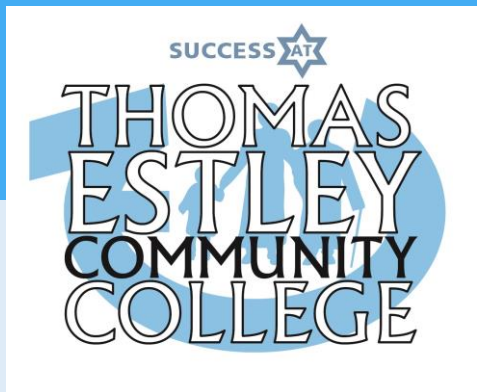


Welcome to our Thomas Estley  
**Newsletter**  
October 2023

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

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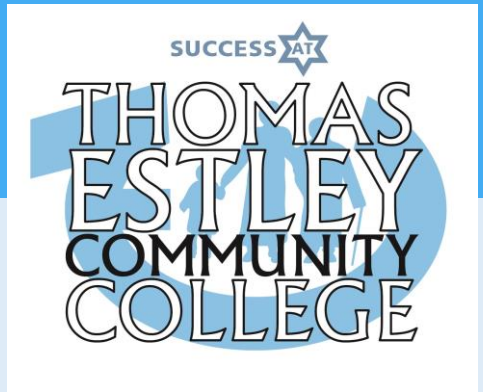
# Dates for the Diary



13 <sup>th</sup> October	College closes for half term
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	College opens for second half of Autumn Term
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 10 Bletchley Museum Trip
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 8 National History Museum Trip
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations
1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 8 Remote Parents Evenings
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 11 Geography Field Trips
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Enterprise and Marketing Pitches
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 Design Trip to Derby Makers Museum
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 Remote SEND Parent Clinic
16 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Mock Art Exams
17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 9 Paris Trip
20 <sup>th</sup> November – 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 11 Mock Exams
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Friends of Thomas Estley Christmas Shopping Event
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 DMU Careers/Raising Aspirations Trip
29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 9 Remote Parents Evenings
1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 8 and 9 Geneva Trip
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Engagement drop in Session
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 9 Parent Revision Evening
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	College closes for Christmas

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](mailto:PatothePrincipal@thomasesley.org.uk)**

# A word from the Principal



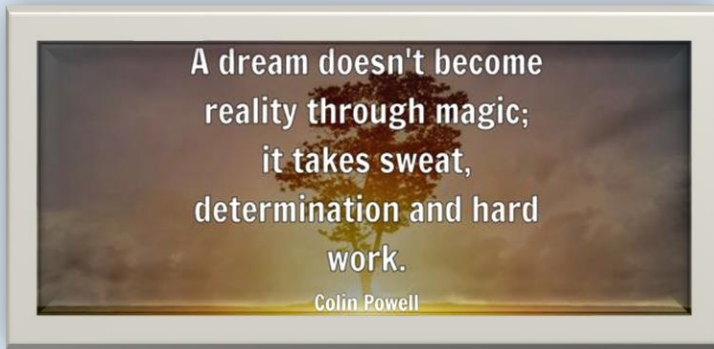
We were very proud this summer to achieve strong GCSE results once again, with progress of our Year Eleven students again above local and national averages. With a focus on leadership and character development, not just on academic success, this is all the more heartwarming – at Thomas Estley we don't believe that developing the whole child comes at the cost of good academic results. In fact, investing in leadership, courage, perseverance, resilience, kindness and respect as our core business serves to strengthen our young people's academic achievement too.

Today we welcomed many businesspeople on site as part of our Year Eleven Careers and Post 16 readiness module, who interviewed each child individually in preparation for their post 16 interviews and to help to crystallise their thinking around their strengths and goals. We were delighted to hear that they all described our Year Eleven students as mature, reflective, respectful, confident, and better than many applicants for posts in their companies. Our Year Eleven students are our 'product' in the nicest possible way, and we are proud that they are growing into such successful, hardworking and mature young people, ready to succeed in post 16 study and the world of work. We also spent time with many of this year's and last year's year Eleven students in our recent KS4 Awards Evening, recognising their significant achievements over their time with us.

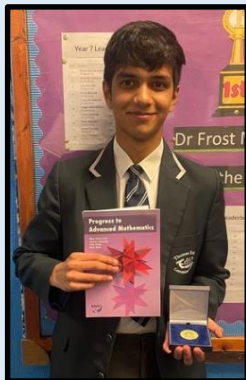
Their success is also partly due to the commitment and dedication of our fantastic teaching staff, who have provided some great teaching and enrichment opportunities as usual this half term. I hope that you enjoy reading about some of these achievements within this newsletter.

*Mandi Collins, Principal*





We are very proud of all of our **Year 11** leavers as they move on to their next steps post 16. Some have overcome significant barriers to achieve great results, some of them leave a legacy of kindness and service, some have transformed the lives of others and the college experience through volunteering, leadership and charity fundraising. We wish you all the very best as you enter the next phase of your education, apprenticeship or career. A special congratulations go to Nishad Deulkar, our top achieving student this year, who achieved straight 9 grades across every subject area.



# KS4 Awards

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KS4



Awards



Our recent **Year 11 and 10 Awards Evening** allowed us to celebrate achievements from progress, through endeavour, to highest attainment, in both our Summer 2023 GCSEs and last year's Year 10 studies. We are so very proud of our young people whose achievements we celebrated together so proudly, and wish you all the best in your next steps, whether they be apprenticeships, sixth form, college or another year here as they work towards their final results.



Great work from Mrs Woodward's **Year 7** class - the challenge was to work in pairs to plan and create the slowest marble run. Students had to consider which materials, angles, and shapes would be best for their design. Students worked hard at experimenting with different techniques and ideas and students tested and evaluated the marble runs at the end of the lesson. Mrs Woodward was really impressed with the results!



The **Textiles Club** students loved making our bright, flamboyant birds this year, displayed in the Cosby Yarn Bomb. The theme was 'Showtime' so we decided to use inspiration from beautiful 'showy' birds found in nature. The wonderful event is so much fun to be a part of. We're looking forward to next year already!



**Year 9** students have worked really hard on their observational drawing skills. Well done!



**'Work of the Week'** chosen by Miss Ignate – a piece of work by a student who really impressed that week!





**PE excitement!** We've had lots of students attending practices for this seasons Netball and Football teams. It's great to have our Netball volunteer Michelle Davis back to ensure we can put teams out in all age groups. We are very grateful for her time. We now welcome Alfie Hobbs to our volunteer coaching team too; he has taken on our Year 8 boys football team as part of his A Level studies.

Our first fixtures this term were boys football v Brockington. We were thrilled with the hard work the boys put in during the matches. A real team effort. Year 7's lost 5-2, Year 8's won 7-0, Year 9's lost 4-3 & Year 10's drew 1-1 - although were the first team to put the new rule into play this season. No match can now end in a draw so the Year 10 match went to a penalty shoot out and they won 4-3.

A busy week of fixtures against Lutterworth High this week saw the **Netball** teams get off the mark against some very strong opposition. **Boys Football** also had matches. We may not have got the results we wanted but we cannot fault the effort put in by all of our students who represented the College this week. Special mention to our **Year 8** Boys footballers though, this weeks only victory goes to them with a great 5-1 win, beating last seasons County Champions after going 1-0 down. Well done everyone, we're very proud of you.







The **Girls Football** season started with our **U14 Girls** getting us underway with their Round 1 National Cup match v English Martyrs. A great team performance which earned the whole team player of the match. Goals for Ria (3), Freya (3), Liv (2), Niamh, Lydia, Lily & Evie sealed a comfortable 12-0 win and a place in Round 2 Away to South Charnwood. Well done, everyone!

KS3 played Lutterworth College tonight in **Netball and Boys Football** league matches. Both year 7 teams lost but are improving all of the time. **Year 8 Netball** won 19-4, **Year 8 Boys Football** won 5-3 and are now comfortably top of the table and through to the Blaby Semi Finals. Year 9 Netball won 18-0, boys Football won 3-2.

Well done to all players who worked brilliantly and were fantastic ambassadors for the college.





Our **U13 Girls football team** had their first National Cup match against Bilton School from Rugby. A very close first 15 minutes made us think that this would be a close match. Lily gave us the lead before Half Time and then doubled in just inside the second half. Bilton pulled one back with a long ball over the top and before Captain Izzy sealed the win with a third goal for us with 10 minutes to go. Well done to the four Year 7's making their debuts; a great start for them. Player of the match went to Lily but could easily have been any of the girls. A great team effort. Well done.



One of our **Year 11 PE** groups were lucky enough to be coached by Muzzy Izzet and Steve Walsh as part of our core PE programme. The Leicester City legends run the AFDA football Academy and have made links with us so that we can support a pathway for our students where appropriate. They will be in College for the Year 11 Careers days in October and hope to be involved in further PE lessons. The students really focussed during the session and were a credit to us.

**Year 10's** did us proud at Lutterworth College. **Netball** won 14-11 in a very close match played in a lovely spirit, Anna getting coach's player and Anaya getting opposition's player. Our **boys' football team** won 2-0, thanks to goals from Jaiden and Kristian, while a great defensive display from Owen won him man of the match.





Our **Year 11** girls did us proud at the County **U16 Netball Tournament** at Leicester Grammar School. Some great matches played which saw us beat Ratcliffe College and draw with Robert Smyth, as well as losses against Uppingham, Loughborough High and Catmose College.

Lots of video evidence was gathered for GCSE practical assessments which is invaluable as we can compare our grades with the other schools who we have cluster moderation with. Well done to all those who took part.



The **U13 Boys Football** team played their first National Cup match away at Nicholas Chamberlaine school in Bedworth. Buoyed by their Blaby League win and awaiting their District Semi Final opponents the team were up for it from the first whistle. With a number of boys unavailable, the 12 we took did a superb job. Goals for Captain Jake (2), Max K (2), Nico, Ellis, Oakley, Max C and Reece saw a stunning 9-3 win and a great team effort in awful conditions. Player of the match goes to Max C. We have a home tie in Round 2 against Cedars Academy.

Success for our **U16 Girls** in the National Cup vs Brockington. A fantastic team effort. A 4-1 win, a hattrick for Gracie followed by a goal for Maisie. Player of the match was Ruby.

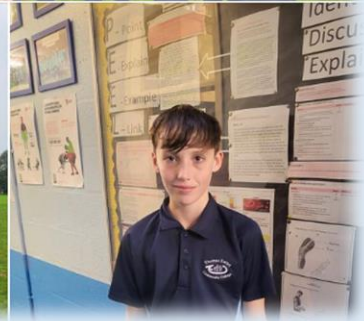


Our final Blaby & Harborough Netball league fixtures were played for all 5 teams. A clean sweep for us with all five teams beating Brockington. **Year 7** 14-2, **Year 8** 8-0, **Year 9** 17-2, **Year 10** 22-3 and **Year 11** 19-9. Thank you to the many parents who came to cheer the girls on, once again they did us proud.



Three of our Thomas Estley teams were in National Cup action. Unfortunately the results didn't go our way but we are so proud of the effort that our students put in. They kept their heads up and fought until the final whistle. **U15 Girls** were beaten by a strong Bishop Ullathorne team from Coventry. **U12 Girls** in their first match for the College lost to Kibworth. Macie in goal getting player of the match.

Our **U13 Boys** came from behind twice to take their match to penalties, unfortunately not getting the luck they needed on the night. Charlie picking up player of the match in that game. Well done everyone. You make us proud every time you wear the shirt.



A great afternoon at Leicester Grammar School for the County **Year 9 Netball** tournament. The girls played brilliantly against some stunning opposition notching up a win in their match with Robert Smyth. A great opportunity to develop their skills against schools who play much more regularly. Well done girls.



# Performing Arts

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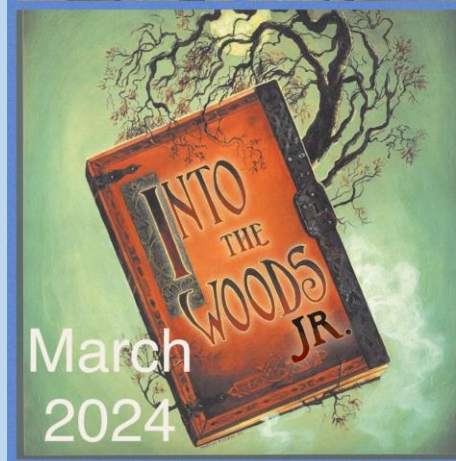
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Our Thomas Estley **Year 8** students have been working really hard in Dance this term. Focussing on the development of their technical and mental skills, specifically improving movement memory through systematic and independent rehearsal and accuracy in execution (musical theatre dance style and timing with a partner and the music). If this wasn't enough, they have also been very successful in working with a challenging prop. Pictured here is a sample of some of the excellent work produced. Keep up the great work, Year 8!

New year, new **Thomas Estley Production** - Into the Woods, March 2024! Last year's student-led project was so successful that we are doing it again. After an overwhelming submission of auditions, from students in all year groups,

Miss Bancroft and Ella D'Arcy (Year 10), this year's student leader, had the arduous task of casting roles because we have so many talented students. Rehearsals began week Mrs Dickinson and we are all so excited to be back. The students are incredibly enthusiastic and supportive of one another, it is such a special part of our role at Thomas Estley.



Every  
Thursday  
3-4:30pm  
Drama  
Studio

# Health and Social Care

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**Year 11 Health and Social Care** students are studying creative therapies. These therapies include sensory, aromatherapy, reflexology, massage, hypnotherapy, reminiscence therapy, art therapy, yoga, Tai chi and Reiki.

We have explored the physical and emotional benefits to each therapy and today students enjoyed testing some of the therapies. The students also went on to demonstrate how they would run a therapy session; showing great courage in presenting in front of their peers. Students will now go on to write a piece of coursework summarising their findings which equates to 30% of their final grade.



# PSE Cultural Exhibition

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We were very proud of our **Year 10 and 11 PSE** students, who worked incredibly hard to create an international/ cultural exhibition as an assessed piece of work for their PSE portfolios. Working in small groups, they took responsibility of researching different areas in their topic of choice. They then explored and planned the best way to present these, for visitors to view as part of an exhibition during the college open evening. Well done to you all!



# Career Day/Modules

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**Year 9** had the opportunity to explore a whole day devoted to career options with visitors from a local Post 16 provider who delivered an assembly and a workshop to our students.



Our students enjoyed their modules days which covered a wide range of experiences to enhance their learning in careers, personal, social and health education, their awareness of diverse cultures and their readiness for post 16 choices, across all year group. Here is the **Year 7** Community and Enterprise Module diversity dance taster – it is safe to say they have enjoyed themselves.





# Day Trips

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What a fantastic day we had in London at our Globe Trip! The sun was with us as we were guided round the Thames-side, thatched-roofed Globe Theatre with **50 Years 8 and 9** students. A plethora of information was shared by our fabulous tour guide, MD, which was followed by an unguided walk around the new exhibition underneath. On our way back to the coach, students were stunned by street performers near to the Millennium Bridge topping our day off with wonder, fun and smiles all round.

**Year 11** historians enjoyed an evening performance of *The Book Thief*. Set in Nazi Germany and exploring the power of words to spread hate and most importantly kindness. Students saw how the regime used words to cajole, manipulate and control. Alongside this how courageous and kind citizens quietly fought against this. This fits in with their exam unit 'living under Nazi rule' and very prominent messages still today.

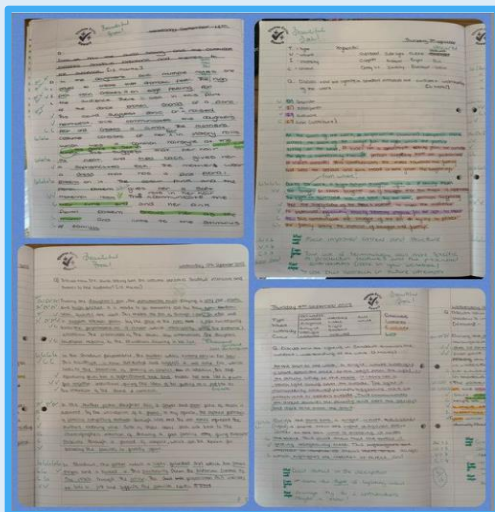
Pictured also are a few **Year 9** students who enjoyed a matinee performance.



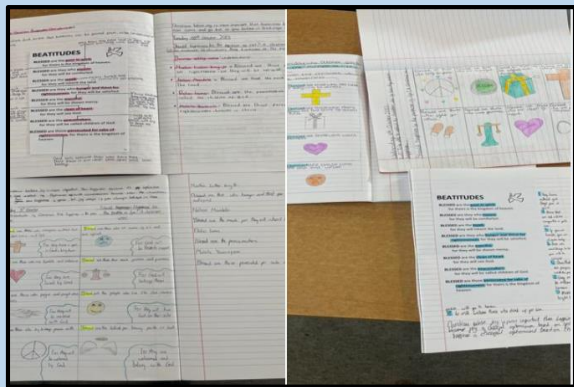
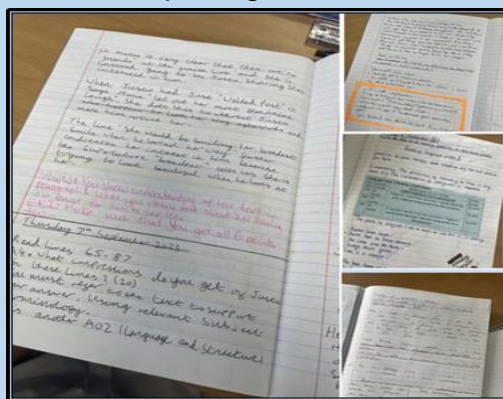
Our **Year 10 GCSE Drama** students enjoyed their trip to The Curve. The students had a lovely time meeting the cast of **Frantic Assembly's Metamorphosis**, watching the show and taking part in a Q&A with the cast and Artistic Director.

**Year 11 GCSE Dance** students have been working on extended writing. Pictured below are some fantastic examples that also demonstrate Thomas Estley's 'Beautiful Books' expectations.

Miss Bancroft was impressed with the quality of the students' answers and commitment to improving. Well done, and keep up the great work!

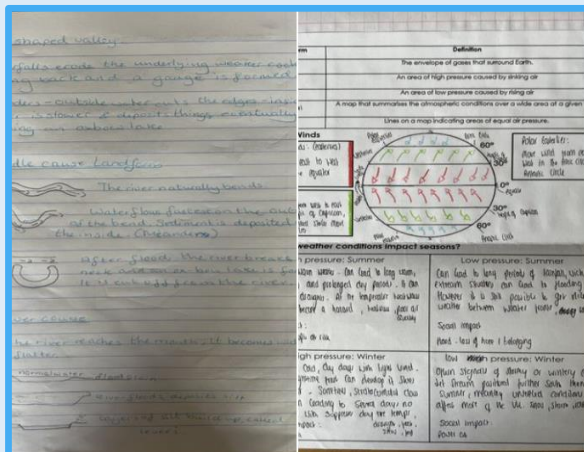


**Year 10** have hit the ground running this term, with some great text analysis in **English**. Well done everyone and keep up the good work!



In their **RE** lessons, our **Year 8** students have been examining the question -Should happiness be the purpose of life? They have been looking at the Christian viewpoint to this question first by exploring the Beatitudes and what they mean to Christians today. They have worked hard on translating the Beatitudes into modern language and then have produced their own beautiful versions of the Beatitudes, as well as looking at people in society and history who demonstrate the Beatitudes in their everyday life.

The **Geography** department is proud of the great work being completed by students so far this term, showing strong knowledge retention and understanding. Pictured here are some examples, from Alyssa in **Year 9** (classical geography - meanders) and Joseph in **Year 11** (global winds). Well done!



# Open College

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What a fantastic **Thomas Estley Open College Week** we enjoyed this year, with almost a thousand visitors to our tours and evening event, and over a hundred of our students developing their leadership skills as student ambassadors, tour leaders and subject representatives over the week.

We are so proud of our students and teachers, and we hope that everyone who visited enjoyed their experience. Here are just a few photos from our Open College Evening below.



# High Achievers

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**High Achievers** - A fantastic start to the year, with almost all our students already gaining positive achievement points around our Thomas Estley Way character choices of Kindness, Respect, Resilience, Perseverance and Courage. We are very proud of them. Here are the highest achievers this term. Well done!



It was such a delight to hand out some of our recent leadership awards both internal and external. These included our first batch of SSAT national student leadership accreditation certificates.



# Food Glorious Food ...



**Can you Cook It!** - the last few entries from last academic year are pictured here. A MASSIVE thank you goes from the ADT department to all who got involved with these challenges, we hope that you have all enjoyed it! Special mentions go to Beatrice Sharman and Ben Riley for the number of entries, and HUGE congratulations to Silas Hopkins, Joel Hopkins and Kitty Horeckyj who each completed all 39 challenges - WELL DONE!

We have been really impressed since the start of term with the very high level of skills demonstrated in our **Food and Catering faculty**, from Year 7 to Year 11. Well done everyone and keep up the good work!



# Life Outside Tommo

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Sean in **Year 10** recently competed in the British BMX Racing Championships and had a podium finish in 3rd place, making him the 3rd Fastest Cruiser BMX Racer in Great Britain for the Male 13/14s.

He's currently the fastest 14 year old BMX racer in the Midlands on both bikes he races and now 3rd fastest in Britain on his Cruiser BMX.

His hard work is paying off and he has a great year ahead of him – well done Sean 😊



A few of our **Year 10** students were involved in the RAF Air Cadet parade at the Menin Gate in Ypres. They did their community proud representing them in the Last Post ceremony.



Lucie in **Year 11** joined Hinckley Cadets in June and has gone from strength to strength since she started.

She is seeking to move up to Lance Corporal following her Level 2 qualification and was very proud to do Lance Guard Duty at the Victory Show for the VIP's.

Lucie said 'it's really helped me with school because now I feel like I know where I'm going and what I want to do. I really want to be a chef in the army'.



This is what Grace in **Year 11** said:

- This weekend allowed me to compete in a high intensity atmosphere and get 6<sup>th</sup> in a man class where 100+ people watched. It also allowed me to pick up placing in other classes, getting my name announced on the loud speaker which could get me scouted.
- It also allowed me as a young rider to gain experience around 1m/1.05m tracks ready for when I will be jumping 1.20/1.30m.
- It was also a great social event which enabled me to meet loads of big names and be introduced to them and able to watch other people compete.
- Doing these competitions gets me closer to my goal of team jumping and getting my name know so people recognise me as a showjumping senior. It also allows me to win ribbons, money, sashes and rugs.

# Pre-School/Out of School Club

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Our wonderful Thomas Estley Preschoolers have had the most amazing start to the term. They are happy settled and thriving within the Thomas Estley Community including all our new starters.

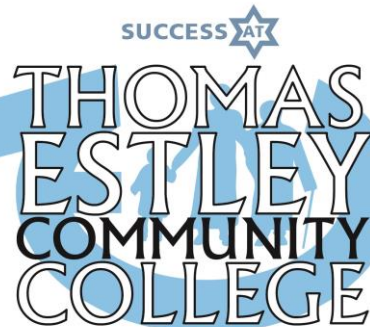


Thomas Estley Out of School Club have been busy getting back into our usual routine including fun in the college gym and making pizzas for tea. Thank you to all who have recently made donations of toys, a football/air hockey table and some construction games; we really appreciate them!

Preschool had a lovely afternoon shopping at Aldi, practising and developing a whole set of early learning skills in the process. We are so proud of them all; they behaved so well and completed their mission perfectly.



# Elsewhere in College ...



The Thomas Estley **English Department** have thoroughly embraced the joy of **Roald Dahl** day again this year, sparking and reigniting a passion for Dahl's brilliant texts and writing through activities and fun within KS3 English lessons today. If students worked well, they were awarded a "Golden Ticket" which entered them into a prize draw. Well done to Lewis, Tia and Ava, our Roald Dahl Day winners!

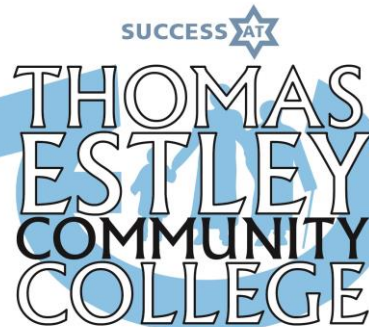
**Thomas Estley Charity Fundraising:** Over the last week we raised money for two important charities - wearing Jeans for Genes and also enjoying a staff bake-off for Macmillan Cancer Support (pictured here) We have also become a community partner last week for 'The Hygiene Bank' collecting unused toiletries for families in need. We are proud that our fantastic students and staff are dedicated to supporting those who need our help and support within our wider community. Thank you everyone.



**Primary Outreach and Leadership:** We kickstarted our Masterclasses for this academic year with the Art and Cooking Class. We welcomed Year 5 pupils from five of our feeder schools for the experience. The talent and skills that these pupils showed through the two activities was impressive. In Art they had the 'Leicester' theme, so used our foxes and tiger stencils. A big thank you for our Primary Transition Leaders.



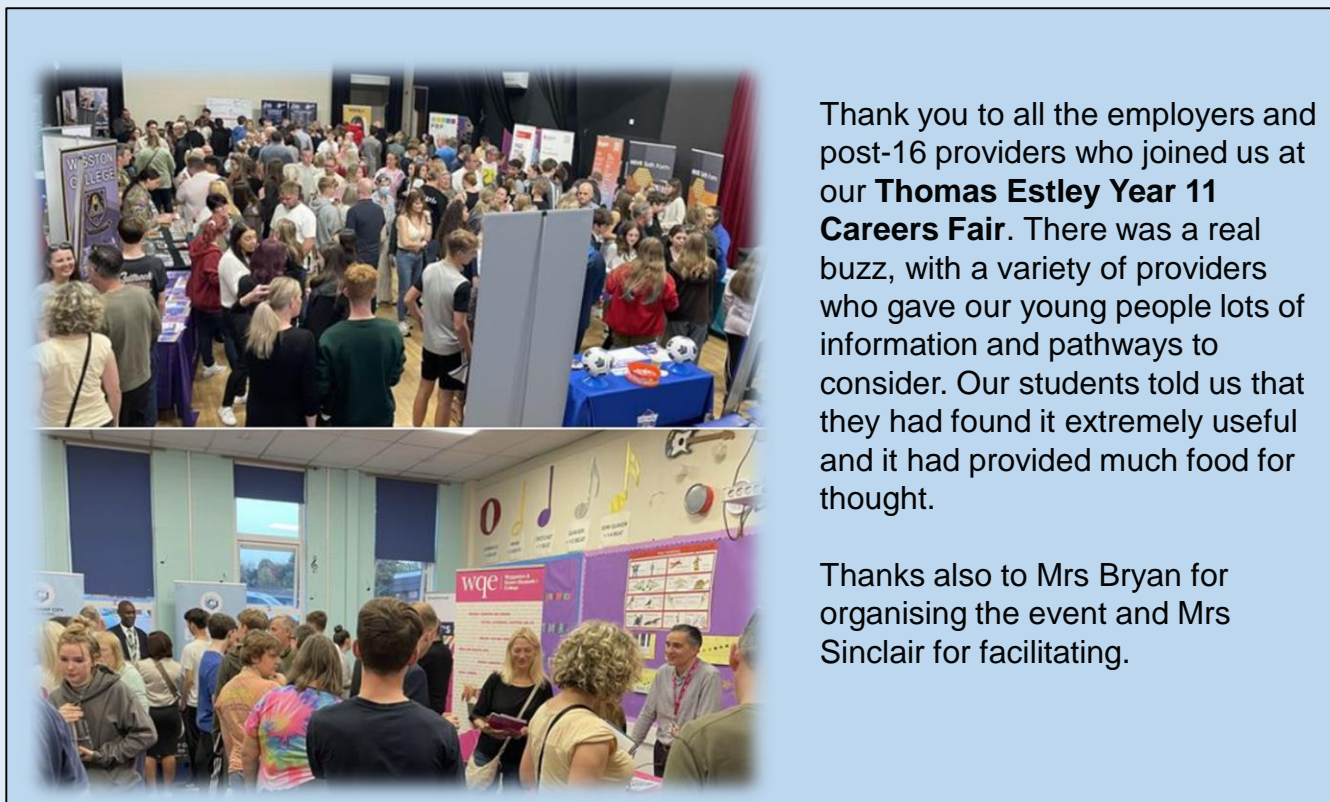
# Elsewhere in College ...



We were privileged to welcome the co-founder of **Black History Month** to Thomas Estley, Akyaba Addai Sebo, to share his own experiences and the history of the initiative itself. We were very proud of our students, who reflected together on the importance of Black History Month and about the lessons which we can all learn about accepting and celebrating our personal differences so that everyone is included and valued.

The full story can be found here:

<https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/leicestershire-school-receives-special-visit-8805874>



Thank you to all the employers and post-16 providers who joined us at our **Thomas Estley Year 11 Careers Fair**. There was a real buzz, with a variety of providers who gave our young people lots of information and pathways to consider. Our students told us that they had found it extremely useful and it had provided much food for thought.

Thanks also to Mrs Bryan for organising the event and Mrs Sinclair for facilitating.

## Physical activity NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

To maintain a basic level of health, the Chief Medical Officer recommends children and young people aged 5 to 18 should take part in an average of at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day.

Taking part in Physical Activity has many benefits for children and young people, including: improving fitness, increasing concentration, building a stronger heart, bones and healthier muscles. Being regularly physically active improves self-esteem, lowers stress and encourages a better nights sleep. The NHS has further information [here](#).



**Did you know?**

Exercise leads to improved motor skills, better thinking and problem-solving. It's a **BRAIN BOOSTER!**



### TRY SOMETHING NEW TODAY!

Now is a great time to try a new sport! Joining a team or trying out a new physical activity gives children the opportunity to meet new friends, develop their confidence, learn how to play by the rules, stay focused, be consistent, and work hard towards their goals. It also gives them a taste of competition and teaches them that there's always room for improvement.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO FIND LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS IN YOUR AREA!

## 2 ACTIVE TRAVEL MONTH

This year's Active Travel Month takes place throughout October and we want as many pupils as possible to get involved! Actively travelling to school is a great way to boost a child's physical and mental health. It helps them feel alert and ready for the day. Pupils can actively travel by walking, cycling or scooting to school this month.

Last year 8,185 pupils took part in Active Travel month, can we beat that this year?

*'I really enjoyed walking to school and helping the environment.'*



CHECK OUT OUR ACTIVE TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS VIDEO FROM LAST YEAR [HERE!](#)

### More resources available here:

<https://learningsouthleicestershiressp.org.uk/stay-active-for-less/>

<https://learningsouthleicestershiressp.org.uk/parent-guardian-portal/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/exercise-guidelines/physical-activity-guidelines-children-and-young-people/>

### Key October dates

- International Walk to School Month
- Black History Month
- World Teachers Day- 5th
- World Mental Health Day-10th
- World Food Day-16th

### STAY ACTIVE FOR LESS!

Click [here](#) to find helpful resources and information for your family to stay active for less.

Look out for our guide to local walking routes and beautiful green spaces South Leicestershire has to offer.



LET'S GET SOCIAL

### Parent Guides to Online Safety



**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**



**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**



**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming**



**A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**



**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**



**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

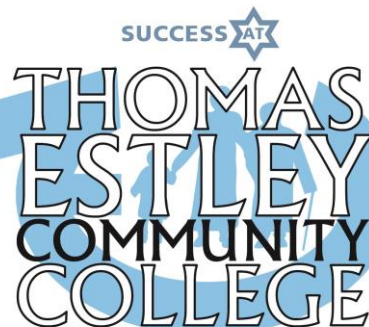
Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Jo can answer any questions you may have:

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- Are any bursaries available while I train?
- What is the course structure?
- What qualifications do I need?
- How do I apply?
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# THOMAS ESTLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> October and re-opens on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

## 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.

