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From Su Whelan, Headteacher

This point in the summer term is always busy and never more so than for our Year 11 students who have started their GCSE exams. The year group appear to be well prepared as individuals and as a group. I wish them every success with the next few weeks and with their transition to the next phase of their education.

Once the exams are over, the year group can look forward to their Prom which has been organised by a committee of students along with Mrs Welch, their Head of Year.

Exam results are available on Thursday 23 August at 10.00am and all Year 11 students and their parents will be invited to Certificate Evening in November, when we can formally recognise achievements and success, drawing the year group and guests together for a final celebration.

While Year 11 students move through their exam timetable, a large number of students in Years 7-10 are working hard preparing for the school production of Guys & Dolls which will take place between 11-14 July. Students will perform to a full house for each performance and are looking forward to this event.

School Uniform

Following making some changes to the school uniform for the start of this academic year, the gradual transition to the tartan skirts for girls has been a positive move. All girls, wishing to wear a skirt from September, must now wear the tartan skirt. Trousers remain an option for students who do not wish to wear the skirt. Students can wear blue or black jumpers, although only black will be available to purchase from suppliers. The introduction of shorts this year has seen a number of students wearing shorts as we have moved into the summer term. Shorts should be plain black with no cargo style pockets and examples are available from school. For full details of school uniform see

<http://www.thornden.hants.sch.uk/uniform>



Student Focus—Ed Brandon

In November last year, Ed, who is in Year 11, was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma , a rare cancer which affects the soft tissue and muscles. Since then Ed has undergone chemotherapy and we have not seen much of him in school.

That being said, he has dropped into school for sessions and half days and, more recently, staff have worked one to one with him to prepare for a limited number of GCSEs this summer.

Ed has shown great strength and has been an inspiration to us all in terms of how he has managed during the last 6 months. He will take some exams and then move on to college with his year group in September. Before then we will see him at the Prom, enjoying himself with his many

good friends in Year 11 who have been very supportive during this difficult period of time.

Ed's mum, Helen, has taken on her own challenge and will run the Great South Run in October in aid of the Chris Lucas Trust, the only UK charity funding research for this type of cancer. The school will support Helen and her challenge. Her justgiving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/helen-m-hayes> if parents wish to add their support.

Notices

... from the calendar

28 May—1 June	Half Term
6 June	New Intake (Sept 2018) Parents Evening 6pm
12/15/21 June	Year 11 leavers sign off days
13 June	Summer Concert 7pm **CANCELLED**
14 June	Year 8 Reports to Parents
18 June	Trial Year 10 Exams Start
19 June	Rising Stars Concert 7pm
26 June	Open Evening
29 June	Year 11 Prom
4 July	Year 9 Reports to Parents
5 July	New Intake Day (Sept 2018 students)
11-14 July	Summer Production—Guys and Dolls
13 July	Sports Day
20 July	Last Day of Term



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May 2018

Year 11 Uniform 2018/2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As in previous years, as a privilege, the uniform for the Year 11 will be a sky blue polo shirt. The embroidered Year 11 black sweatshirt will no longer be available and all students will be expected to wear the existing black sweatshirt, which will need to be purchased through Skoolkit. As you are aware, following consultation with parents last year, a tartan school skirt was made the uniform skirt option. Students were given twelve months to purchase the new style skirts and these are available from Skoolkit. Girls can, of course, still choose to wear either skirts or trousers. The polo shirts can only be ordered through the School. While this uniform is not compulsory, it is hoped that as many Year 11 pupils as possible will choose to wear it. The polo shirts are not available from Skoolkit, Koolskools or John Lewis.

If you would like to order the blue polo shirts, our ***preferred method of payment is online, through Thornden School website under the "Parents Tab", where you will have the option to select size and quantity.*** (If you are unsure of size, I have a small stock available to look at).

Alternatively, please complete the form below and return to the post box outside the finance office for the attention of Lorraine Rood, with cheque or cash (cheques made payable to Thornden School).

Please bear in mind orders may take up to three weeks to arrive, especially during peak ordering times and will be delivered directly to the pupil.

We will endeavour to have orders, made by the 15th June 2018, available by the end of the summer term. Orders made thereafter may not be received until after the start of the school term in September.

Yours sincerely

Lorraine Rood
Administrative Assistant



ONLY TO BE RETURNED TO RECEPTION IF PAYING BY CASH / CHEQUE

Name _____ Tutor Group _____

SKY BLUE POLO SHIRT

SIZE	QUANTITY	SIZE	QUANTITY
Size 34" - £9.75		Size 40" - £10.75	
Size 36" - £10.25		Size 42" - £11.25	
Size 38" - £10.75		Size 44" - £11.25	

Please find enclosed payment cheque / cash (please delete as appropriate)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian



School Payments

Payments to the school may be made via our secure on-line system. Most trips will be made available for payment by this method. If you are experiencing any difficulties paying online, please contact our Finance Department.

We would prefer to receive payments online but if you do need to send in a cheque, please ensure that the name of the pupil and their tutor group is written on the reverse together with what the payment is for. We also accept payment in cash.

Canteen top-ups can also be made online. Cheque payments (cheques payable to "HC3S") should be addressed to the Canteen. The name and tutor group of the pupil should be written on the back of the cheque.



Free School Meals—Changes from 1 April 2018

Beginning in April 2018, the criteria used to determine which pupils are eligible for free school meals will be updated to reflect the introduction of Universal Credit and the phasing out of other income-based benefits.

Below is a letter giving further information from the Department for Education on the changes. Mrs Louise Brown, in our Finance Office, can be contacted at Thornden about free school meals.

Dear Parents/Guardians

Changes to free school meal eligibility under Universal Credit

The eligibility criteria for free school meals have been changed. This letter explains the changes and how they might affect you.

What are the new eligibility criteria?

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below.

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



I don't currently claim free school meals – what does this mean for me?

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, submit a claim to your school or local authority. Your school should have a form you can use. The information you provide will be used to check if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit and, if you are on Universal Credit, that your earnings do not exceed the threshold. If you claim Universal Credit, your earnings will be assessed from up to three of your last Universal Credit assessment periods.

If you are eligible, your school will be notified. Your child will receive free school meals and the school will receive extra funding.

I am currently claiming free school meals – what does this mean for me?

Most people won't be affected by the new criteria. If you're currently claiming free school meals, but don't meet the new criteria, your child will continue to receive free school meals until the end of the Universal Credit rollout period. This will apply even if your earnings rise above the new threshold or if you stop being entitled to Universal Credit. The rollout period is currently scheduled to end in March 2022.

Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, your child will keep their free school meal until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary or secondary.

Where can I get more information?

If you need any further information, please speak to a member of school staff or the local authority. You can also visit the free school meal website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



Drama

Guys and Dolls

Simply a wander down into the Performing Arts department these days is a theatrical experience in itself. Rehearsals for our forthcoming production of Guys and Dolls are in full swing: strains of 'Luck be a Lady' filter from the music rooms, NYC accents project fiercely from the Drama studios and there is some exciting choreography happening in the Dance studio! Tickets are now on sale for a 4 night run from 11th - 14th July...Please ring the box office on 023 8024 6555 or visit our website www.thorndenhall.co.uk to ensure you get yours!



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to everyone that took part in the assessed weekend and completed the expedition section of their award. We had lovely weather for the weekend, compared to constant rain for the practice weekend, and all the students were in high spirits as they followed their routes around the New Forest.

However, this is not the end of the DoFE adventure. The expedition is only one of four sections; volunteering, physical and skill make up the other three, which need to be assessed and evidence uploaded to eDoFE to complete the award. Many of the students have started these sections already and it is important that they upload their evidence as soon as they have finished that section.



Mr T Baldwin

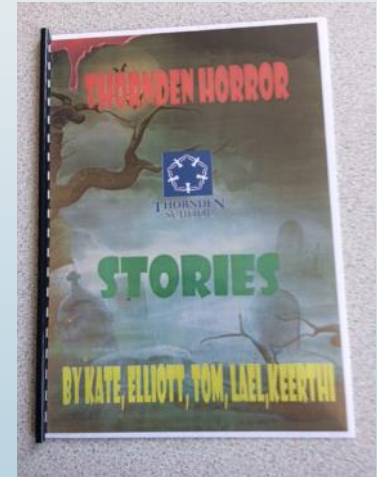




English

Year 6 Writing Workshop

Every June, Thornden invites a group of Year 6 students, from local primary schools, to participate in a Writing Workshop. For two days, students practise key writing skills, ably assisted by our Year 8 and Year 9 students. This culminates in the production of a piece of creative writing, linked to specific genres such as horror, sci-fi or crime. We are always so impressed by the standard of work produced - so it is with great anticipation that we look forward to welcoming the latest batch of budding writers.



Year 11 English - The Final Push!

It's that time of year again - GCSE's are now underway and Year 11s have been working hard revising for the English Literature and Language exams. Revision clinics have been running after school every Tuesday. Good luck Year 11s - you can do it!

English Clubs Reminder



Thornden Live!

We continue to enjoy the amusing and engaging blogs produced by our students at Thornden Live. Check out the website to see for yourself: <https://thorndenlive.wordpress.com/>



Library



Macmillan Roadshow

On Tuesday 17th April, we welcomed Muhammad Khan and Sara Bernard to Thornden library, courtesy of Macmillan Books and Waterstones, West Quay. They talked to an audience of our Year 8 and 9 students and a small group of Year 8 students from The Romsey School, about their books, how they came to be writers and about their lives. The students asked interesting questions and had the opportunity to buy some of their books.

Muhammad has written his first book about the topical subject of radicalisation. A very relevant story of our times. Sara writes about real life and relationships, tackling the sensitive subject of pupil/teacher relationships in her latest book.

Schools Library Service Literature Quiz 2018

Many congratulations to our all boys team who, on the evening of Wednesday 28th March, won the final of this year's SLS Lit Quiz. They beat more than 30 Hampshire Schools to win this prestigious award. Scoring full points with their joker on the Heroes and Villains round, clinched the result. An audience of parents and librarians, who completed their own quiz, helped to make the evening memorable. The boys received a shield and individual book tokens.



Wessex Schools Literary Festival 2018

Preparations are well under way for this year's Festival. We will be welcoming award winning author Helen Dennis to Thornden Hall and she will be talking to Year 6 and 7 students. Local artist and illustrator Sally Goodden will spend a day in the Art department and, once again, Book Sculpture will happen in the Textiles department.

Other activities during the festival will be a quiz, mini-saga writing, 'Get Caught Reading', Golden Ticket and Scavenger Hunts, Book Trailers and author's story time.

We hope that all events will be well supported and enjoyed. Check the library blog and follow us on twitter for more information @LibraryThornden @WessexLitFest



Maths

UKMT Maths Challenges 2018

We have had our best ever year in both the Junior and Intermediate Maths Challenges.

In April students from Year 8 and Year 7 (for the first time) took part in the Junior Maths Challenge with the highest performers invited to take part in the follow-on Junior Kangaroo. One Year 8 student, Bowen Zhu, has been invited to take place in the Junior Maths Olympiad which is reserved for the most outstanding performers in the country - Well done Bowen! and well done to all of those students who took part.

JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE 2018

YEAR 7 WINNERS!!

Year 7 - Best in Year Group

Adefela Oyolola

GOLD

Adefela Oyolola	Nico Van Zyl Smit	Blin Hoxha
Ben Holden	Nathan Lecomte	Samudhyan Kahol

SILVER

Casper Meech	Daniel Birchmore	Joy Wang
Ewan Stewart	Aryo Mortazavi	Jared Hon
Matthew Duckering	Hollie Atton	Theo Evans
Georgia Skiada	Max Bahr	Ben Hunter
Luke Rodgers	Edie Fergusson	Beth Everett
	Emma Varey	

BRONZE

Laura Bevan	Jack Wellby	Owen Dench
Ella Drake	Chris Ganter	Kai Bahr
Oladi Osanaiye	Freya Wiseman	Shane Nicholson
Bridget Tilley	Natasha Haumann	

JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE 2018

YEAR 8 WINNERS!!

Best in Year Group & Best in School

*** Bowen Zhu ***

GOLD

Bowen Zhu	Elizabeth David	Khai Wei Wong
Alex Funnell	Erin Mills	Ranveer Jassal
Stuart Singer	Anna Buckley	Finnian Baker
	Lucy Spink	

SILVER

Jake Sharples	Finley Godderidge	Jacob Sundram
Aiswarya Satheesh	Casper Kwaitkowski	Alex Hanks
Ethan Chong	Alfie Marsh	Noah Collingwood
Kai Lanham	Matthew Simpson	Jack Wright
Mete Watson	Henry Huang	Louis Gasnier
Janine Xu	Grace Lane	Emily Howard
Kate Vardy	Kathryn Scholey	

BRONZE

Huw Botto	James Collins	Adam Storr
Haydn Mondey	Charlie Hewson	Mia Calveley
Luke Brownlow	Sam Tilsley	Bence Both
Bethany Spencer	Charlotte Gurney	James Robinson
Tamara Meyer	Oliver Mellish	Lottie Hodges
Ollie I'Anson	Cameron Bragg	Aimee Hills
Amelia Eyres	Mohamed Fahmy	Matthew Henderson



February saw selected students from Year 9 and 10, take part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. Some of the very highest performing students were selected for the follow-on Pink and Grey Kangaroo competitions and special mention goes to Matthew Leary and Theo Lecomte who achieved a Merit for their entries - Well done!

INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE 2018 - YEAR 9 WINNERS!!

Year 9 - Best in Year Group

✱ Amber Chen ✱

GOLD

Amber Chen	Eve Ramsdale	Jack Layton Bunday
Benjamin Rall	Benjamin Rall	Theo Lecomte
Morgan Edmeades	Liran Dror	

SILVER

Ashvini Kamalathanasan	Ellie Tresidder	Laurence Daycunio
Finn Osborne	Cameron Nicholson	Jusha Zhang
Harrison Walker	Ariyan Hoque	Jacob Smyrk
Oscar Watts	Charlie Beeson	Charlotte Mitchell
Ryan Lewis	Murtaza Amin	Alice Howe
Lily Fredricks	Harrison Crane	

BRONZE

Jocelyn Kwan	Samuel Pepperrell	Mariam Mohamed
Maria Gavrilu	Will Hatfield	Matthew Huang
William Marritt	Sophie Brown	Joseph Dolphin
Lucy Kimber	James Duckering	Poppy Gibbs
	Christopher Lipscomb	

INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE 2018 - YEAR 10 WINNERS!!

Best in Year Group & Best in School

✱ Matthew Leary ✱

GOLD

Matthew Leary	Tamsin Houlst	Jorge De Freitas
	Rebekah Spratt	

SILVER

Jeannie Tan	Arran Godfrey	Will Heather
Ratish Balagangathara	Oakley Gardiner	Maxwell Baker
Holly Calveley	Tri Pham	Will Robbins
Sophie Jones	Sarah Dalton	Emma Tilsley
Alexandra Moody	Meg Aitken	Jaya Takhar
	Elliott Rooney	

BRONZE

Victoria Vinall	Duncan Lipton	Emily Maskelyne
Beatrice Ricketts	Charlie Ost	Hester Gleeson
Emily Little	Fenya Lavrsen	Harvey Rawlings
Lexie Rhys-Jones	Millie Jonathan	Polly Chappell
Natasha Sion	Louis Barber	Maisie Barnard
Sofia Lee	Magda Kornijczuk	Monica Popov
Adam I'Anson	Cameron Hutchinson	Beccy Helliwell
Olivia Chandler	Jennifer Kibuuka	Emma Simpson
Daniel Moulton	Stefan Sauca	Alex Gulliver
	Mustafa Shalash	



Maths—extra



UKMT Maths Team Challenge 2018

Two year 8 and two year 9 pupils took part in the Regional Final of the UKMT Maths Challenge, competing against 22 other schools. After 4 gruelling rounds, including a shuttle round and relay, the Thornden Maths team came in a brilliant second place! Amazing achievement for the four pupils involved— Jack Layton-Bundy, Ben Rall, Bowen Zhu & Harry Cooke. Well done to the Thornden Maths Dream Team!

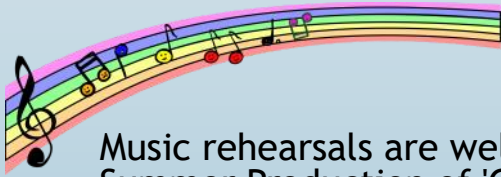
Modern Foreign Languages

Year 9 had a super trip to Barcelona, speaking Spanish and enjoying the Art. We visited Nou Camp, Park Guell, Sagrada Familia, Port Aventura and more. Pupils ordered ice-creams in Spanish and discussed Dali's art in Figueres. We were complimented everywhere we went by other people. Well done to all who shared this superb trip with us.





Music



Music rehearsals are well underway for our Summer Production of 'Guy and Dolls' on 11th to 14th July and we are also starting to organise our 'Rising Stars' which is on Tuesday 19th June 7pm. Rising Stars—organised by Mrs Gale—is a concert for Year 7 to 9 students to showcase their talents.



Mr Jones



P E



Extra-curricular

We have had a lot of pupils take part in extra-curricular activities over the last term which has led to successes in the County competitions for each activity:

- Football - Year 7 boys won the District B team competition, our A team won the District plate competition, Year 8 boys won their football league, Year 9 boys won their league, Year 10 boys finished in 2nd in their league and Year 11 boys won the league and Cup.
- Basketball - Year 9 boys won the Hampshire league.
- Badminton - Year 9 girls and boys finished 2nd in the County competition.
- Hockey - Year 9 boys finished 3rd in the County Trophy.
- Netball - teams in all year groups have played in the league and have performed really well in their games. We are still waiting for the final league results.

These competitions include all schools from the Eastleigh and Winchester District areas.

The successes have been a result of the pupils attending a range of extra-curricular activities that we have provided throughout the year. These have been:

Football, Basketball, Netball, Hockey, Badminton, Table-tennis and Gymnastics for all year groups.

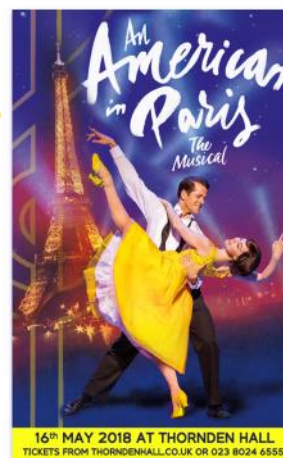
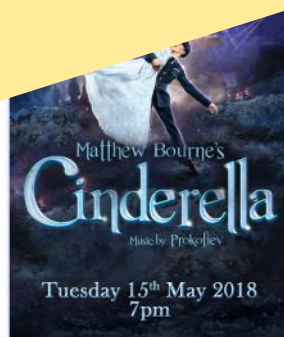
During the summer terms, we run Athletics, Rounders, Tennis and Cricket clubs for students in all years and we enter teams into Eastleigh and Winchester District competitions.





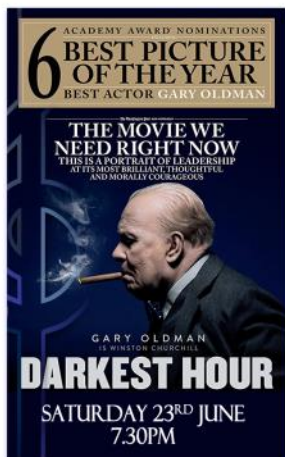
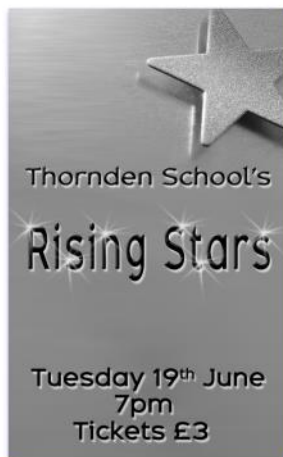
Glimpse of what's coming to Thornden Hall

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Is your son or daughter interested in training to teach in 2018-2019?


This is just a quick reminder that Thornden School is the lead school for The Hampshire LEARN SCITT Partnership, an initial teacher training provider. We have over 20 primary and secondary schools in our partnership.

We are recruiting for our 2018-2019 **primary** and **secondary** training places. We are offering the following secondary subjects: English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Design Technology, Drama, History, Geography, MFL, RE, Art and Design and PE.

We are recruiting:


- those in their final year at university
- those with degrees of 2.2 and above
- mature applicants with degrees who have decided to become teachers after working for at least three years in another occupation

Those completing the course successfully will be awarded Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a PGCE.



Ofsted has rated The Hampshire LEARN SCITT Partnership as *Outstanding* in every category (November 2016):

"This is outstanding provision. At every level and in every way, highly effective leaders have created a teacher training programme which regularly produces extremely proficient teachers who 'hit the ground running' when they begin their careers as NQTs."



For details of our programme, forthcoming information events and to read the full Ofsted report, please visit our website (learnalliance.org.uk). You will also be able to see our training places on UCAS.

If your son or daughter is planning to train to be a secondary school teacher, we would be delighted to speak to him or her. Please contact:

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