



## Thornden School Newsletter

### 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025



Dear Families,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year - and what a year it has been! It certainly feels like the fastest year of my career. We have had so many highlights and have all - staff and students - worked really hard on our mission to become the Best School in the South.

Last week I had one of the highlights of my year. Alongside Ms Georgiou, I interviewed some of our Student Leaders to determine who would be in the Senior Student Leadership team, including the two Lead Students and their Deputies. It was such a brilliant experience. We asked candidates to share something that they would do to improve the school – they had such brilliant ideas, I scribbled them all down and discussed them with my Senior team that evening. Outcomes will be shared very soon but well done to everyone who applied – an incredibly difficult decision.

Last Tuesday we had a visit from the Good Schools Guide. This national publication has only chosen a few local schools – Westgate, The Petersfield School and Thornden – to be in the Guide. Their representative came to school and spoke to students, parents and staff to hear about what makes Thornden such a great school. We will share the report with you when it is published.

This week we are saying goodbye to some members of staff; Mr Ashman is leaving after helping us in D&T, Mrs Constable is also retiring from her role in the SEND department, Mr Le Fevre is leaving his teaching role in D&T and Mrs Wilson is retiring from her role as ELSA. We also say goodbye to Mrs Peaston who is retiring from her role as Assistant Headteacher. Mrs Peaston started at Thornden as a receptionist, moving on the LSA and then English teacher and Head of English and SENCO. I can hardly come to terms to losing such a fantastic educator, friend and colleague but we all wish her the very best for her exciting retirement.

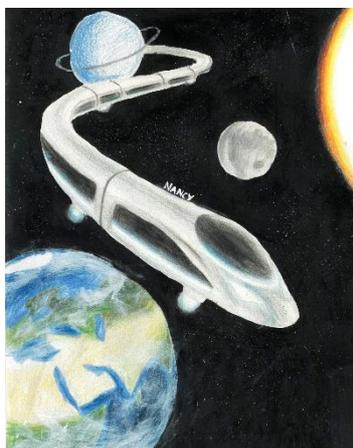
We remain fully staffed for September and I will introduce you to all of them in our parent newsletter.

This Tuesday I attended a prize giving for Nancy in Year 7. Nancy won a national competition to design the train of the future. Her design won and she now has a permanent mural in Waterloo station! A fantastic achievement – we are all so proud of her.

On Wednesday I had the privilege of being one of the Dragons for Year 7 Dragons' Den. There were some superb inventions described and lots of money invested, although I did love saying "I'M OUT!"

We have Activities Day and our first ever Awards Evenings planned for next week so we are celebrating right until the end of term. Thank you, again, for all of your support. Have a brilliant Summer and we look forward to welcoming you in September.

Caroline



### 2024-2025 Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Information
Activities Day Year 7-9	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Please see individual communication on each trip for timings
Enterprise Day Year 10	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	
Last Day	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	All students finish at 11.55am
Inset day	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School open to staff only
New Year 7 1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 only
Return for Years 8-11	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	All years
Year 11 Work Experience	8 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11
Barcelona Trip	12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Back in by break on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Year 7 & 11 Group Photo	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 & 11 only
Meet the tutor's event	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7
Individual Photos	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	All years

#### Summer Holidays

23<sup>rd</sup> July-4<sup>th</sup> September (Year 7 only) 5<sup>th</sup> September (Year 8,9,10,11 return)

#### Non-Uniform

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

#### Inset Days 2025-2026

03/09/2025

10/10/2025

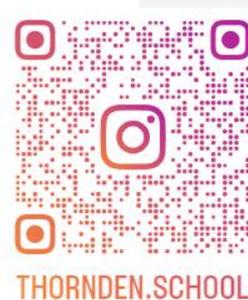
03/11/2025

16/01/2026

30/06/2026

08/07/2026

03/09/2025



## Safeguarding-Mr Thomas (Deputy Headteacher)



### Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental health Service have a variety of sessions and events available. Please follow link for each individual event, for more information and to book.

- [Disordered eating and binge eating](#)
- [Anxiety-Understanding & strategies to support young people](#)
- [Embracing Autism](#)
- [Mental Health Focus Week](#)
- [Mental Health Bitesize Sessions](#)
- [Trauma](#)
- [Understanding ADHD](#)

They are also offering two Information Advice sessions which offer a free opportunity for parents/carers, professionals and young people to come and chat to the CAMHS clinicians, ask questions, get advice and resources. Please click on the links below for more information.

[6<sup>th</sup> August](#)

[3<sup>rd</sup> September](#)

#### Hampshire County Councils Public Health team

Hampshire County Council's Public Health team would like to make you aware of a number of resources and opportunities to support parents and carers.

- [The Self-harm Support Hub](#)-A dedicated space for anyone who is supporting young people who self-harm or who may be at risk of self-harm in Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight.
- [Mental Wellbeing Hampshire - Children and Young Families](#)-This page signposts to a variety of services and resources that can support children and young people with their mental wellbeing.
- [Quick access resource for parents and carers over the summer holidays](#)-We've created a one-page digital resource you can easily save to your phone or computer. It includes quick links to a range of local and national services that support children and young people who may be experiencing emotional or mental health difficulties over the summer holidays.

#### Support over the summer holidays

Emails have been sent to parents/carers and students this week with useful information on support services you can access over the summer holidays.



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## Extracurricular Timetables

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



Timetables for the 25/26 will be established early September 2025 and shared with parents/carers.

## Year 7 Belong Event-Miss Parker (HOY 7)



On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July the whole of Year 7 were off timetable in the afternoon to take part in our Belong Event.

Despite being one of the hottest days of the year so far, the Year 7s were brilliant and all got involved in the afternoon. Within their tutor groups the students had to design and run at least 3 stalls during the afternoon and all were a great success. There was so much to choose from including space hooper racing, sweet pong, penalty shoot outs and not to mention 'soak a teacher' in the stocks (which wasn't so bad given the temperature!) There were also lots of edible treats to choose from with drinks stalls, filled croissants and donuts, as well as a visit from the very popular Mrs

Marucci and her ice cream van.

We also held our termly bake off with some incredible entries. I was so impressed with the effort students had made and they all tasted amazing! This was judged by the Year 7 tutor team and the results will be shared during our Celebration Assembly on the last day of term.

Over £1000 pounds has been raised (we are still to confirm the final figure) and this will be split between the year group prom fund and also a local and national charity which we will vote on as a year group.

A huge thank you to the students involved as well as the tutors for helping them, and the parents and carers who I know also helped out with preparations at home.



## Year 10 College Visits-Miss Stickland (Head of BTEC Enterprise and Careers Lead)



### Year 10 College Taster Days 2025

It is that time of year again where we take the Year 10 students to experience a range of different colleges. Students could choose two out of the available three options: Peter Symonds, Barton Peveril and Eastleigh College (part of the SHCG, South Hampshire College Group). Students were able to choose the courses they wanted to try and got to experience the college with the current Year 12 students, so they got a real feel for how the establishment operates and feels. We have so many good further education options in our area, it is important students get to visit as many as possible to enable them to make the right decision for their future.



As ever, the students and Thornden staff were blown away by each campus, the support and facilities available. Peter Symonds have a brand new state of the art music centre to add to their many other impressive buildings.



Barton Peveril have a whole host of new facilities that impressed our students and Eastleigh College has a full blown hospital ward and mini apartment for students studying health and social care, a professional kitchen for those on the catering course and a well-run salon for those on the beauty related courses.

As always, our students did us proud on each day. They behaved impeccably, answered questions and were commented on by staff as being the main students getting involved in sessions.



Well done Year 10, hopefully this has given you some food for thought over the summer and before Year 11. You should now be starting to piece together what you want to do after Thornden and what you need to achieve to get you there.

If you still need some information, advice and guidance (parent/carers too!) then don't forget to have a look at the [Thornden Careers Website](#). This will provide more information about the colleges and what they have to offer and there is also the *opportunities and events page* which will tell you about the next round of open events in the autumn term, as well as other industry specific career events coming up. When you return in Year 11 you will have assemblies from a range of colleges to give you more information and to answer any questions you might have.



The dates are:

- 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - Barton Peveril
- 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - Peter Symonds
- 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - Sparsholt
- 22nd October 2025 - SHCG
- 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 - CMAST/CETC

Next up on the Careers calendar is **Enterprise Day on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. Have you got what it takes? Don't forget to dress to impress (and appropriately for the workplace!).



## Friends of Thornden (FOTS)

The sun shone and the food and drink flowed at our 'al fresco' final FOTS meeting of the year, generously hosted by the Lansdownes, with over £4000 of requests from Thornden to consider.

### FOTS funding

FOTS again gave **£1459** for the 2026 **foreign language plays** which all Year 8 and Year 9 students get to enjoy and which boost their language skills.

Having previously given over **£4000** worth of books for the successful Year 7-10 tutor reading programme, the Year 11s will receive an additional **£540** for **70 non-fiction texts**.

**£1450** went towards various groups which support **students' well-being**: Young Carers, Bereavement Group, Pride, ELSA etc and towards providing soft furnishings for a new counselling room. Money will also fund refreshments, trips and resources.

**If you have any calming or engaging items that might help these students, whether games or mindfulness activities or craft materials or spare soft furnishings, please let FOTS know at [fots@thornden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:fots@thornden.hants.sch.uk)**



There are two new clubs starting in the autumn. We had a request from Media Studies for **£150** towards the start-up costs of a new "**BrickMotion**" Film Club for years 7-9 with support from some KS4 pupils. **Do you have any spare Lego at home you could donate to this new club: mini figures, base plates, Lego houses for settings etc? Please email FOTS with any offers.**

In addition, FOTS funded **£500** for a new **Photography club** which might, if successful, one day turn into the offering of Photography GCSE. They are looking to get a couple of refurbished DSLR cameras with the money and also tracing light boxes, reflectors, white boxes, angled lights, chemicals for cyano printing etc. **If you have any unused photography equipment suitable for this club, please let FOTS know and we can organise for it to be passed on.**



### Financially Fearless?

In addition to the smaller projects we always try to finance, the FOTS team are also hoping to focus funding on a larger project next academic year. Thornden students will steer us towards precisely what **The Very Big Project** should be. We are trying to be fearless but our current income comes from uniform sales and mainly falls on the generosity of just 159 Thornden families contributing to the donation scheme, including some Year 11 families to whom we are now saying a grateful and fond farewell. It would be lovely if more families could step up and be prepared to contribute in some way, whether financially or with their time, to support FOTS in helping Thornden flourish. For example, all clubs are **FREE** at Thornden. Just think how much you used to fork out for clubs at Primary school and please consider donating even a small amount to our PTA every month.



### A fiver for FOTS forever

We are also launching "A fiver for FOTS forever". As a legacy of your child's time at Thornden (no matter what year they finished!) we are asking parents/guardians, grandparents -even former pupils and staff and the 'current' Year 11s - to set up a standing order of an **annual donation of a fiver** in their name to FOTS and then let it run, well, forever!

Our bank details are  
Friends of Thornden School,  
Sort code: 52-21-18  
Account No: 06162525  
Ref: 5r4FOTS +student name

### FOTS Uniforms

If your child has finished Thornden or has outgrown any uniform, please drop it off at reception marked FOTS so we can resell it. **There is now a separate email for uniform requests:** [uniform@thornden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@thornden.hants.sch.uk)

The amazing Annekie is running the next uniform open shed event on **Saturday 6th September**. Timings will be on our Facebook page.

### FOTS farewells

As delighted as we were to welcome Anna Vickerage as our new Staff rep on the SLT, and as stunned as we are that the stellar Sumiaya Owens is going to continue to help with FOTS even though her children have now finished at Thornden(!), we were sorry to say farewell to two long standing Friends. They are the fabulous Lou Peaston, who has done such a first-rate job representing us at SLT over the last few years and Polly Gleeson who faithfully served as FOTS chair for 10 years and whose fourth child has finally finished Thornden. We wish them both a fantastic future!

Have a wonderful summer everyone

Nic and the FOTS team.

## Student Achievement

A huge Congratulations to Erin in Year 10, who came 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Young Fashion Designer UK Southern Region National Competition. A magnificent achievement beating other Year 10 and Year 11 students with her creativity and flair. Her initial design was creating an outfit using old umbrella fabric. Then on the day of the competition she had a two hour design and make exercise whereby she had to upcycle an outfit, creating a unique two piece using denim and flannel fabric. She then had to pitch her idea to the judging panel. Well done Erin.



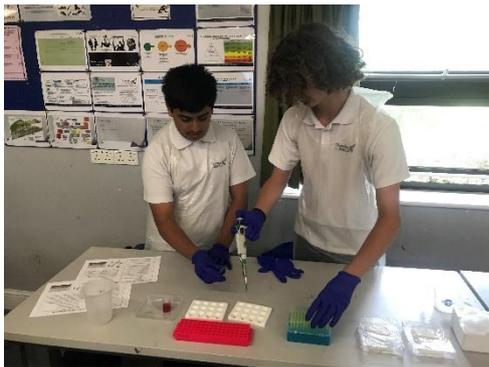
## Inspiring the next generation of Scientists-Dr Baker (Science Technician)



This half term, we had the exciting opportunity to run two engaging extracurricular activities in the Science Department for a group of our KS4 students.

In the first session, we were delighted to welcome Alpha Laboratories into school. Alpha Laboratories is a UK-based company that supplies diagnostic kits and laboratory equipment used in hospitals and research labs. They work closely with scientists and healthcare professionals to improve the accuracy and efficiency of medical testing.

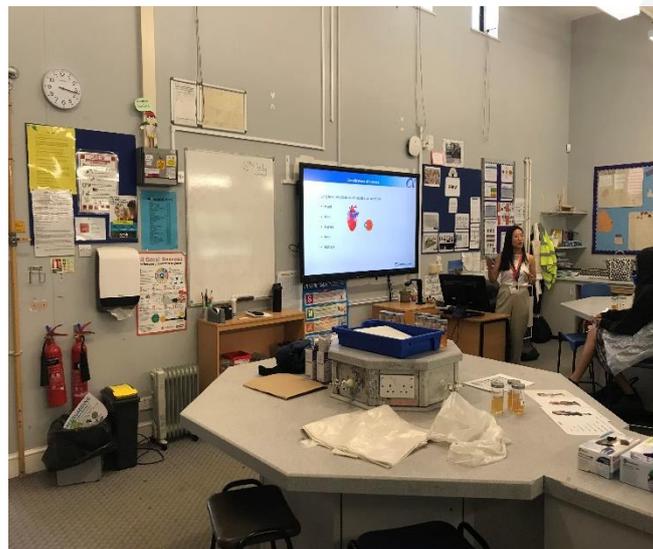
During their visit, the team spoke to students about their work and the wide range of careers available in medical science. Students also learnt about diabetes screening and took part in hands-on activities, exploring patient scenarios and testing samples themselves. It was a fantastic session, and we're incredibly grateful to the Alpha Laboratories team for taking the time to inspire our budding scientists!



In our second session, students took part in an exciting DNA gel electrophoresis workshop—a technique used by scientists in real-world applications such as forensic investigations, genetic testing, and medical research.

We were incredibly grateful to Winchester College for kindly lending us the specialist equipment needed to run the session. Our students had the opportunity to prepare and run their own DNA samples, then analyse the results just like real scientists!

It was a brilliant, hands-on experience—especially inspiring for those considering A-Level Biology and science-related careers.



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

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

### Steve Willis Training Centres

Steve Willis are holding Apprenticeship Open Days. Please follow this [link](#) for further details.



Both centres offer high-quality training with a full range of the latest equipment in the workshops, and modern classrooms tailored to gas, electrical, oil and renewable training courses.

### British Army Infantry

Are you curious about what it's like to serve in the British Army's Infantry regiments? Whether you're considering a career in the Armed Forces, supporting someone who is, or simply interested in learning more, **Infantry Experience 25** is the perfect opportunity.

This one-day event offers a hands-on introduction to life in the Infantry, including:

- Experiencing Infantry training on the indoor weapons simulator range
- Watching a live combat tactics demonstration
- Exploring the latest Infantry kit and equipment
- Speaking directly with serving Infantry soldiers about their experiences

And the best part? It's completely **free**—lunch included!

**Location:** Warminster

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Time:** All Day

If you're aged **15 to 34**, we encourage you to [register today](#) and get involved. Parents and guardians are also welcome to attend.

### i-Construct

i-Construct are holding a careers fair. You can connect with industry professionals, explore a broad range of roles and gain valuable insights. To book tickets, follow this [link](#).

Thank you to the parents who attended our Smart Phones? Smart Choices Conference.

Many parents wanted advice for their children who already have a smart phone. I recently read this article on this very topic, I thought that it was useful so wanted to share with you.

[It's Never Too Late to Turn Things Around - by Andrea Davis](#)

We continue to work on our policy and will be in touch soon on our latest thinking.



## PE Kit Reminder-Change Effective from September 2025-Mr Hall (Head of PE)



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to remind you that from **September 2025**, the previous **red PE kit** will no longer be part of our school uniform.

This change was first shared when we introduced the new **blue PE kit** in **September 2022**, and we've provided a generous transition period to allow families time to prepare.

From September 2025 onwards, **all students will be expected to wear the full blue PE kit** as outlined below.

### Items that will no longer be permitted:

- Red polo shirts
- Black shorts
- Black skorts
- Black rugby/hockey/football socks
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### Approved PE kit from September 2025 (which can be purchased from Skoolkit, [www.skoolkit.co.uk](http://www.skoolkit.co.uk)):

- Royal blue and black panelled polo shirt with school logo
- Black and royal blue panelled shorts (with or without school logo)
- Plain black jogging bottoms (no visible logos)
- Black leggings with school logo (if worn instead of shorts) – **no other branded leggings allowed.**
- Royal blue and black rugby/hockey/football socks



### Special Note for Year 10 Students Moving into Year 11

After discussions with parents/carers and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), we have decided to allow students currently in Year 10, who will be moving into Year 11, to wear **plain black shorts** instead of the blue and black panelled shorts. However, the new **blue polo top** must still be worn during PE lessons. Please note that these plain black shorts must not have any large ticks or stripes.

Parents who are experiencing financial difficulty can write to Deputy Headteacher, Mr Collar [r.collar@thornden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:r.collar@thornden.hants.sch.uk), in confidence.

We kindly ask that all future purchases reflect these updated uniform requirements. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and a smart, consistent appearance for all students during PE lessons.

## 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](#)



### 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](mailto:b.hall@thornden.hants.sch.uk)

### Sports Results

U13	Boys	Tennis B	vs	Romsey	League	Lost
U15	Boys	Tennis B	vs	Romsey	League	Lost
U13	Boys	Cricket	vs	Kings	State School County Final	Lost by 5 runs
U15	Boys	Cricket	vs	Toynbee	State School County Cup Final	Match not played - Joint Winners
U12	Mixed	Multi-sport	vs	Various	Perins Legacy 2012 event	2nd place
U13	Mixed	Multi-sport	vs	Various	Perins Legacy 2012 event	4th Place
U14	Mixed	Multi-sport	vs	Various	Perins Legacy 2012 event	2nd place
U15	Mixed	Multi-sport	vs	Various	Perins Legacy 2012 event	2nd place
U13	Boys	Tennis B	vs	Romsey	League	Lost

### Thornden Cricket

After winning their Semi Final last week, our U13 boys played a very close game against King's in the State Schools County Cup Final. Sadly, they finished as runners-up after losing by just 5 runs. Well done to all involved, a great effort.



### Athletics Success

Congratulations to Lucia, who had an outstanding weekend at the English Schools' Competition. She successfully defended her 300m hurdles title with a time of 41.13, smashing the Championship record and setting a new British U17 300m hurdles record – breaking a mark that had stood for 20 years.

Incredibly, Lucia now holds the U18 world lead for the 300m hurdles. She will represent England next weekend at the Schools' International.

Well done, Lucia – an incredible achievement and a fantastic example of hard work and dedication paying off!

## Sports Day 2025

Our annual Sports Day once again proved why it's one of the highlights of the school year. Students competed with incredible determination and energy, representing their tutor groups with real pride.

In the run-up to the big day, students gave it their all in the Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Javelin and the gruelling 1500m. On the day itself, the competition stepped up another level with Track Events, Football, Bench Netball, Rounders and, of course, the ever-popular Tug of War – always a student favourite!

Every effort and every point has now been counted, and the final results are in. But... you'll have to wait just a little longer. We can't possibly reveal the winning tutor group yet – that stays top secret until the final assembly. We wouldn't want to ruin the surprise.

A huge thank you to Mr Woods for capturing all the action in an amazing Sports Day video. Students will get to watch it in their final assembly.

I'd like to say a massive thank you to all our students for competing with such great spirit and for cheering each other on. Thank you also to all the staff who helped run events, looked after students between activities, and gave so much encouragement from the sidelines. And, of course, a big thank you to the PE department (and our extended PE team) for the huge effort that goes into organising a day like this.

The standard of competition was outstanding, but what impressed us most was the positive, supportive atmosphere all day long. Well done to everyone involved – you were brilliant!



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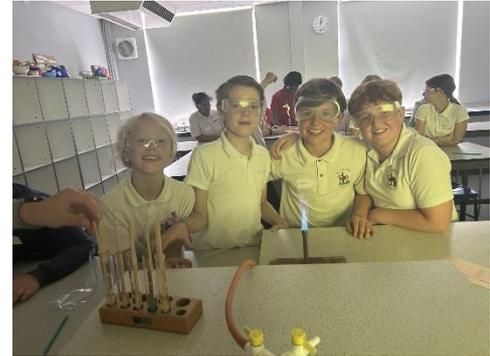
## Transition 2025-Miss Parker (HOY 7)



Each year we welcome 290(ish!) new faces to the Thornden community. The transition process starts way before many people think with myself and the transition team speaking to colleagues at our feeder primary schools about some students when they are in year 5!

The summer term however is when we really start to get busy! This year has been no exception. From March myself, the SEN and the Pastoral team begin our visits to the primary schools, whilst the admin team gather all the information we need about our new starters, once their place has been accepted.

I then begin my visits to our feeder schools to speak with the Year 6s and try to give them a bit of an insight into what life at Thornden is like. This year, as always, I have taken some Year 7s with me back to their old schools so that they can share their experiences too.



We then have our Intake Days. Some students need what we call 'enhanced transition' to help them settle into Thornden. This may involve visiting Thornden several times, at different times in the day, so that they get to know what Thornden is like. We also have our 'Lone Intake Day' which is usually held the week before our whole cohort transition day so that students who are coming from a primary or junior school on their own or in a small group have a chance to meet some of the key staff and other young people before the main day, so that they have some familiar faces. During this day we play some team building games, make pizza muffins, have a tour of the school and spend some time with the current year 7s (who had been 'lone starters' themselves the year before).

This year, Ms Roadnight (one of our SENDCos) has also led an Intake Day for students on the SEN register to help them get to know some of our LSAs and feel more familiar with the school.



Finally, on the 4<sup>th</sup> July we had our Welcome to Thornden Day. This is one of my favourite days of the school calendar. It is such a happy day to mark the start of the new Thornden journey for the year 6s. The students meet their new tutors and students in their tutor groups and spend the day getting to know Thornden and each other, ready for September. During the day, 60 current year 7s were also on hand to help the new starters with any questions they had and all were fantastic ambassadors for Thornden.

For so many (young people and their parents alike!) starting secondary school has so many mixed emotions and I hope that their transition journey is now more about excitement for September than worry as they have been able to experience some time at Thornden and get to know us all a little better. We look forward to welcoming the Class of 2030 in September!

## Design and Technology Projects-Mrs Coles (Head of D&T)



As we near the end of term all students are putting the finishing touches to their Design & Technology projects and what a year of creative and practical projects students at Thornden have completed.

We have had many herds of Dinosaur's produced in Timbers, where students were able to use the hand tools and equipment for the first time, engaging in producing their own pull-long dinosaur.



Year 8 loved the exciting Lighting Project whereby the students were able to solder their circuits and use the laser cutter to design their own grills out of light gathering acrylic. Students have enjoyed personalising their own water bottle in Year 8 Graphics.

Year 9 students had the opportunity to be creative as well as practical in manufacturing their shadow box, producing a range of exciting and well thought out designs.

Year 10 are starting their NEA's and what a fabulous start they have made, they are mature and engaged- well done Year 10!

If any students still have work to collect - please come and pick it up before the end of term as it will not be here in September!

Of course these are just a few of the project's students have worked on and we look forward to seeing many more creative products being produced next year.

Have a lovely summer from the Tech Team.



## All things Science-Mrs Drabble (Head of Science)



We have had a busy number of months in the Science department.

### Science fair

We had our first ever Science fair in March where we had over 40 students from all years talking to us about sharks, guinea pig poo, green power, capybaras, teeth erosion, wave particle duality of light as well as virus simulations. We also had art on display with crochet anatomy – crocheted intestines from the human digestive system as well as a frog! Plus, we were entertained with canon firing pens!



It was a real pleasure to see the enthusiasm for Science as well as the various practicals and demonstrations that the students showed other students, staff and parents who visited.

Gold awards were given to Phoebe (Y7), Anastasia (Y8), Amitis and Bhavagnyasai (Year 9) and Ellie (Y11). Other trophies and certificates were given to the other entrants.

Big thanks go to Mrs Weeks for organising our first ever Science fair.



### Ecology day

Year 10 had time with us at the end of June to carry out their Ecology required practical. Normally we are praying there is no rain. This year we were hoping for a less hot day! The students and staff braved the heat and sampled various plants that we had sectioned off to grow and allow us to carry out the 2 sampling techniques that the student need for their Biology exams.



9am



10.30am



3pm

The site team and technicians worked tirelessly to prepare for the day and set up on the day. We were also superbly supported by two of our Year 11 Science student leaders, Henry and Eleanor, who came back for the day to help out.

## Year 7 Dragons Den-Miss Potter (Teacher of English)



The Year 7's took part in a live Dragon's Den experience as part of their final Year 7 persuasive writing module. The students have been working in groups to create, design and write pitches for an invention they have created. They presented these in front of the class to develop on their persuasive writing and paralinguistic skills.

One group from each class was then chosen by their teacher to present live in front of a group of staff acting as real investors. Each group pitched their ideas with the hopes of receiving a Thornden pound investment into their company.

All of the students worked incredibly hard, and we heard some fantastic pitches for some new inventions. The Dragon's had a very hard time deciding which new ideas to invest in and were blown away by all the hard work of the students involved.



## Thornden Hall



## What's On August

We are pleased to announce that Thornden Hall will continue with its entertainment programme throughout the holiday period, continuing to host shows, orchestra performances, and film screenings, ensuring our community continues to have access to quality entertainment and cultural experiences.



### What to Expect:

Live performances and shows continue as scheduled  
Orchestra concerts and musical performances  
Film screenings and cinema events

Contact the box office on 023 8024 6555 or online  
[www.thorndenhall.co.uk](http://www.thorndenhall.co.uk)



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## Vacancies

### Exam Invigilators

We are seeking reliable and detail-oriented Exam Invigilators to support the smooth running of our internal and external exams for the new academic year 2025-2026. This is a fantastic opportunity for individuals who are committed to helping young people achieve their best in a calm and supportive environment. Are you looking for a flexible role where you can make a real impact?

Please click on [HISP Multi Academy Trust - Vacancies](#) for further details.

### Cover Supervisor

We are seeking an outstanding individual to join our successful support staff department as a Cover Supervisor. To work with the cover manager to ensure that classes are covered and students are on task during this time. This is a supervisory post rather than a teaching post and is open to applicants without a teaching qualification.

Please click on [HISP Multi Academy Trust - Vacancies](#) for further details. Closing Date: Sunday 20/07/2025

### Technology Technician - Food and Textiles

We are seeking a proactive and dedicated Food and Textiles Technology Technician to join our vibrant Technology department. This role is perfect for someone who is self-motivated, organised, and enjoys problem-solving. You'll play a key role in supporting our Design and Technology teachers by preparing and maintaining equipment, materials and ingredients, ensuring students have the best learning experience possible.

Please click on [HISP Multi Academy Trust - Vacancies](#) for further details. Closing Date: Friday 12/09/2025.

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

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