

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Attendance**

This week, attendance to school was lower than usual. On Wednesday, in particular, a lot of students were missing. We want to thank the 69% of our students who have been here every single day this year. You're doing a great job!

A special shout-out to Zaineb-Noor H (year 10), Lola Rose H (year 8), and Julia Z (year 9). You have all been attending more often than last year by a huge distance, and we are very proud of you. Keep up the good work!

### **Sickness and attendance**

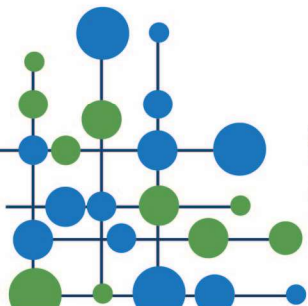
When it gets colder, we all get coughs and colds. It's important for your child to still come to school with minor sicknesses. You can drop off medicine at Reception for them to take during the day. A lot of people think that if their child has had a stomach bug they need to stay at home for 48 hours. This is not true. If your child has a more serious health problem, or if you think they need a medical plan, please email [Tanya.Elsegood@sharemat.co.uk](mailto:Tanya.Elsegood@sharemat.co.uk).

### **Sporting success!**

A huge well done to our Year 11 boys — Harrison, Lewis, Natan, George, Toby, Sam, Ali, Logan, and Aidan! Last weekend, they won the under 15 division title for their rugby team, the Thornhill Trojans. We love hearing about our students doing well in sports outside of school. Great job, lads!

### **PHSCE curriculum**

We are required to provide Relationship, Health and Sex Education (RSHE) to all students through our PSHCE lessons. Our Personal Development curriculum covers an important and wide range of topics which are built on, year by year, in an age-appropriate way. The curriculum has been designed to help



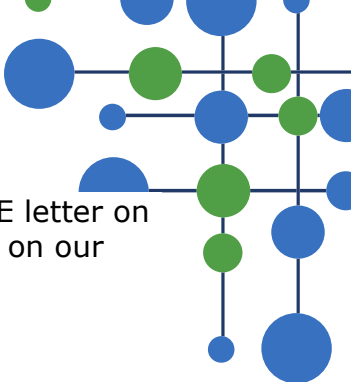
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<https://www.thornhillcommunityacademy.co.uk/curriculumplans>

### **Talking to our staff**

We want to remind parents and carer that our staff can't always respond right away, unless it's an emergency. Please use the email addresses for Student Managers that we shared two weeks ago for any normal questions. Staff will always get back to you within three days. Please remember our TCA value to 'be nice' when you communicate with us. We may not always agree, but it's important to be polite. If you do need to call Reception, staff will ask you what your question is so they can connect you with the right person.

### **Open Evening/Morning**

If you have a child in Year 5 or 6, please come to our annual open evening on Thursday, September 25th, between 5pm and 8pm. It will be a busy and exciting night! We also have open mornings on Friday, September 26th, and Friday, October 10th, at 9:30am.

If you'd like to visit, please email [Tanya.Elsegood@sharemat.co.uk](mailto:Tanya.Elsegood@sharemat.co.uk). I would be proud to show you what a TCA day is like and take you on a tour of our school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Burton  
Headteacher