

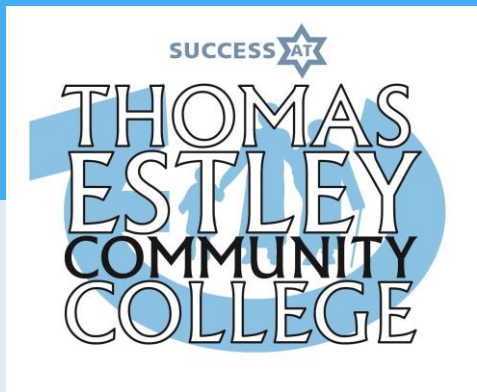
Welcome to our Thomas Estley
Newsletter
May 2023

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

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Dates for the Diary



26 th May	College breaks up for Half Term
30 th May – 3 rd June	Year 11 May Revision School
5 th June	College open for 2 nd half of Summer Term
5 th – 21 st June	GCSE Exams continue
10 th June	Year 11 Maths Revision School
19 th – 30 th June	Year 10 Mock Exams
22 nd June	Years 7 – 9 Sports Day
26 th June	Trust Awards Evening
27 th June	Year 8 Stratford Trip
28 th June	Year 8 STEM Careers Day – British Motor Museum
28 th June	Year 11 Prom
3 rd July	Year 9 Art Trip
5 th July	Year 10 Sports Day
6 th – 7 th July	New Year 7 Induction Days
6 th – 7 th July	Year 9 Work Experience
10 th July	TECC Awards Evening
12 th July	College closes for Summer

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

Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you in the middle of examination season. This year, the level of challenge and the amount of content in tests and exams has returned to the pre covid level of expectation for children in Year 6, 11 and 13. Our Year 11 students and their teachers have worked extremely hard over the last couple of years to fill in any knowledge gaps, practise skills and memorise lots of content. We are very proud of their hard work and perseverance.

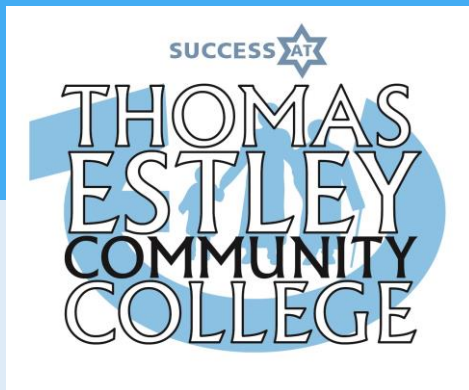
Our Year Eleven students have achieved excellent attendance at holiday schools and twilight T7s, have been keen to learn and progress, and as they master the challenges around their examinations, are becoming a delightful group of young adults and excellent role models for our younger children. The leavers event at college takes place today, and we will see the majority of students at the Year 11 Prom in a few weeks, when they can finally relax after the examination series.

They have also grown in courage, resilience and leadership skills during their time with us, becoming rounded young adults who can make a real difference to society and within their future careers, of which we are equally proud. We wish them a fantastic future full of opportunities and success.

Mandi Collins
Principal



Spotlight on Year 10



We are very proud at Thomas Estley that our students have many opportunities to practice exams in the full exam conditions. This provides college with a wealth of data to support our decision in setting students, tier entry and also allows us to support students where there may be gaps in knowledge and skills.

The students benefit from experiencing the exam scenario prior to the main summer series in Year 11.

The Year 10 will have their first set of mocks in June 2023 and their second set of mocks in November 2023. Please see below the summer schedule. These exams are completed in full exam conditions, with all special considerations (eg extra time) and with external invigilators. This ensures a replication of the real events as far as possible.

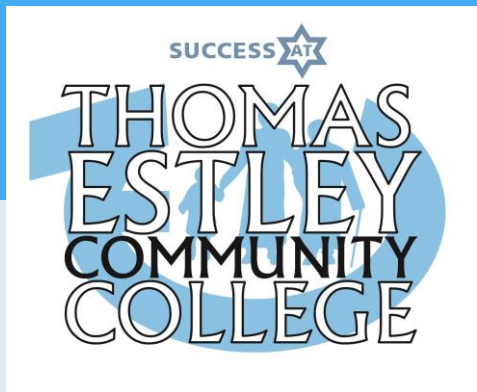
Year 10 will have their normal lessons around the exams and may have one, two or no exams on any given day. Please note that some longer afternoon exams finish after the end of the school day, therefore, students may need alternative transport if they get a school bus.

Students have been given a paper copy of their exam timetable complete with rooming and seating. They have been encouraged to take a photograph of this. Timetables are also available to parents and students on satchel. Students will have an assembly with Mrs Hartley after the Whitsun holidays to go through exam logistics. If you have any further questions about the Year 10 summer mock exams please email jhartley@thomasestley.org.uk

Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable

Date	Session	Subject	Board	Exam	Duration
Monday 19 June	AM	Art, Craft & Design	DOM	Timed exams	3h 20m
Monday 19 June	PM	Computer Science	DOM	Paper 1	1h 30m
Tuesday 20 June	PM	Psychology	DOM	Studies & Applications 1	1h 30m
Wednesday 21 June	AM	French	DOM	Listening foundation	35m
Thursday 22 June	AM	English Language	DOM	Paper 2	2h
Thursday 22 June	PM	Design & Technology	DOM	Written	1h 20m
Friday 23 June	AM	Maths	DOM	Paper 1/4	1h 30m
Friday 23 June	PM	French	DOM	Listening higher	45m
Monday 26 June	AM	Biology	DOM	Paper 1	1h 45m
Monday 26 June	AM	Combined Science	DOM	Biology Paper 1	1h 15m
Monday 26 June	PM	Dance	DOM	Written	1h 30m
Monday 26 June	PM	PE	DOM	Written	1h
Monday 26 June	PM	Music	DOM	Listening	
Tuesday 27 June	AM	Maths	DOM	Paper 2/5	1h 30m
Tuesday 27 June	PM	Hospitality & Catering	DOM	Unit 1	1h 20m
Wednesday 28 June	AM	Chemistry	DOM	Paper 1	1h 45m
Wednesday 28 June	AM	Combined Science	DOM	Chemistry Paper 1	1h 15m
Wednesday 28 June	PM	Geography B	DOM	Written	1h 30m
Thursday 29 June	AM	Maths	DOM	Paper 3/6	1h 30m
Thursday 29 June	PM	History B	DOM	People's Health + Norman Conquest	1h 45m
Friday 30 June	AM	Physics	DOM	Paper 1	1h 45m
Friday 30 June	AM	Combined Science	DOM	Physics Paper 1	1h 15m
Friday 30 June	PM	Spanish	DOM	Listening higher/foundation	45m/35m

Spotlight on Year 11



We are very proud of our **school holiday sessions** that we run for our **Year 11** students. Please see below the schedule for the May Revision School. We do highly recommend that students attend these sessions as direct teacher facing time is the most beneficial type of revision.

All sessions run from 10am - 2pm with a working lunch and short morning break. Students will need to make their own way to and from college and will need to bring a packed lunch as no catering facilities will be available. Uniform is not required.

A booking form has already been sent to parent's email addresses early in the new year to secure your child's place. These sessions are very popular so please book early to avoid disappointment. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Hartley (jhartley@thomasestley.org.uk)

MAY REVISION SCHOOL

Date	Staff Delivering	Subject	Room
Tuesday 30 th May	Mrs Ducey and Mrs Taylor	Maths - Foundation Tier	Drama Hall
	Miss Kavanagh	PE	T1
Wednesday 31 st May	Mrs Young	History	Drama Hall
	Mrs Bancroft	Dance Theory	A1
Thursday 1 st June	Mr Corner	Physics	Drama Hall
Friday 2 nd June	Mr Corner	Chemistry	Drama Hall
Saturday 3 rd June	Mrs Little	English	Drama Hall
Saturday 10 th June	Mrs Ducey and Mrs Taylor	Maths - Both Tiers	Gym and Drama Hall

There was a real learning buzz in our Easter Holiday School - pictured are just two of our many revision classes that took place. All the hard work will be rewarded in the summer!





What a performance from our **U16 Girls Football Team** in their County Quarter Final v Humphrey Perkins from Loughborough. We completely dominated the match. 3 minutes in, Ellabelle turned in a free kick and we didn't look back. It was 6-0 to us at Half Time. Grace, our goalkeeper, hadn't touched the ball in our goal at all in the first half. We added 8 more goals in the second half and it could have been more. Final tally: Player of the match Ellabelle (5) Eve (4), Charlie (2), Erynn (2) Caitlin (1). An all round amazing team performance. We are so proud of all of you.

The football journey came to an end in the semi final. They fought until the final whistle, coming back three times with goals from Eve, player of the match Ellabelle and Charlotte, but unfortunately lost 4-3 to a strong Wigston team who we wish every success to in next weeks final. The girls have had an amazing football journey over the past five years and should be so proud of how they have represented themselves and the College. A great group of girls.

We wish the Year 11s every success with their upcoming GCSE's and their future endeavours. Thank you for everything you have given to Tommo PE and the sports teams in particular, we will miss you all very much.

Rugby Festival Experience: the Year

9/10's went to a x7s rugby festival at Oval Training Park in Oadby. The boys lost the first game but it was a great effort by the lads in very tricky conditions. The next two games saw TECC completely dominate the proceedings, winning comfortably in each. The Year 9's stepped up again to play against older students. All five of them played a big role in the festival. This was the first time the Year 10's have worn the TECC colours this year. All 8 of the Year 10's stepped up to the mark and they did not disappoint. Well done, everyone - we are very proud of you all.

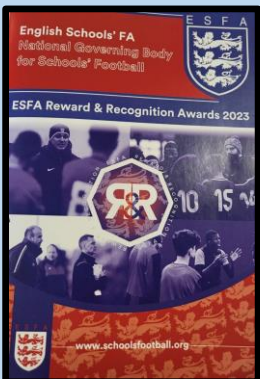
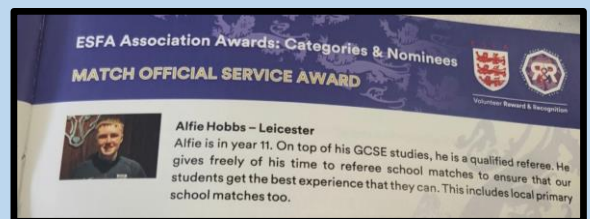




The Blaby & Harborough Futsal Finals were held at Broughton Leisure Centre. Our Thomas Estley **Year 7 Girls** were in action first. A close first half v Brockington saw them take the lead. Our girls stepped up after half time though, Ria scoring twice and Belle making it 3-1 to us and put us through to the County Finals on June 13th at Crown Hills Community College.



Year 9 Girls also played Brockington in their final. 0-0 at full time in a very close match saw the game go to extra time. 0-0 after extra time meant a penalty shoot out. 4-4 after 5 penalties meant sudden death. Maisie stepped up for us and scored. The pressure then on Player of the match and Captain Emily in goal who saved the Brockington penalty to put us through to their County Final again at Crown Hills, this time on June 14th. Well done girls; we are so proud of you.



Congratulations to **Alfie** who won the **ESFA Match Official Award** at the National ESFA Award Ceremony - and many thanks to those of you who supported the well deserved win by voting. We are really proud of Alfie who has carried out this role for so many years for so many of our teams of young people at Thomas Estley and helped so many football opportunities to take place on and offsite, officiating safely, fairly and always professionally. Congratulations Alfie

Sport - Athletics

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An amazing day on Friday for Thomas Estley at this year's **South Leicestershire Athletics Competition**, where 52 Thomas Estley students represented the College. We are so proud of their hard work at training over the past few weeks to prepare them for the event, and for the effort they put in when the pressure was on in their event. Every student that performed did so with the best of their ability and should be really pleased with their achievements. They all did their best; we can't ask for more than that.

Top 3 placings are listed below, and some students are pictured here. Well done everyone!

1st

Year 7 **800m** Ria Corlett

Year 7 **1200m** Ella Briers

Year 9 **Javelin** Emily Gibson

Year 9 **800m** Archie Clarke

Year 10 **Long Jump** Gracie Noah

2nd

Year 10 **200m** Summer Baxendale

Year 10 **800m** Ava Briers

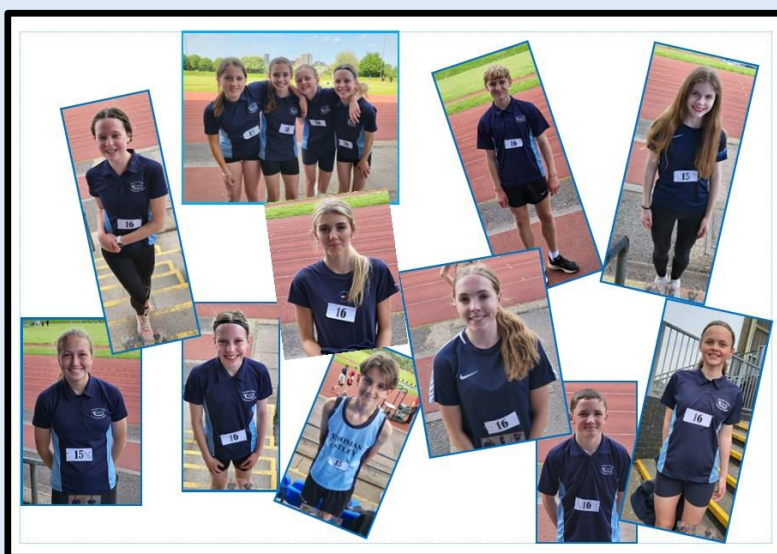
3rd

Year 9 **1500m** Rose Winterton

Year 9 **200m** Zac Carter

Year 7 Girls **4 x 100m Relay**

Year 9 Boys **4 x 100m Relay**



Science Fair

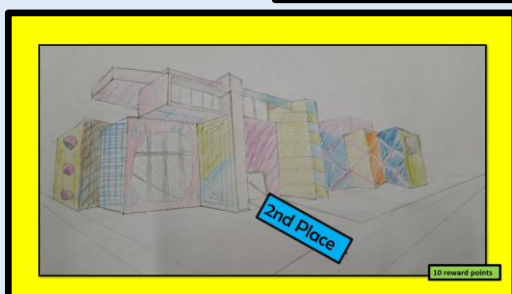
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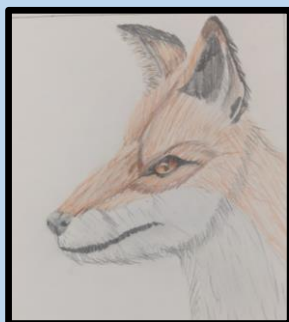
The Success Academy Trust Science Fair was hosted at [Thomas Estley Community College](http://www.thomasesstley.org.uk) and the range of experiments brought and described to the judges by young people aged 9 to 13 years old from the Trust primary and secondary schools was phenomenal! Pictured are just some of their entries and the primary and secondary winner presentations. Well done, everyone; we are so proud of our young scientists and of our teachers who inspire them on a daily basis.



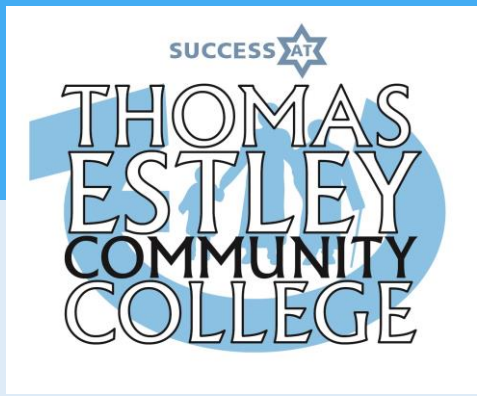
The ADT team were really impressed with the diverse range of skills demonstrated in the entries for the **Resistant Materials** competition. The brief was to design a house that was inspired by the vibrant colours and geometric shapes of the Memphis Design Movement from the 1980s. Students could present their idea in either 1-point perspective, 2-point perspective or by using computer aided design.



Some of our students have entered an external Art competition. The theme is **'My Leicester'** and students were set a task to create a piece of work that shows what Leicester means to them. Here are three of the entries from Rosie (fox) Emily (map) and Ava (blue fox).



Day Trips



On Tuesday the 19th April, we took a group of **Year 9** students out to experience a theatre production. They went to the **Theatre Royal in Nottingham** to see '**The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland.**' Then on Friday 21st April a cohort of **Year 7** students were also taken to the same, 2,196 seated, theatre to watch, David Walliams' humorous production of the '**Demon Dentist.**'

Both groups of students were enthralled with the whole experience of visiting such an ornate, Regency playhouse. As this historic theatre, which was designed and built in 1819 by William Wilkins, was quite a striking building to enter. This same building still stands proud today, with many of its original features intact after surviving 2 World Wars!



Year 9 Students went to see **Alice in Wonderland**



Year 7 Students went to see **The Demon Dentist**

Our Thomas Estley **FIFA PS5 Champion** played at the National Tournament at West Bromwich Albion's Hawthorn Stadium. **Year 7** Tom came up against the 31 other National Finalists in a very exciting tournament hosted by PlayStation. Tom won 3, lost 1 and drew 1 in his group games. This put him through to the round of 16, where he unfortunately lost 5-4 in a very close game.

A great day out for Tom and the 5 other boys who travelled with him to support him. Well done Tom - we're very proud of you.



Primary Masterclass

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We had 8 Primary School Year 3/4 teams at Thomas Estley for a 7 a side football tournament. Some lovely football was played in a great spirit from all of the schools with some very close games.

Badgerbrook came out on top in both the Girls and Boys tournaments, but the children from Hallbrook, Pastures and Blaby Stokes should also be really proud of the effort they made.

Huge thanks to our leaders Alfie, Tyler, Emily and Maisie who are all qualified referees. Alfie has been qualified for over a year now, the other three have recently completed their course so are now gaining the experience they need. The same applies to our staff members Miss Meadows and Miss Thorington who have also completed their referee course. Primary staff attending shared with us: 'The children really enjoyed it and the parents too. The students overseeing it were a credit to you and the school.' Well done, everyone!



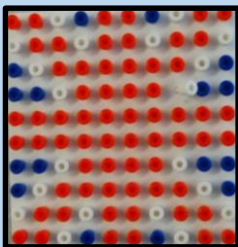
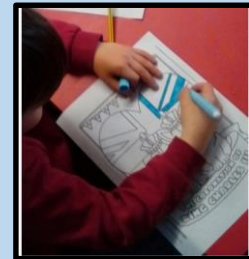
The **Music Leaders** did us proud yet again delivering the second part of the **Samba Workshop** at Richmond Primary School. This time around the leaders adapted what they had done from the first session, and had minimal input from staff, creating their own workshop. It was a pleasure to watch our students adapting their skills to help the pupils learn the new music.



Pre-School/Out of School Club



School readiness: **Thomas Estley Pre-school** afternoon sessions are aimed at developing school readiness and teaching the important skills required for a smooth transition into school. Children still learn through play and exploring, but activities are tailored to help children access early phonics, number games and science exploration alongside building transferrable skills of fine and large motor skills, concentration and independence to bridge the transition to school successfully. Afternoon sessions also include a variety of physical activities, finger gym, mark making, gym visits and yoga sessions to strengthen the core and fingers for writing readiness. To find out more, book a place for next school year, or arrange a visit, ring 01455 283263 or email Nikki (nsadler@thomasestley.org.uk)



Thomas Estley out of school club celebrated with lots of fun activities and a party breakfast and tea for the **King's Coronation!**

Food Glorious Food ...

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More delicious offering from our Thomas Estley Chefs and Bakers in our 'Can you Cook It?' Challenge



To commemorate the **King's Coronation**, our catering staff worked hard to capture the spirit of the occasion!



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Thank you to our Thomas Estley staff volunteers who have spent some of their break tidying up our **Memorial Peace Garden**. It is such an important part of our site and offers opportunities for students and staff to take time to remember.

We are feeling very proud of Mr Draycott and Mrs Marlow, two Thomas Estley staff who recently ran in the London Marathon to raise money for charity and successfully completed the challenge. Well done to both of you for achieving your goal whilst supporting your charities. They are both great role models for our children who work with them every day in college and out of school club.

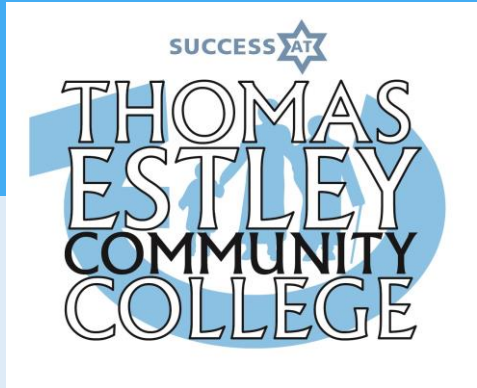


We recently launched our new Success Academy Trust **Staff Wellbeing Strategy** at Thomas Estley. We are very proud of our staff and of the work they do on a daily basis, which is really valued. As well as entitlement to a new Trust staff wellbeing package, staff received a goody bag each, pictured here.



It was such a pleasure to welcome regional MAT CEOs and Department of Education officials to Thomas Estley Community College. It was also fantastic to see our student leadership in action during the event as part of our Trust commitment to 'Building Leadership and Character Together'. One CEO commented: your students were delightful, a real credit to the school... welcome and instructions were incredibly professional and warm! and the RSC office thanked the 'wonderful pupils at Thomas Estley for doing a great job looking after us'. Feeling very proud. [#leadership](#) [#studentleadership](#) [#collaboration](#) [#successat](#) [#DfE](#)

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We are very proud of three of our Thomas Estley Sports Leaders. Alfie was refereeing and Frankie and Tyler were his assistants at this season's Year 6 Rice Bowl Final at Holmes Park between Blaby Stokes and Glen Hills. A great achievement boys, well done.

We had a visit from Mo Walker from the Leicester Riders team, who started some work with a small group of our students, sharing parts of his life story and linking it to the importance of resilience and perseverance, two of our Thomas Estley Way qualities.



We are delighted to introduce to you a new channel for sharing the voice of our Thomas Estley student body - our Thomas Estley **Student Ambassadors**. We encourage our students to email yourvoice@thomaestley.org.uk if they want to share their voice.



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One of our **Year 9** students, Zac Carter, is **'a chef in the making'**!

Before Easter he helped cooked breakfast for 200 people at an Under 12's festival at the Old Newtonians RFC, helping to raise over £500 for the club. He is now attending Leicester College's Junior Chef Academy, which is a 10 week community programme aimed at 14-16 year olds to teach them how to cook and prepare meals, whilst also equipping them with life skills. So far, in week 1 Zac made lentil soup with coconut milk and pizza from scratch, making his own sauce and dough. We can't wait to see what he makes next throughout the programme, which will culminate in a graduation ceremony where Zac will design his own menu and cook the dishes for parents and those invited. Well done, Zac!

Thomas Estley Library News: The Library has had a lot to celebrate recently, including the amazing Reading Rangers who have promoted lots of great books to their English classmates and also the students who took on a variety of reading challenges, including the 7 for 7 and 8 for 8. Miss Pole will soon be celebrating the success of the Reading Rampage Challenge, which has included some amazing student reading mentors. Lots of challenges, reading and success! Well done everyone! Last but not least, our librarian Mrs Smith left us recently to pursue a new role. She has contributed so much to the college and our students over many years as a vital part of the lifeblood of the college and its community, providing both inspiration for reading and a welcoming space for our young people full of warmth and care. We wish her the very best and will really miss her.





Find out more at:

https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIVYS5m5-4_gIVR9DtCh2WdgChEAAYAiAAEgJ4vD_BwE

Emotional activities

Suggested emotional activities

1. Develop friendships that are supportive

"Being with people who make you feel confident and good about yourself can really boost your mental health. Having a laugh really helps me to feel happier."

Read more about the benefits of [spending time with supportive people](#).



2. Be kind to yourself

"Self-kindness won't necessarily stop your thoughts or feelings from being difficult, but it might provide some small comfort in the midst of them."

Read more about [self-kindness and self-compassion](#).



3. Write three good things that you did each day

"I enjoy reflecting but often jump too quickly from one thought to another. Writing things down helped me to arrange my thoughts, and now I can go back and reflect on those thoughts."

Read more about how [writing things down](#) can help manage difficult thoughts or feelings.



4. Talk to a friend about how you are coping

"Ringing for a chat helps you get away from how you're feeling."

Read more about [spending time with friends and the value of trusted relationships](#).





Social activities

Suggested social activities

1. Talk to your friends online or find an online support group

"Everyone communicates in different ways, and sometimes it can feel easier to talk about what's on your mind via an online chat. You may find this quieter and less pressuring than face-to-face conversation."

Discover a range of [online support groups](#) to help if you're feeling low or anxious.



2. Take part in a photography challenge with your friends

"Photography allows me to look closely at things, and let myself see the beauty in tiny little things. If I don't have a camera with me, it is easy to walk fast and stay stuck inside my own head, but if I have a camera, I start looking out, dragging me out of my own head."

Read how [photography](#) can help your wellbeing including some simple tips for taking a good photo.



3. Create a playlist with your friends

"I think it helped because it removed me from the issues which were bothering me. I was able to just enjoy the music rather than having to think about anything else."

Read about how [music can lift your mood](#).



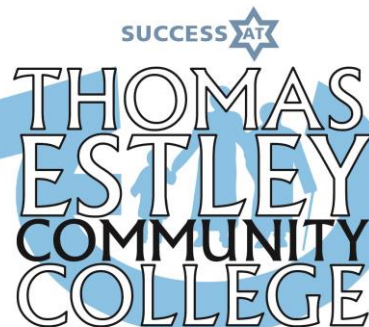
4. Join a local youth group

"Finding a group of people with similar interests to me really helped my confidence and helped me make new friends."

Read how [joining a youth group](#) has helped other young people.



Interested in a Career in Teaching?



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY ...

Are you interested in finding out more about training to teach locally?
- Contact Jo at Achieve with TELA

Achieve with TELA provide teacher training in local primary and secondary schools with our partners at the Leicester and Leicestershire SCITT.

Jo can answer any questions you may have:

- Can I afford to train?
- Are any bursaries available while I train?
- What is the course structure?
- What qualifications do I need?
- How do I apply?
- Are there any age limits?

Visit our website telaonline.co.uk

Contact Jo Robotham

Tel 01455 283263 ext 286

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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 Friday 26th May and re-opens Monday 5th June

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.

