opportunities, please feel free to reach out to me at b.hall@thornden.hants.sch.uk. I would be happy to explore how a sponsorship could benefit both Thornden and our generous supporters.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the success of our school and students.

Kind regards,
Mr. Ben Hall
Head of Physical Education

Ski Trip Austria 2026 (Current Year 8, 9 & 10 Students)

Exciting news! The 2026 Ski Trip is being launched soon! All Year 8, 9 and 10 parents will get an email at some point next week. Watch this space!

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Are you nervous about supporting maths homework in secondary school?

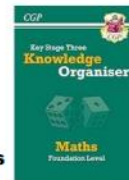


Unlock Your Child's Math Potential!

Has your child transitioned to secondary school, and you're feeling a bit anxious about supporting their math journey? Worry no more! Multiply is offering a **FREE online session** designed to bridge the gap between primary and secondary school numeracy skills. Join us and empower your child to excel in math with confidence.

Content

- Discover the 6 key areas of secondary school maths
- Get hints and tips to support you and your child
- Know where to look for useful school resources
- Receive a FREE CGP KS3 maths knowledge organiser



Date & Time: 3rd December 2024, 17.00-18.00 hours

Location: Online via a Teams Link

How to Book

Register your free place ASAP using the QR code or link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/gWQG4pDrSG>



 Hampshire
County Council

multiply@hants.gov.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.

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.



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