

THORNLEIGH SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER 2023-24

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HALF TERM 3

The past few weeks have flown by at Thornleigh Sixth Form!

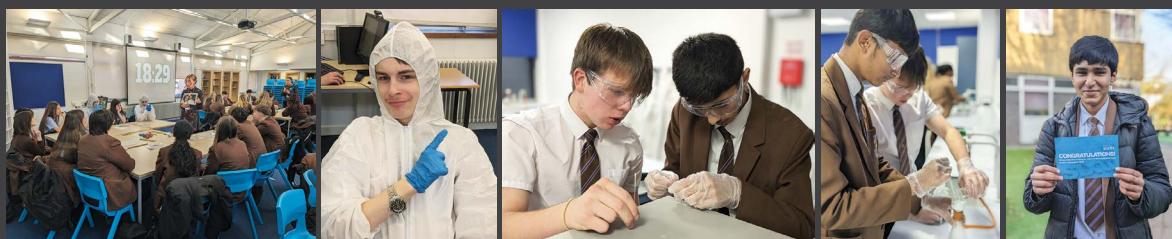
Hopefully you managed to catch our Sixth Form updates in the whole school Christmas newsletter? It is linked [HERE](#) again for you to peruse all the fantastic activities, trips and fundraising events and personal development opportunities that our students embraced prior to returning in January.

Since the start of term, Year 12 and 13 students have been equally busy. The atmosphere in our Learning Resource Centre is productive and purposeful and students are developing their independence and resilience everyday.

INSPIRE SERIES

We have been thrilled with the launch of our Inspire Series of workshops.

Hosted by Thornleigh Sixth Form, our Year 11 students have embraced the opportunity to attend a whole variety of different sessions delivered by external speakers and also some of the Sixth Form staff. Workshops have included a brain dissection with a Psychology spin, a Breaking Bad Chemistry workshop, a Criminal Minds workshop, a Physics session where Jam tarts were experimented on, a Stock Market Challenge led by the Business and Economics Team and a whole variety of guest speakers who have presented about Careers in Nursing, Policing, Physiotherapy and Medicine. As a result of all our applications to Thornleigh Sixth Form we have been busy making lots of conditional offers and can't wait for our Year 11 students to join us next year!



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Each week, two of our Sixth Form students have been meeting with Mrs O'Callaghan our Headteacher to celebrate their successes and achievements.

All students have been nominated by their form tutors. Well done to the following winners:

Year 12 - Danny S, Olivia B, Beau G, Caitlin M, Libby H, Muhammad A, Millie G, Grace S, Harry B, Tom S, Hannah B and Rayyan M

Year 13 - Isobel S, Joe R, Ben K, Zahra S, Izzy W, Jessica W, Khadeejah B, Joe H, Saarah D, Sara M, Tom H and Evie K.

CATENIAN PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

A huge well done to Ben in Year 12 who represented Thornleigh at the recent Catenian Association Regional Public Speaking Contest.

Ben was one of twelve students from Catholic Schools and College in the region and he wrote and delivered a speech inspired by Mother Theresa titled 'Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless'.

Ben received some amazing feedback and we are very proud of him for putting himself out there.



LEAVERS RETURN!

We were delighted to see so many of our Year 13 leavers return just before Christmas to collect their Exam Results certificates.

It was great to catch up with them and hear their stories. We can't wait for them to come back and share some advice with our students too.



UCAS UPDATE

Well done to the 99 students who managed to meet the equal consideration deadline and sent off their UCAS application before the end of January.

Most of these students have received at least one offer so far. It's important that our students don't compare themselves with others - all applications are unique and some universities always take longer than others to respond.

Many of those who haven't applied are embarking on an apprenticeship route so are busy searching and completing application and having Careers Adviser appointments.

After our successful UCAS trip last year, we are excited to be able to offer the same experience to our Year 12 students.

On Wednesday 6th March we are taking all of Year 12 to Manchester Central for the UCAS Discovery exhibition where they will get to meet over 100 unis, colleges and apprenticeship employers face-to-face, they can listen to live expert talks and get the latest advice and information on different careers choices. Mr Gleeson will be sending out details for consent forms to be returned as soon as possible.

100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following students for achieving 100% attendance over the past half term. These students are truly maximising their potential!

Edison, Sam, Ruby, Caitlin, Rayyan, Nafeez, Joseph, William, Michael, Daniel, Katrina, Zinnirah, Aaliyah, Noah, Emma, Michal, Harry, Joe, Donald, Jack, Karishma, Joseph, Ben, Evangeline, Hannah, Joe, Moscow, Daniel, Leah, Saarah, Sara, Maariyah, Ria, Louis, Jake, Holly, Isobel, Kacper, Noah, Isobel, Ciarra and Matthew.

PPE'S AND EXAMS

Our Year 12 students returned in January to their first A level PPE series. Students conducted themselves well despite the lengthier papers and the more challenging content that they were assessed on, compared to their GCSE's.

The next Year 12 PPE series will be towards the end of June. Our Year 13 students are looking ahead to their second PPE series starting on 11th March. This will be their last PPE series before their real exams start.

Lots of our students have already taken some external BTEC exams in January with results being received in March. Many controlled assessment and coursework deadlines are also imminent too.

TRIPS COMING UP

UCAS Exhibition - All Year 12 students to visit the UCAS Exhibition in Manchester on 6th March.

Krakow, Poland - A unique enrichment and cultural opportunity for sixth form students taking place during the Easter holiday.

Iceland - Year 13 Geography students to visit loads of geographic sites in Iceland.

OTHER MENTIONS

Top form attendance for the past half term goes to 12.3 and 13.2.

Well done to everyone who has read so beautifully during our chapel assemblies. We had a great morning with Year 12 enjoying Don Bosco Day – students went on a Wellbeing Walk then visited Smithills Farm for an Ice-Cream and to feed some animals before returning to base to warm up with hot chocolate and biscuits!

Our Sixth Formers contributed to the annual Pensioners Party by singing, serving food and helping with the Bingo! Loads of our sixth formers took lead roles in the School Production of Legally Blonde – they were fantastic!



Follow us on Instagram for regular updates and photos of life at Thornleigh Sixth Form.