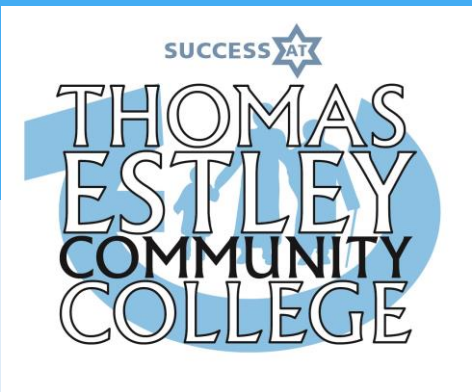


Welcome to our Thomas Estley
Newsletter
July 2023

**A Community of
Courage and
Commitment to
Success**

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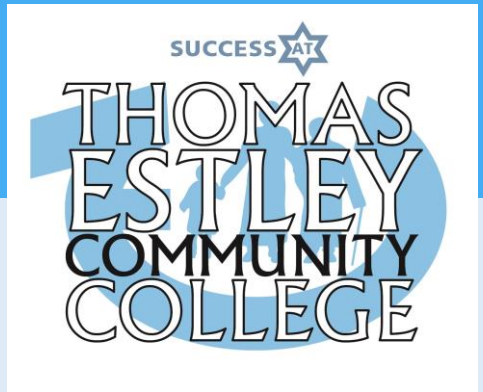
Dates for the Diary



12 th July	College closes for Summer
28 th August	August Bank Holiday
29 th August	College opens
31 st August	Welcome to KS4 Parents Evening
11 th September	Year 7 Photographs
12 th – 14 th September	Open College Tours
13 th September	Open College Evening
18 th September	Y11 A Christmas Carol (onsite)
20 th September	Y10 Curve Theatre Trip
21 st September	KS4 Awards Evening
22 nd September	Jeans for Genes Day
28 th September	Y11 Careers Information Evening
29 th September	Y11 RSC Macbeth Trip
3 rd October	Y7 Tutor Evening
5 th October	Y8 University of Leicester Career in Law Trip
5 th October	Parent Engagement Drop In Evening
9 th October	Thomas Estley Careers Fair
10 th October	Y8 Globe Theatre Trip
11 th October	Year 9 Careers Drop Down Day
12 th October	Y8 Natural History Museum Trip
12 th – 13 th October	Modules
13 th October	College closes for half term

Do you know of any student successes that we could share and celebrate?
 Please email your information, ideally with photographs to:
PatothePrincipal@thomasestley.org.uk

A word from the Principal



This time of year, in college, we are surrounded by beginnings and endings, as we welcome our new Year Six and preschool intake while saying goodbye to our Year Eleven students, our Year Nine Centre students and our preschoolers graduating to primary school. Student leadership projects and programmes pause, fixtures and competitions finish; SuccessFest, Pride Week and musical celebrations round off the year.

It is a time to recognise progress and achievements over the year through our Awards evenings and celebration assemblies, and there has certainly been a lot to recognise. Our young people have done themselves proud, making great progress, trying out clubs, visits and student leadership opportunities, and displaying our Thomas Estley Way character traits of Courage, Kindness, Respect, Perseverance and Resilience regularly and with impact on their community and their own character growth.

We wish them a restful summer break and look forward to seeing them return refreshed and ready to work hard to achieve great results once again.



Spotlight on Year 11

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We said a fond farewell to our **Year 11** - class of 2023! Your time started with us in August 2018 and it's been quite a journey where you have shown grit, resilience and determination. You've really been our light in the shade at times. So aptly the sun shone for you all as you said cheerio to the staff, friends and school community who have nurtured you on your way, and enjoyed the chance to sign shirts and relax.



Spotlight on Year 11

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It was brilliant to see that over a third of our **Year 11** students attended the **Maths Revision Session**. The maths department were really impressed with the dedication and perseverance that was displayed in preparation for their exam.



PROM 2023

It was lovely to see so many of our students celebrating the end of their time at Thomas Estley at our **Prom**. A great time was had by all and we are so proud of our young people as they move on to the next stage of their lives.



Year 9 GCSE Art, Craft and Design students began their GCSE journey with a visit to The Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield.

A range of sculptures were observed, including works by Barbara Hepworth, Marialuisa Tadei, Ai Weiwei, Daniel Arsham and Erwin Wurm. Work produced by students in response to the visit will go towards their coursework mark which will be worth 60% of their final grade.

A productive day, albeit rainy conditions, illustrating a promising start to the next two years of study and hard work. Great to see our students enthusiastic, motivated and a credit to themselves and Thomas Estley.

Our **Year 8 Computing** students participated in a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Careers Day at the British Motor Museum in Warwickshire on Wednesday, 28th June. The day started with an inspirational speech from the keynote speaker Jenny Eyes, who shared her journey as a woman in STEM and her route into her senior role at Jaguar Land Rover. Students also completed a tour of the museum, raced Jaguar D-types around a special track as well as completing activities with the STEM Ambassadors from MoD Kineton. The day ended with a special presentation from Eliza Seville, Formula 2022 winner, with students having the opportunity to ask questions about her work, qualifications and experiences. Students were given a goody-bag containing STEM activities to take away with them.





What a great result for our Thomas Estley **U13 Boys Cricket Team**, beating Kibworth with a score of 113 for 6. Player of the match went to Rydan. A great team effort from the boys. Well done!

National BMX Success! Well done to Sean, who was racing in the British Cycling BMX Racing National Series, the highest level of BMX racing in the UK at the weekend.

He won round 3 of the National series. He came first, had a podium finish and won a special award from the CEO of British Cycling and £50. Sean is currently ranked 5th in the country but is closing in on Number 1 in the country for the Male 13/14 year old category.

Birmingham BMX Club have said that Sean is one of the hardest working riders in the club, in training and the gym as well as in competitions. We are really proud of Sean at Thomas Estley.



Congratulations go to Thomas Estley's own Miss Kav, who won the award for Lifetime of achievement in School Sports at the annual South Leicestershire sports ceremony. We are very proud of her and the competitive opportunities which she provides for our young people. Sarah has dedicated 25+ years to teaching physical education and sports, and has led more teams to victory than we came name. Many are the faces that line the walls in our PE hall of fame; as are the trophies on display. Whilst she is not set to retire quite yet, in her own words "there are few years left in me yet," it is wonderful to have her achievements and commitment to this profession recognised.



A great evening of **Futsal** for our **Year 7 Girls** at the County Finals. The girls topped their group with wins against Catmose, Beauchamp and Crown Hills without conceding a goal. They met Wreake Valley in the semi final, securing their place in the final with a close 1-0 win. Our final opponents were Catmose against. A nervy match that sealed them win after a sudden death penalty. Well done girls – **County Futsal Champions 2023**.

We are very proud of the achievement of our students and staff in gaining the Silver School Games mark again this year 😊



More **Futsal** success! Not to be outdone by all of the Girls' success with Futsal. Three of our **Year 9 Boys** were part of the Leicester Futsal Team who won the Regional Pokemon Finals. They now go through to the National Finals.

A huge well done to Harvey, Frankie & Sid.

Two County Cups in two days!!! Our **Year 9 Girls** played their County **Futsal** finals. Wins against Casterton, Brooke Mead, South Wigston and St Martin's in the group stage took us straight through to the final. A 4-1 win v Woodbrook Vale means we join the Year 7 Girls as County Futsal Champions.

A brilliant team display but a special mention to Maisie whose work in defence was superb. Well done girls. A great night's work.



Sports Leaders



Great work from our Thomas Estley **Sports Studies Students** and our **Sports Leaders** at the Blaby & Harborough Girls football festival. We welcomed year 3 & 4 so that we could provide an great learning opportunity while some of our Year 10 Sports Studies students could fulfil the leadership criteria from their GCSE. Having spent the past few weeks planning out their session which had to include a warm up, a skill that progresses and after some game time a cool down, the students finally got the chance to make the written plan into a reality. Their leadership skills were good, displaying lots of confidence, clear instructions and quick adaptations where needed.

Well done, everyone! We are really proud of you and more importantly, the youngsters really enjoyed themselves.



We hosted another successful **Sports Leaders** event. This time Years 1-4 came for a multi skills session where we worked on balance, agility, speed, accuracy and hand-eye coordination. The children were fantastic and we have some lovely feedback from their teachers on how professional our Sports Leaders were. Well done, everyone. You make us all very proud.



Student Leadership

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Year 9 Theatre Specialisms enjoyed performing to their invited audience of the students from The Centre. They performed their devised Twisted Fairytales pieces with fantastic enthusiasm. The PEPA Faculty are very proud of the leadership which these students have demonstrated in forming their own theatre company this year and performing to others.

Our Year 9 Dance Specialism Students travelled to one of our trust schools, Cosby Primary School, to give a performance and deliver a workshop to their Year 3 students. Miss Bancroft was very proud of the Dance leaders and was also very impressed with the level of talent at Cosby school.



TECC Awards Evening

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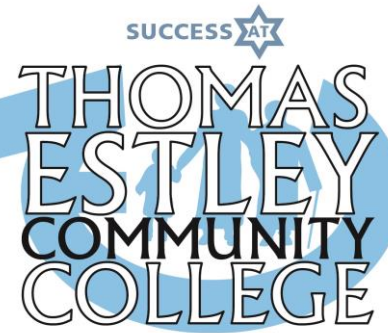
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At the end of term we celebrated our **KS3 Thomas Estley Achievement Awards**. It was an absolute delight, and really inspirational, to recognise and hear about the achievement of so many young people across a range of subject areas, from highest attainment to best attitude and progress, as well as our Endeavour and Spirit of Thomas Estley Awards. We are so very proud of you all, and keep up the great work next year!



Trust Awards Evening



Leadership and Character success! We are part of Success Academy Trust, whose mission is Building Leadership and Character Together. At our **Trust Leadership and Character Awards Ceremony** we heard inspiring stories about how eight children from each Trust school, pictured below, have demonstrated great qualities of character and leadership. Well done to all of the children and young people selected for an award. We are really proud of you.



Tommo Pride Week

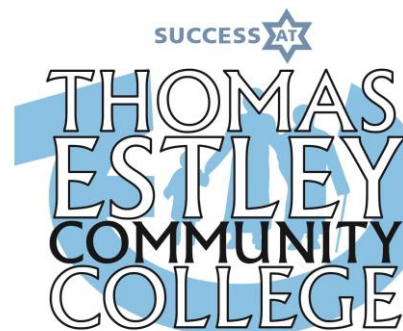
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We had a great time celebrating **Tommo Pride Week** and are proud that we are a diverse college and that we value everyone equally, whatever their background, choices or goals. Everyone is welcome and everyone is valued.



Student Ambassadors



The student ambassadors recently launched their programme and informed all of key stage three about their presence and what they are hoping to achieve. This was presented in the form of an assembly, in which we gave a bit of information about ourselves. This explained what we do, and how the student body can contact us if they had any suggestions or concerns. We also launched an email address- yourvoice@thomasestley.org.uk. This allows students to contact us. Overall, the student body seems to have responded positively to our presence, and everyone seems happy to give us advice.

As our role of student ambassadors, we have all taken responsibility for one or two KS3 tutor groups. We are the student ambassador for each specific tutor group, and the voice of those students. We have all visited our tutor group, to introduce ourselves and the student ambassador project. We have informed the students of our role, answered their questions and performed an ice breaker activity.

The student ambassadors helped host an event for CEOs. We were in charge of greeting and directing the visitors all the way from the car park to the drama studio. As student ambassadors, we were the face and voice of the student body. The guests were met by some of our ambassadors in the car park where they were then lead through to reception to receive safeguarding information and visitor lanyards. As a group, we answered any questions about the college and expertly directed the guests in a calm and organised manner. The school received positive feedback from the attendees.

In addition, representatives of the student ambassadors have visited the primary schools to talk to the year sixes. We told them about typical school day at Thomas Estley and answered all their questions. Also, we informed them about the student ambassadors: who we are, what we do and how we hope they will get involved with this project next year.

We are all very excited about this new project and hope it continues to get the student voice heard and acted upon.



Art, Design & Technology

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Year 9 Arts Award Specialism Students have been working extremely hard this term to gain their Bronze Arts Award Qualification! Students have been planning, preparing resources, and delivering lessons to their peers as part of the course criteria!

Well done, Year 9 - Excellent lessons delivered!



ADT Exhibition



The **Art Creator Leadership Group** decided that they would like to organise and run an exhibition, showcasing the talent of Thomas Estley Community College, ranging from Year 7 to 11 in all areas of ADT.

The students have worked on this project since the beginning of this academic year, and it has been a huge success! The students decided half of the proceeds will be going towards Cancer Research, which is an amazing cause.



My Leicester Workshop



Students **Emily Gibson, Ava Davis and Rosie Tench** participated in a graffiti workshop as their pieces of work has been selected amongst the top 10 in Leicestershire.

We are very lucky to have 3 students fall in that category. All 3 students did amazingly in the workshop and produced fabulous results in the workshop.

They first had to use spray paint to create a background on them canvas board. Then design something that will go on it on paper before using Posca pens to create the final piece.

The Mayor of Leicester joined us later to do the awards,

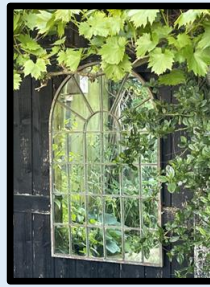
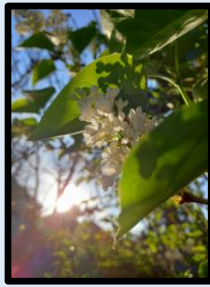
We are delighted that Emily Gibson won 1st place and Ava Davis got highly commended. 2/3 awards came to Thomas Estley. We are really proud of these 3 students and all the hard work they put into their entries and workshop.



May Photography Competition

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1st Place - Oleksii

2nd Place - Chloe

3rd Place - Piper

Here are some of the amazing entries for the **May Photography Competition**. Students were asked to take a photo with the theme '**Outdoors**'.

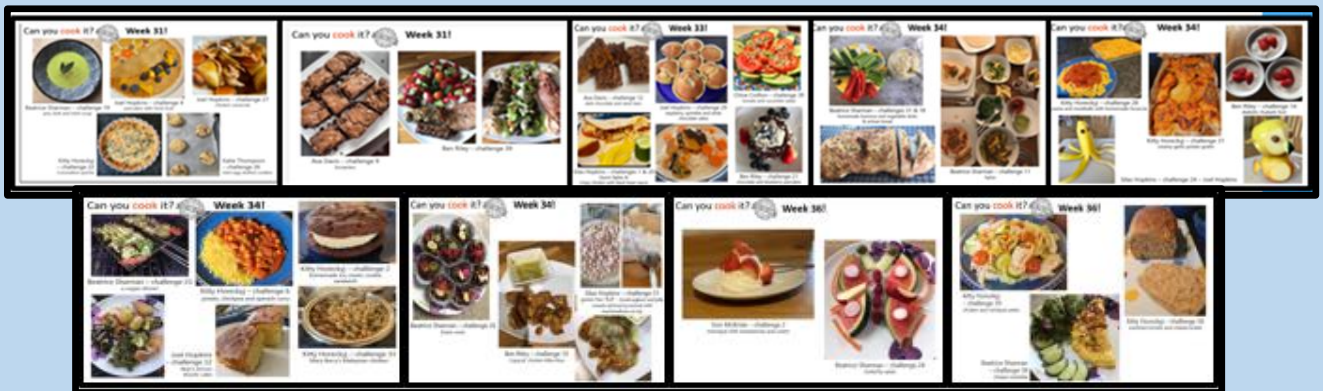


Food Glorious Food ...

The brief was to make a pizza from scratch - Italian style dough, hand stretched and shaped with care and attention and topped with homemade tomato sauce and freestyle toppings! **Year 10X/Z Hospitality and Catering Students** showcasing their Pizza Perfection! Fancy a slice?



Can You Cook It Challenge continues



Our Thomas Estley star chef **Zac**, together with the other young chefs on the Junior Chef Academy, worked in the LCFC kitchens for their graduation ceremony. The graduation ceremony took place at the King Power stadium and was attended by parents and the training programme sponsors, Compass Group UK & Ireland (the UK and Ireland's top contract catering, hospitality, and business support services provider).



Junior Chef Academy Graduation



Starter
Leek and potato soup, crispy leeks and herb oil



Dessert
Double chocolate brownie, fruits of the forest and Chantilly cream



Main
Honey and thyme glazed pork chop, pea and onion fricassee, crispy sage, grain mustard jus with new potato cake

Zac was responsible for prepping and cooking the main component of the main course; trimming the fat from 40 pork chops, seasoning, glazing and cooking to perfection, turning frequently to ensure visible griddle lines on each side. It looks like a delicious meal!



The pupils in **The Oaks** have continued to do great work in making the garden a lovely space for everyone to enjoy. It's been fantastic to see the flowers that they planted earlier in the year start to flourish and bloom. The pupils have taken great pride in their community gardening project and have taken on some of the responsibility for maintaining it, mowing the grass and weeding the flowerbeds when needed!

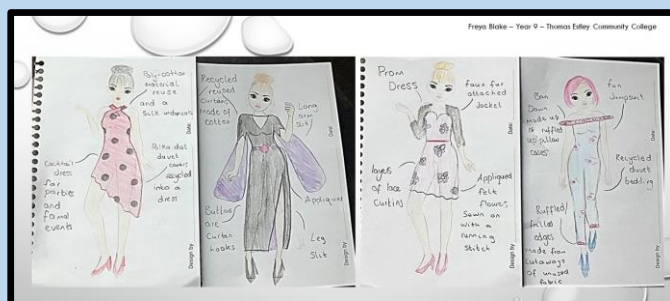
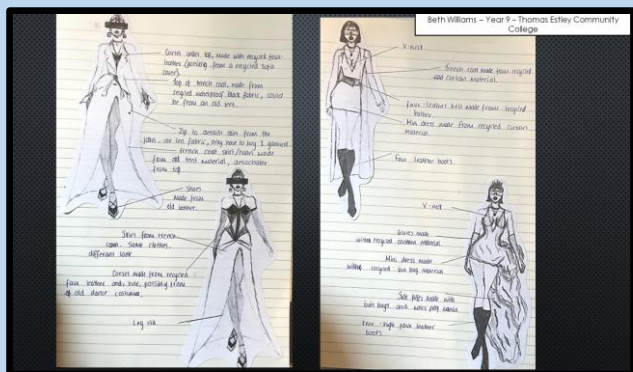
They have also made some improvements to the overall look of the garden. Students from **Y10 ASDAN** have been helping by putting up screening around the fences and planting bamboo along the edge of the perimeter so the garden feels more enclosed. Now with the weather starting to improve, we have been using the garden as a place for students to blow off some steam, work or have some quiet and calm in the middle of a busy school day. We look forward to making the most of it over the summer term!



Elsewhere in College ...

A group of 8 students who have been involved with an in-school project were invited to visit LCFC Academy at Seagrave.

At the end of the day, they picked up all their litter, applauded the other students and went and thanked the LCFC staff at the end with no prompting.



Young Fashion Designers at Thomas Estley! Beth and Freya in Year 9 have entered the Young Fashion Designers UK Competition.

In this project, the focus was on sustainability in textiles. After school, the girls worked hard on their entries, producing research pages and four final designs. Both entries were rated highly and Beth even made a national top ten spot. Well done to both!



Elsewhere in College ...

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Thomas Estley hosted a South Leicestershire Schools Staff Rounders Tournament. Thanks to our 16 members of staff who took part in the tournament. We were the only school to field two teams -one in the competitive 'A' league and one in the fun B league. 'A' team came 2nd overall and B team also came 2nd in their league. Such a beautiful way to spend the solstice evening.

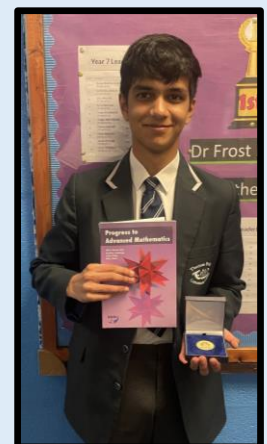
Year 11 student Dom Coles is currently in his 4th year as a cadet and here he is flying a glider for the Air Cadets. A bright future lies ahead for Dom.



It is a privilege to host **Broughton Astley Sea Cadets** at our college site, and also to watch young people from the college and elsewhere making great progress there in their leadership skills. Another fantastic leadership opportunity for children and young people from 10 years old onwards.

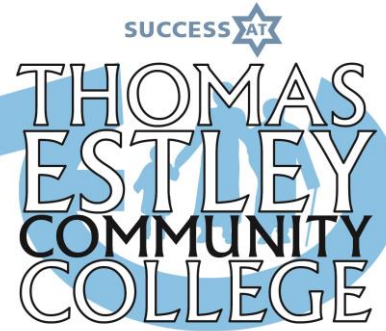
Thomas Estley Maths Success! **Nishad in Year 11** recently completed the MacLaurin Mathematical Olympiad and was awarded a distinction.

He also received a gold medal for his high quality submission, and has been offered an amazing opportunity to go and study at Oxford University for a week over the summer holiday. This is a chance that is only available to a handful of pupils in the UK so we are extremely proud of Nishad's achievements.



Well done!

Preschool/Out of School Club



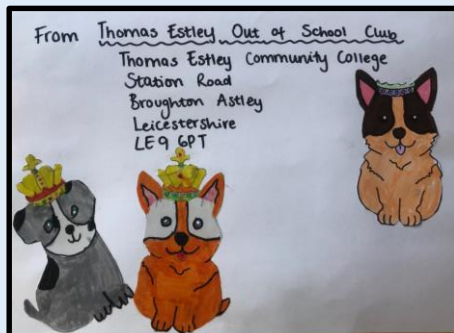
Thomas Estley Preschool was delighted to benefit from new furniture and toys shared with us from Tiger Tots preschool in Wigston - our children are loving the new opportunities created by these resources. Thank you, Tiger Tots!



As the end of the year draws near at Thomas Estley Preschool, we shed a tear as we say goodbye to some of our children and read all the lovely messages from parents.



Thomas Estley Out of School Club were delighted to receive a right royal surprise this week!



Rewards Day Fun

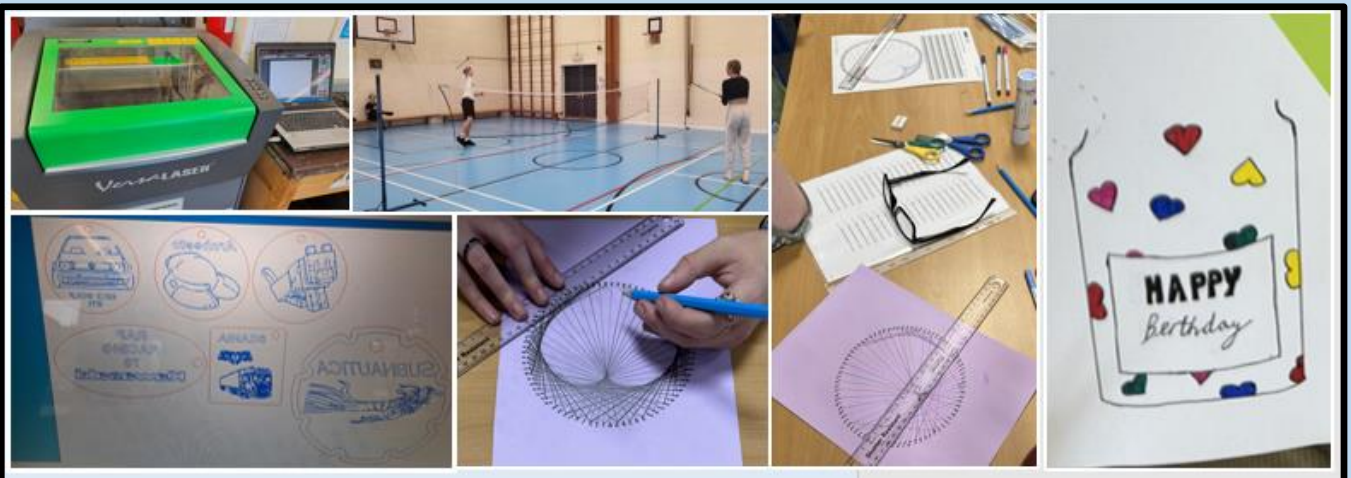
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Students enjoyed trips to **Alton Towers** and **Drayton Manor** as part of our end of term recognition of their achievements - so proud of our students who demonstrate the traits of the Thomas Estley Way so regularly in college and also on their trips yesterday. Staff leading the Alton Towers trip decided to make themselves easy for students to recognise, dressed as Wally!

Those of us who remained on site enjoyed many activities including jammy dodger making, watching European films and taking part in a range of practical themed design and sporting activities. Here are just a few pictures of these below - the students were a delight to work with, and we hope that they enjoyed their day



Summer Camp

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The booking site is now live and can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.eticketing.co.uk/leicestershireccc/Events?preFilter=18&preFilterName=Summer%20Camps%202023>



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Leicestershire County Cricket Club are delighted to announce that their popular summer camps are back for 2023.

Our summer camps are extremely popular and are the perfect way for a young cricket fan to spend the summer holidays. Camps are available for children aged 6 to 16 and will run from 9:30 – 4:30 pm each day. Our qualified coaches make sessions inclusive to everyone attending, so the camps are an ideal way to start your cricketing journey or to continue the learning process.

<u>Loughborough Town Cricket Club (LE11 2HH)</u> Monday 31st July 2023 Tuesday 1st August 2023 Wednesday 2nd August 2023	<u>Lutterworth Cricket Club (LE17 4RE)</u> Monday 14th August 2023 Tuesday 15th August 2023 Wednesday 16th August 2023
<u>Long Whalton Cricket Club (LE12 5DX)</u> Thursday 3rd August 2023 Friday 4th August 2023	<u>Countesthorpe Cricket Club (LE8 5QF)</u> Thursday 17th August 2023 Friday 18th August 2023
<u>Barrow Town Cricket Club (LE12 8JA)</u> Monday 7th August 2023 Tuesday 8th August 2023 Wednesday 9th August 2023	<u>Newtown Linford Cricket Club (LE6 0HB)</u> Monday 21st August 2023 Tuesday 22nd August 2023 Wednesday 23rd August 2023
<u>Market Overton Cricket Club (LE15 7PP)</u> Wednesday 9th August 2023 Thursday 10th August 2023 Friday 11th August 2023	<u>Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LE2 8EB)</u> Thursday 24th August 2023 Friday 25th August 2023

All camps will run from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. The cost will be £40.00 for 1 day, £70.00 for 2 days or £95.00 for 3 days.

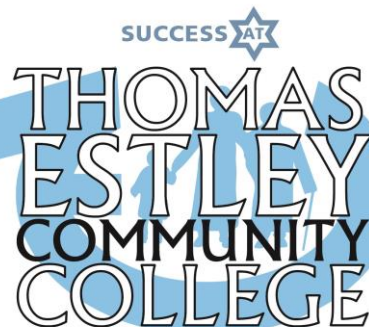
Book online through Ticketmaster. A link can be found via the leicestershireccc.co.uk website.

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If a student feels unwell at college they must report to Reception and ask to be seen in the medical room. If necessary the college will phone home to seek advice or to ask for the student to be collected.

Please remind your child that they must follow the procedure above and not contact you themselves.

Thank you!

Absence during term-time

If your child is too ill to attend college please contact the college on the first and each subsequent day of absence and leave a message on the 'absence line'. We will contact you by text message if we have not been given a reason for absence - please telephone us in response to the message. Where possible, please make medical appointments outside of college hours.

School Closure Procedure

In the event of the weather causing the school to close or causing a problem with school transport we will put out an alert via:

The school website
(www.thomasestley.org.uk)
Radio Leicester
Parentmail

Holidays Taken in Term Time

Government guidelines, which came into effect on 1st September 2013, prevent Headteachers from granting any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances (a family holiday does not fall under this category). If a student has an absence recorded as a result of an unauthorised family holiday, Leicestershire County Council will be advised of the matter and will be requested to issue a Penalty Notice, in line with their policy.



College closes to students on Wednesday 12th July and re-opens on Tuesday 29th August

Mobile phones

Students are not allowed to use mobile phones in college unless they have express permission from a member of staff (for specific learning activities in lessons, as an optional way of accessing them, when allowed to do so). This is to protect students' learning and is in line with our safeguarding policy. Mobile phones used in contravention of the mobile phone policy will be confiscated until collected from reception by a parent/carer. For persistent abuse of the policy a student will lose the privilege of bringing a mobile to college.



School Transport

If your child travels via 'school transport' it is a good idea to have a contingency plan with your child, for getting to school/home in the event that they miss their bus for any reason.



Headphones/Ear buds/Air pods

The use of headphones/ear buds/air pods are only permitted outside of the college building. Any that are visible inside college will be confiscated and, on the first occasion, will be returned at the end of the day. On any subsequent occasion they must be collected by a parent/carer.

