

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Attendance**

After a slow start to the week, attendance has improved as the week has gone on. As we come into the half term when coughs and colds become more often, please do send them in if they are able to come in, and remember that we can get in touch with you if they start to feel worse.

### **Year 11 parents' evening**

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers of our year 11 students last night. The buzz around the conversations with staff was very positive. Everyone wants them to be successful and it was a great evening to be a part of. Thank you to those who attended for your support. If you did not attend, teachers will be in touch with you about your child's progress.

### **Careers Fair**

All students took part in our Careers Fair yesterday. Over 20 employers and colleges attended and everyone got the chance to ask questions, find out about what options there are for after school, and pick up a lot of free stationery and sweets! The feedback from the businesses that came along was very positive.

### **Year 11 mock exams – Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December – Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December**

It is only three school weeks until year 11 sit their mock exams. These should be taken very seriously, and students should be revising at home to prepare for them. The grades from these examinations are used by colleges to decide whether to offer places, so students should take them very seriously. Your support with this is really important.

### **TCA website**

Understanding what your children are studying is important to you. I thought it would be helpful to remind everyone of the huge amount of information on the TCA website. I know (from personal experience of having a daughter in year 7) that sometimes teenagers aren't great at letting their parents/carers know what they're learning about at school, and knowledge is important! Of course, our curriculum is constantly being adapted and updated, but the main parts of it are all here:



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

## **Homework**

I wrote to you a few weeks ago about how homework will be completed this year. To help you help your children, Mrs Stiff has pulled together a helpful parents' guide. These are on our website at the following link:

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

Have a great weekend. Thanks for your support in making sure we've had a really good first week back.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Burton  
Headteacher