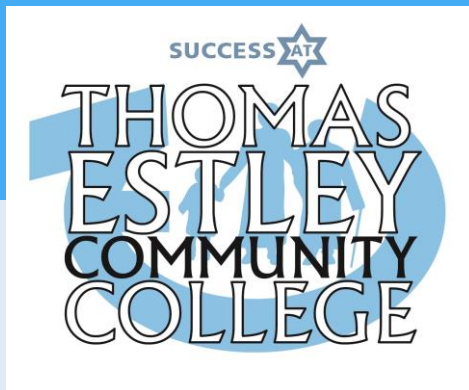


Welcome to our Thomas Estley
Newsletter
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What's inside and Dates for the Diary



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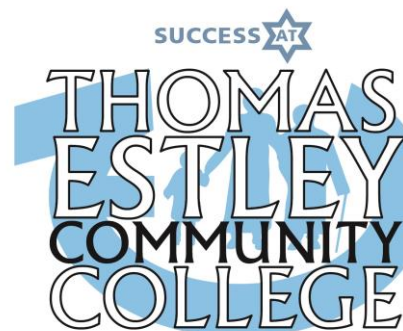
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8 th April	College closes for Easter break
11 th – 22 nd April	Year 11 Easter School
25 th April	College opens for Summer Term
2 nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
3 rd May	Year 10 Revision Evening
4 th – 5 th May	Year 7 Parents Evening
5 th May	Year 7 Junior Maths Challenge
16 th May – 28 th June	GCSE Exams /Year 10 Mock Exams
27 th May	College closes for half term
30 th May – 3 rd June	Year 11 May School
6 th June	College opens for second half of Summer Term

A word from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the Easter break, one highlight this term has been the number of opportunities both facilitated by staff and created by students themselves for student leadership in the college, springing back to new life. We currently have many student leadership groups, such as Wildlife Gardeners, Preschool Readers, Wellbeing Ambassadors, Primary outreach leaders, Sports leaders, Art creators, LGBT+ ambassadors, Careers Champions, and Library Leaders, not to mention leadership shown in the arenas of sport and performing arts, as well as in masterclasses and competitions. Students have also come forward to lead fundraising for Ukraine and also for next half term's charity, the Teenage Cancer Trust (you will hear more about that charity from the students involved soon).

At the highest level of challenge and reflection around student leadership, there are almost 20 young people currently writing up their SSAT leadership experience portfolios to apply for national leadership accreditation, and the relaunch of the Duke of Edinburgh and Sea Cadets programmes. It has been an absolute delight and privilege to see the initiative and community spirit shown by so many of our young people.

We received a visit a few weeks ago from an educational researcher who wanted to share our good practice in this area with other schools nationally. Once we have the link to the full article, I will share it with you by Parentmail. Meanwhile, from the draft, here are a few excerpts.

'Through speaking to these ambitious young leaders it is clear to see the impact that cultivating a culture of leadership has had on them; they have the confidence to tackle challenges that some adults would shy away from. When asked what they would say to a pupil new to the school and just starting their journey through the leadership offer they said that they would say 'Just go for it!', that it 'teaches you things the classroom doesn't teach'..... strive to build a complete individual in each child, nurturing leadership and character so that by the time they are ready to move on, post-16, they are equipped to be confident, independent, successful learners. What has happened over the past six years at Thomas Estley Community College stands to prove that given the opportunity, support and most importantly, trust, young people will embrace the challenges of leadership and not only make a positive difference in their own characters but have a positive impact on those around them.'

Mandi Collins, Principal

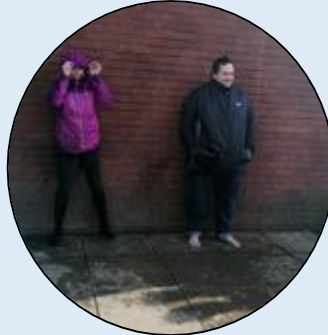


Before Half Term ...

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Jasmine House Fundraising



Students enjoyed the sponge throw, bake sale and non uniform day as part of our fundraising activities for Jasmine House, a local support centre for victims of sexual abuse. Thank you to the students who organised this charity event and displayed great leadership skills, as well as to all the students, families and teachers who donated funds, baked cakes, took part and were prepared to get very wet in a good cause we couldn't resist sharing a few pictures of the very popular sponge throw with you! <https://www.jasminehouse.org.uk/>



Congratulations to Indi, Caitlin, Mollie, Molly and Harriet for their fundraising work for Jasmine House as well- the final total raised was a fantastic £686.61! Pictured here with the money raised.

Well done girls - we are proud of you and of everyone who contributed on the day.



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Cake with Mrs Collins

Another highlight of non uniform day was awarding certificates and cakes to students with the most Thomas Estley Way points gained this half term, some of whom are pictured below during 'Cake with Mrs Collins'. Well done to all those who role model so many of the qualities we value at Thomas Estley Community College - great work! We are very proud of you all.



Memorial Garden

A special thank you to two of our everyday heroes Mrs Ravenhill and Mrs Theakston - tidying up the Memorial Garden this half term break in spite of the weather. So many of our staff go above and beyond in so many ways. We also remember our two students Elliott and Ellie, and the brightness they brought to our college community.

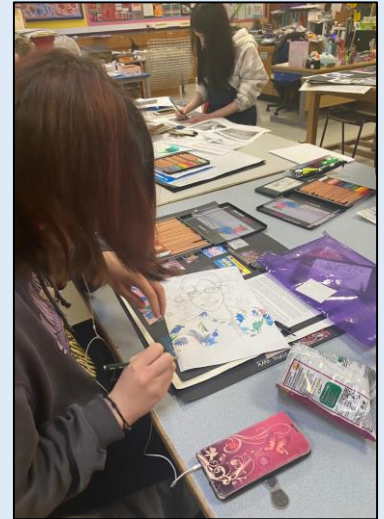


Year 11 Holiday School

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Some great work in our first **Year 11** holiday schools onsite with over 40 students taking part in School Holiday lessons in Art, Textiles and Dance. Well done to all these students for demonstrating fantastic commitment to their studies. Many thanks to the staff onsite supporting students. We will have further School Holiday lessons in the Easter and May Whitsun holidays for **Year 11** Students.



Spotlight on Year 11

Year 11 are working very hard in these final step preparations for their written examinations. The vast majority of practical exams and coursework components are submitted and are with the relevant exam boards.

We are very pleased to be able to offer a comprehensive set of Easter and May revision schools detailed below. All students who wished to have a session have been successful. All bookings have been confirmed via Parentmail. A reminder that all sessions are 10am – 2pm and students will need a packed lunch and to make own transport arrangements. Students are not needing to attend in school uniform. Many thanks to the staff for attending college in the holidays to deliver these sessions.

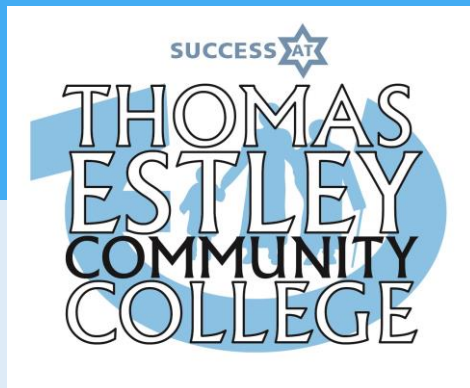
Date	Subject	Room	Teacher	SLT onsite
Monday 11 th April	Citizenship	H4	Miss Geraghty	Mrs Young
Monday 11 th April	RM	IT2	Mr Curtis	
Tuesday 12 th April	English Language	Drama Hall	Miss Little Mr Smith	Mrs Cornelius
Tuesday 12 th April	Economics	E2	Mrs Bryan	
Wednesday 13 th April	Physics and Biology – Higher	Drama Hall	Mr Draycott	Mrs Cornelius
Wednesday 13 th April	Biology and Physics – Foundation	S6	Mr Hillman	
Thursday 14 th April	PE	T1	Miss Kavanagh	Mrs Collins
Tuesday 19 th April	IT	IT3	Miss O'Garra	Mr Timmins
Tuesday 19 th April	Computer Science	IT4	Mr Timmins	
Tuesday 19 th April	Geography	G1	Mr Schalkwyk	
Wednesday 20 th April	Higher Maths	Drama Hall	Mrs Taylor and Mrs Ducey	Mrs Collins
Thursday 21 st April	English Literature	Drama Hall	Miss Pole and Miss Little	Mrs Hartley
Friday 22 nd April	Drama	H3	Mrs Johnson	Mrs Collins
Friday 22 nd April	French	L1	Mrs Anderson	
Friday 22 nd April	Spanish	L3	Miss Coles	
Monday 30 th May	Chemistry	Drama Hall	Mrs Rotimi	Mrs Briggs
Tuesday 31 st May	Maths Foundation	Drama Hall	Mrs Taylor and Mrs Ducey	Mr Timmins
Wednesday 1 st June	History	Drama Hall	Mrs Young	Mrs Young
Wednesday 1 st June	Dance	A1	Miss Bancroft	

Exams

Year 11 written Examinations start on **16th May** and are due to continue until the end of June. Students have individual timetables and seating plans available on Insight. Students have received a paper copy which I suggest they take a photograph of in case misplaced and for quick reference.

Between **16th May and 27th May** students will be in college full time. If they have a morning exam during this time they should go straight to the canteen at 8.30am where they will be given a small breakfast and a warm up session with class teachers before the exam at 9am. If they do not have a morning exam they should go to registration as normal. Students will attend normal lessons in between the exams. If students have an afternoon exam they should attend the canteen at 1.10pm for a brief warm up session before a 1.30pm start.

Spotlight on Year 11



June 6th Onwards; students will be attending college for exams and for lessons where they are yet to sit all of the papers. If students do not have an exam or have sat all of their papers they can go home. Students are welcome to stay onsite and can use college facilities/transport until their final exam. If onsite, students must be in a timetabled lesson where the teachers will be delivering exam content or supervising independent revision. College uniform is compulsory at all times whilst onsite.

Celebration Event

We are very pleased to be able to host a celebration event for Year 11 on **Thursday 23rd June**. All students will have a Physics GCSE exam in the morning and there are no exams in the afternoon. After the Physics exam students will be invited onto the field and will be given a bacon bap or cheese toastie free of charge. We will also have some independent stalls and merchants selling ice cream, waffles and coffee etc. Students are welcome to bring a picnic blanket, listen to music, sign shirts, (they must have a clean one for remaining exams) take photographs and enjoy some time all together. Teachers and support staff will be joining Year 11 for the celebration event. Students will then leave site at 12.15pm and not be expected to be onsite in the afternoon. We will send a form in due course to pre-order the snack.

Year 11 Yearbook

The Yearbook is now available to purchase as an item on Parentmail. At a cost of just £8.00, you can have a lasting memory of your child's time at Thomas Estley. The deadline for ordering the Yearbook is Friday 24th June and they will be ready for collection on GCSE results day, Thursday 25th August.

Year 11 Prom

The TECC 2022 Prom is being held at Sketchley Grange on **Wednesday 29th June 6pm – 10pm**. Tickets are available to buy through Parentmail or cash at reception. The deadline to purchase is **Friday 29th April** as final numbers are needed to be with the Venue. Students will have a red carpet arrival with a mocktail and canapes. There is a private area for the arrival of vehicles etc. The event is ticket only and is only available to current Y11 TECC students. The venue have the right to refuse entry.

Students will enjoy a 2 course evening meal, Awards Ceremony with prizes and entertainment. There will be a professional photographer taking single, couple and group photographs at an extra charge. Students will also need a small amount of money for soft drinks. We are sure this will be a fantastic night for the students and staff.

If you have any questions about the revision schools, prom, exams or celebration event please email me on jhartley@thomasestley.org.uk

Macbeth

50 Year 11 students were given the opportunity to see the seminal and influential Shakespearean play, *Macbeth*, on stage at The Crescent Theatre in Birmingham on 9th March. It truly was a fantastic opportunity for our young people to secure the learning of their set GCSE Literature text.

Students represented the school fantastically and I was very proud to facilitate this opportunity for them. There are only weeks left until the real GCSE exams now, so every bit of input, recapping, revision and effort will go a long way. Keep up the dedication, Year 11!

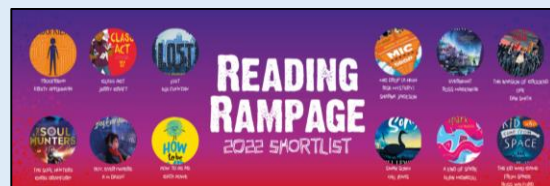


World Book Day 2022

March always sees the English department dressing up to celebrate **World Book Day**. This year we all took on characters from our GCSE set text, *An Inspector Calls*, and thoroughly brought the play to life! Alongside our fancy dress, we also had numerous activities going on across the school in order to raise literacy and enthuse our students to read. It was a great success so thanks to all who got involved.

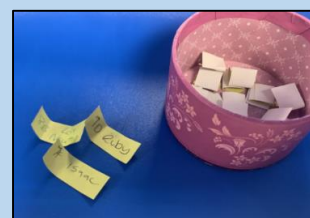
Reading Rampage

Students in **KS3** are loving being involved with the Reading Rampage initiative again this year. 10 up-to-the-minute novels have been shortlisted by academics, and students are given the opportunity of reading them with peers, discussing them, and finally voting on their favourite choice out of the ten. Some students have shown great dedication with this and are loving the exposure to genres they might not have tried before. If you want to know more about this, please ask your child to speak with Mrs Smith in the library who will gladly steer you to these brilliant reads.



Reading Achievements

Our English Faculty looked at their reading records to identify the top three students in each KS3 class for achievements in reading. All the names were put into a draw and three students overall were selected- their hard work and dedication in English is admirable and we're very proud of how these students work, consistently, in this subject area. Well done to Ruby Richardson in 9D, Lola Newton in 8B and Isaac Hodgkinson in 9F. Great investment in your reading; keep it up!



Sport – Rugby/Football

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Rugby Festival : A full set of KS3 teams - **U15 boys**, **U15 girls**, x 2 **U13 boys** and x 1 **U13 girls** teams attended the festival last week with over 50 students involved.

Well done to the **U15s boys** who won both their fixtures vs Dixie Grammar and Redmoor Academy.

Our **U15s girls** teamed up with Lutterworth College to make a complete side and played Uppingham and Castle Mead.

Great work by our **U13s boys** - 2 teams - who won all their fixtures vs New College, Fullhurst, St Pauls, Redmoor and Charnwood.

Our **U13s girls** played Castle Mead, New College and Lutterworth High and won 2 games and drew one.

All the players did really well and were a credit to the college - fantastic work, everyone! Huge thanks to Steve Carter who is our Rugby Volunteer – without out, this wouldn't take place.



Our **Boys Football Teams** reached the County Knock out stage too. Our **Year 11's** beat New College 2-0 and our **Year 10's** beat John Ferneley 3-1.

In the Quarter Final, the **Year 10** boys were down 2-0 at half time, having not only battled the opposition but also the wind. The 2nd half meant the wind was working with us and the boys were able to pull 2 goals back and take the game to Penalties. At 5-5 it went to sudden death. Unfortunately it wasn't our night. Penalties are a horrible way to go out of a competition, but we are so proud of the effort of the boys. They fought back and gave it everything they had.

Huge thanks to manager Gareth Butler for his work with the team this season, it's very much appreciated.



Sport - Football

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We have had a brilliant half term of **U16 Girls** Football.

They made it a clean sweep of wins against Brockington before half term. A 5-1 win meant that they won the Blaby & Harborough league and qualified for the County Cup.

They had a comfortable win after half term in the County Cup last 16 against The Madani School from Leicester. 8 different players on the score sheet for us to see us through to the County Quarter Finals at home to Welland Park.

An amazing display in the Quarter Final against Welland Park. A 5-1 win with goals from Eve, Ellabelle, Poppy, Lina, and an Own Goal mean the girls have booked their place in the Semi Final. Another great team display from the girls with player of the match going to Sophie in defence.

The girls dominated Wigston Academy at the Semi Final with a fantastic 8-0 win. Another brilliant team effort. Player of the match went to Nell, a great defensive display from her. The final is May 5th at Harborough Town FC.



Our **U16** were in Futsal action at Broughton Leisure Centre in the Blaby & Harborough District Finals. A 7-5 win against Lutterworth College and a 3-0 win against Welland Park in the Blaby & Harborough District Finals means they are Champions and go through to the County Finals at Crown Hills School after Easter.



Catmose College from Rutland made the long journey over to us for the last 16 of the **U14** Girls Football County Cup. Our Tommo girls dominated the first half with 9 shots on target, we just couldn't make one count.

In the second half we started to take our chances. Summer opened the scoring for us followed by Gracie, Charlie, Millie P and Charlie again resulting in a 5-0 win. Player of the match went to Faith, her hard work in midfield was top level and the key to many of our attacks.



The County Cup Quarter Final match against English Martyrs School was played in freezing temperatures. The girls didn't disappoint and dominated from the off. Another great team display that saw player of the match Charlie net 4 goals. Additional goals from Ruby, Gracie and Maggie to claim a 7-0 win and see the girls through to the Semi Finals against Robert Smyth.

Sport - Netball

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Two netball teams headed over to Leicester Grammar school for the **U15** Tournament. Our A team played in the Cup competition; some very high level Netball saw us claim 5 wins and 3 losses to finish 3rd.

Our B team were playing in the plate competition. They went through all of their matches undefeated, drawing 2 matches and winning all of their others to finish runners up on goal difference.

A great afternoon, where once again our girls showed excellent team spirit and were fantastic ambassadors for the College.

Our **Year 10** Netball team met Loughborough High in the Semi Final of the County Cup. A 26-16 loss, but an amazing display of pride, determination and heart shown by our girls. A great effort.

Our **U16** Girls headed to Leicester Grammar School in February for Netball. We had two teams - our A team in the Cup competition and our B team in the Plate competition. As well as the competitive matches, we were able to gather some great video evidence of the Girls for their GCSE PE practical grades.



Our A team played some brilliant Netball against some very strong teams which included many County players. They played 5 matches, unfortunately they didn't get a win, but really showed how much their Netball has developed in their time at Thomas Estley. This saw the end of their Netball careers with us. We are so proud of all that they have achieved and wish them every success with their future sporting activities.

Our B team which was made up of **Year 10** GCSE PE students were very successful in the plate competition, playing 5 matches against both **U16** B teams and also **U18** B teams & winning all 5 to be crowned Plate champions.



Another great afternoon at Leicester Grammar School for the last of the seasons Netball Tournaments. This tournament **U14** and again we were able to enter two teams. Both teams were missing their Goal Keepers - the B team rotated players into that position, they did a great job. In the A team, huge well done to Charlotte who offered to play GK and was amazing.

The A team finished 4th in the Cup with 4 wins and 4 losses. The B team finished 4th in the Plate with 4 wins and 3 losses.

More Sport

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Congratulations to **Year 8** student Archie Clarke who has been selected to for the Leicestershire squad to race at this years' English Schools Cross Country Race.

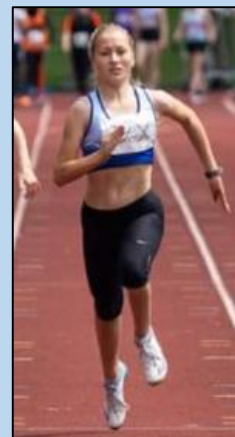
Archie will be running up an age in the **U14** squad. A brilliant achievement for him.

Congratulations to Emily Gibson in **Year 8**. Not only a key member of our **Year 8** Netball Team and our **U13 & U14** Girls Football Teams, but also a fantastic athlete.

Emily was recently selected for the **U13** Leicestershire & Rutland Indoor Athletics Team. She competed at the Regional Finals in Grantham and was a key member of the squad who were crowned Regional Champions.

Emily will now represent the East Midlands Region as part of the Leicestershire squad at the National Indoor Athletics Finals in Manchester in April.

An amazingly talented young lady. Well done, Emily; we are very proud of you.



A great evening at Robert Smyth Academy for our four Indoor Athletics Teams. Second places for both the **Year 7 and 8 Boys** Teams & third places for both our **Year 7 and 8 Girls** Teams. Well done to all who took part. We're really proud of you all!



Dance

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The **Year 9** Dance Specialism students spent a day with a professional videographer recording an instructional warm-up video that will go out to all primary schools participating in the Daily Boost/Dance Maynia Festival of Sports, in June. On the back of their amazing professionalism demonstrated during filming, Active Together have requested that the students help to launch the festival, by visiting some of the local primary schools to perform their routine live and deliver workshops. They have also been invited to perform at the opening ceremony, to act as ambassadors during the event and to assist the dance professionals delivering sessions on the day.

Miss Bancroft could not be any prouder of these young adults. Their level of professionalism was off the charts. Congratulations to all involved.



The **Year 11** GCSE Dance students submitted the largest part of their performance component - choreography. To meet the criteria for this assessment they must respond to a given stimulus, select and edit music, create a solo or group piece to communicate their intentions using action, space, dynamics, relationships, choreographic and structuring devices.

Over the course of the last 6 months, whilst also juggling their normal workloads, students have worked tirelessly in class, after school and at the weekends to prepare for this day. For many, this also meant organising and running rehearsals with some of our Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students - talk about transferable skills.

Congratulations Year 11, and a huge thank you to everyone who has supported them. The dedication and commitment demonstrated by our KS3 dancers, and their parents, has also been overwhelming.



Art and Design KS 3

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So far this term, students in **Years 7 and 8** have explored 3D skills. **Year 7** have developed their clay skills in response to an Underwater World theme. **Year 8** have explored Papier Mache inspired by Aboriginal Art.



Students in **Year 9** have experimented with mono printing – a great technique for developing expressive use of line and mark making.



Art and Design KS 4

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Due to exam board regulations, we are not allowed to publish photographs of "live" GCSE work, so here is just a small selection of some of the amazing work produced by Key stage 4 students in recent years.



It has been over two years since some of these **Year 9** students have been in the TECC Food room, but they have really impressed their teacher this week with their pastry making skills. In making these **Tomato and Basil Tarts** they have demonstrated the techniques of 'rubbing in' and 'blind baking'.

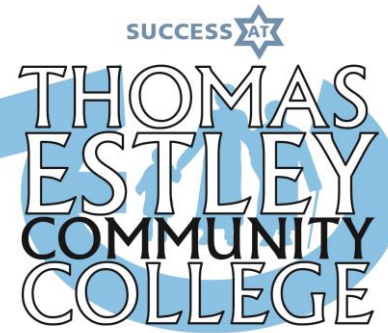
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Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students have been making Jambalaya, a creole dish which is a staple of Louisiana. Creole cuisine typically has lots of Spanish influences. This one-pot wonder will soon become a family. Students had to also consider how to plate a single portion of the dish and the use of garnishes. These look very yummy!

Tommo Bake Off



Did you know? . . . the Brooklyn Blackout cake was invented during World War II in recognition of the mandatory blackouts to protect the Brooklyn Navy Yard.



Year 7 Bakeoff! Well done to all the contestants in the first heat of the Bake Off Competition; AJ Tyers, Amelia Prince, Daniel Powell, Evie Smith, Rose Winterton, Finley Lord, Leah Frid, Ruby Holland, Gabriel Voralia, Joshua Beazer and Jayden Taylor. It was a close competition as the taste testers/judges will testify to (there's never a shortage of staff volunteers when it comes to tasting cake!) Congratulations go to Daniel Powell for his very ambitious 4 layered Brooklyn Blackout cake which was a very worthy winner with the majority votes.

There was so much ambition in the 2nd heat of the TECC Bake Off - **Year 8's!**

A very well done to all the contestants; Ava Davis, Chloe Price, Erin Aldridge, Tyger-Lilly Wells, Zac Carter, Tristan Dickason, Lily Brooks, Lilian Chamberlain, Lexi Gotch, Leah Warner, Harrison Cross, Harrison Willmott, Poppy White, Emily Deacon, Kitty Horeckyj, Millie Armston and Kitty Johnson.



It was a close competition at the top, and the taste testers/judges will (I'm sure) agree that it all came down to taste! Big congratulations go to Harrison Cross, Kitty Johnston, Kitty Horeckyj and Ava Davis for all their bakes, very worthy efforts all round!



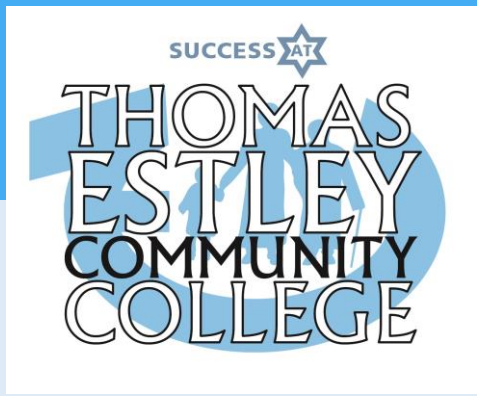
More delicious entries! The third heat in the TECC Bake Off saw two **Year 8** girls competing with two **Year 9** boys - Ava Frith, Katie Thompson, Joseph Tunnicliffe and James Cleaver



Some of our **Year 10** and **Year 11** students competed in the final round of the TECC Bake Off. Well done to Luke Simons, Connie Harvey, Eleanor Bowen and Lolly Tunnicliffe for all the yummy treats you provided the judges with!



Can You Cook It?



Can you cook it?

February

Ava Davis made this triple chocolate love heart cookie.

Kitty Horecky made these heart shaped shortbreads and heart shaped pizza.

Well done to the winners of the **February** Can you Cook It Challenge! Great work around the Valentines theme!

March Can You Cook It Challenge!

March had at least 3 'feast' days; 1st March was St. David's day (Wales), 5th March, St. Piran's day (Cornwall) and 17th March, St. Patrick's day (Ireland) and with these comes the opportunity for enjoying lots of regional foods!

Can you cook it?

MARCH

Kitty Horecky made these Welsh cakes

Kitty Johnston chose her paternal country of Ireland. She cooked an Irish beef and Guinness stew with creamy mash and cabbage AND a Brioche bread and butter pudding with a Bourbon caramel sauce

Mrs Keight made these Cornish pasties

Thank you to those who took part in March's challenge – certificates are on their way to you soon! REMEMBER these challenges are open to all students, staff and parents – it'd be great to see more of you getting involved!

As Easter falls in April this year that seems a good enough reason to go with an Easter theme this month. Apparently, there's no such thing as too much chocolate at Easter??? But not everyone has a sweet tooth so feel free to be different.

One of Mrs Keight's favourite foods is an Italian Easter pie and you can switch up the ingredients to cater for your own tastes and dietary preferences.

Don't feel you have to stick to the obvious – DARE TO BE DIFFERENT and go with something less traditional maybe?

REMEMBER, whatever you decide to cook, don't forget to send a photo to mkeight@thomasestley.org.uk

April Can you Cook it Challenge! Remember these challenges are open to students, staff and parents – it'd be great to see more of you getting involved! As Easter falls in April this year, that seems a good enough reason to go with an Easter theme this month. Apparently, there's no such thing as too much chocolate at Easter! One of Mrs Keight's favourite foods is an Italian Easter pie and you can switch up the ingredients to cater for your own tastes and dietary preferences. Don't feel you have to stick to the obvious – DARE TO BE DIFFERENT and go with something less traditional maybe?

Student Leadership/ Primary Outreach

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Our **Netball Leaders** were out in force in March. First a skills session with Hallbrook Primary school where they worked on the fundamentals of the game such as passing, dodging, agility, marking, shooting & reactions. Then a competitive mini tournament. The Hallbrook students' skills were very impressive. Thanks for coming down and joining us.

Well done too to our netball leaders who were very professional. Some of them will be able to use this evidence towards their Sports Studies GCSE course.



Pre-school Readers have been brightening up preschool by their regular visits to share books with the children. Well done to them for their enthusiasm, commitment and the great feedback from preschool staff: 'They are all lovely, polite and really engage well with the children.' A fantastic demonstration of leadership and community involvement by our students - we are very proud of them.



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Our Sports Studies **Year 10** group led a football based session for our Pre School students.

Our Sports Studies class had planned the activity, carried out a risk assessment, organised the equipment and then coached the pre school students. Lots of fun was had by the pre school youngsters & our Sports Studies students realised quickly just how adaptable they have to be when working with pre schoolers.



Well done, everyone!



As part of Alfie's work towards this SSAT gold accreditation, he has completed his Football Referee's course with Leicestershire & Rutland County FA. He was selected to referee a Leicester City U11 Academy match v Peterborough United at Leicester City's state of the art new training ground, Seagrave.

Well done Alfie, we are very proud of your achievements.



Student Leadership/ Primary Outreach

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A fantastic football tournament led by our **Sports Leaders and Sports Studies Students**. Lots of great football on show from students at Old Mill, Orchard, Hallbrook, Cosby & Badgerbrook.

In the Girls competition, the girls played four matches each. Hallbrook finished runners up and Badgerbrook claimed the Family of Schools title.

The boys competition also saw all teams play four matches. Both Old Mill and Badgerbrook finished on the same points with the same goal difference and had drew 1-1 when they played each other which meant a penalty shoot out to decide who came out on top. It went to sudden death. Old Mill's keeper saved Badgerbrook's last shot and were then able to convert their final penalty to be crowned winners.

We are really proud of the professional job our leaders did officiating the matches and thank all of the primary schools for attending and playing in such a friendly competitive way.



Our Primary Performance Arts Masterclass 'Show in the Day' went brilliantly. We had 27 pupils from 6 feeder schools. The day went smoothly due to our three transition leaders, Harrison, Ave and Katie, who took to the leadership challenge with enthusiasm and skill.

Throughout the day they guided their group into learning their dance routines and songs, plus helped them to create the scenes for the poems. All the pupils learnt two Roald Dahl poems and acted them out as well as learning two songs with dance routines. They performed amazingly to their grownups at the end of the day; the confidence they showed and professionalism of their performance was truly special after just 4.5 hours.



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Primary Business Masterclass: Four of our feeder primary schools took part in this Primary Experience Day.

We started the day looking at slogans. We then did the dice challenge where pupils worked in their team doing a production line to get the most items made; a race against the clock.

Next pupils designed cards to make. The groups had to come up with a unique selling point for their cards, and they came up with some very clever ideas. Then they made the cards, using different equipment and materials. Once this was completed, they prepared their pitches. Each group made a three minute pitch like Dragon's den.

All the pupils were really engaged through the whole day, showing their creative and team work skills, and all were a pleasure to host at Thomas Estley. The primary transition student leaders were just brilliant, and helped the day run so smoothly - we are very proud of them all.



We welcomed some Year 5 pupils from Hallbrook Primary into our **Science** Department, for a Science week focus lesson. They were shown how to use a microscope, and looked at everyday objects like salt and string, learning how to focus the lens and determine the composition of the objects. Some fantastic future scientists in the making!



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Fifty Primary pupils from Year 5 were welcomed on site from five feeder primary schools. For the History Masterclass they looked into Richard III, how his identity was evidenced. They also discussed the theories about Richard III and what could be true or false. All the students were fully engaged and took part really well for Mr Hancock.

In Science, pupils carried out different activities to see if they were fit enough and could pass the test to be an astronaut. They looked at eye sight, pulse rate after jumping, took blood pressure and various other tests. All engaged really well with the activities for Mr Draycott. Our Primary transition leaders were brilliant at helping once again. Well done, everyone!



Another great event for our Sports Leaders Alfie, Grace, Belle, Caitlin & Eve to get involved in as we hosted the Blaby & Harborough Netball Tournament. There were seven teams in attendance, making lots of matches for our leaders to umpire, and they did an amazing job with some very competitive teams. Some fantastic netball was played, and well done especially to Greenfields and Hallbrook teams who finished first and second and qualify for the next tournament in May which we are hosting here again at Thomas Estley.

We're really impressed with how far our student leaders have come. They did a really professional job. Well done to you all.



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Employer Engagement from Lloyds Banking Group!

We were delighted to welcome James Harrison, Customer Services Planning and Performance Director, from Lloyds Banking Group to deliver an inspirational talk about his career journey to our current **Year 9 Enterprise Specialism** group. Students had the opportunity to hear James' career journey and learn about careers linked to business and banking. As well as his year working abroad in Geneva and having to develop his French language skills. After a Q&A session, students competed in a Kahoot quiz to test their knowledge of Lloyds Bank. Students then reflected on their own future career journey and created their road map. A useful activity to get students thinking about their future. Students said they really enjoyed hearing James' story!



Year 10 Citizenship GCSE class were visited by Harborough Council to discuss what the Council does and the career pathways they offer for young people. Students were taught about the range of apprenticeships on offer, from Level 2 all the way to funded degrees. It was a great insight into how many different pathways can be found within the Council, from office based roles to environmental health.

UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair

It was a pleasure to accompany a small group of **Y11** students to King Power Stadium for the search fair. Teagan said "By seeing all the different courses at university it has allowed us to help make final decisions about our A level courses and helped us see a variety of options that we could choose for our future. I have decided to go down the engineering route as there are many different fields and it really interests me." Caitlin & Sian agreed "...it was good to have a look round and get an idea of the type of thing I want to do." Charlie learnt a lot about nurse training to become a nurse in A&E, and James learnt more about business courses at Higher Education.



Thomas Estley Amumni success: Regan left us in Year 9 as his family moved to Portland, Oregon in the USA. His love of sport continued at his new school. He competed in football (soccer) and track to start with and then more recently joined the Bowling and American Football teams. Regan's hard work has definitely paid off, as in September, he will be off to Linfield University Oregon to play American Football alongside his studies.

A huge achievement for a remarkable young man. Congratulations, Regan. Thoroughly deserved.

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World Book Day! Here are some of the costumes of famous characters from books worn by TECC staff and The Centre staff (our on site satellite base for Birkett House) around the college - can you guess who they are?



Pictured here are also the student winners of the character treasure trail competition.

Thank you everyone for joining in and celebrating the power of reading!



Year 11 student, Jakub, felt he wanted to help the Ukrainian Families fleeing their homes so he contacted **Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH)** who are supporting the refugees involved on the ground. He presented an online assembly to all students and also organised a non-uniform day and asked for donations of food, clothes, toiletries etc. We were totally overwhelmed by the response to this and here is Jakub pictured with just a small amount of the donations. Just over £800 was also collected on non-uniform day and this will be sent to PAH to support the Ukrainian refugees. The donations are now on their way to Poland. Thank you Jakub – we are all so proud of you. And thank you too to all of our Thomas Estley community who donated so selflessly and generously.



Mrs Willmott and the team collecting donations would also like to say a huge thank you for our college's contributions to the appeal on behalf of the Ukrainian refugees.



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Impact Academy Boxing

More fun was had by our **KS3** boys in the Aspiration Active Sessions



AWS GetIT Bootcamp!

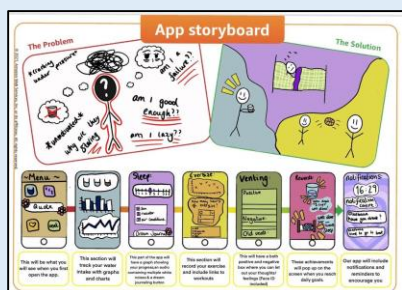
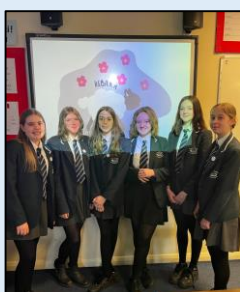
In the Autumn Term all **KS3** students across the college had the opportunity to sign up and engage with the AWS (Amazon Web Services) GetIT competition after a launch assembly with Luiza from Amazon. Since then, students have been working strategically in their teams to design an app idea to solve a problem in their local community or school. With International Women's Day in March, we are proud that at least 50% of the majority of teams are female; inspiring more girls to consider careers in tech.

Students attended a bootcamp session where they pitched their problem and app idea to her and received some top tips to move their app idea on.



We are so proud of Team KEBAAA; Katie, Emily, Beth, Alexia, Ava & Anna. (Pictured wearing their AWS badges!) These aspirational and inspiring **Year 8** girls were one of the 10 teams to reach the AWS GetIT Semi Final on Thursday (chosen from 142 entries across the country). The team presented clearly and professionally their mental health app design and ideas to a panel of Amazon professionals. The commitment, dedication, creativity and leadership skills they demonstrated is admirable. A credit to the college. Well done! [#girlsintech](#) [#STEM](#) [#AWSGetIT](#)

The **Maths** Faculty have had some exciting post recently. Some of our **Year 10** mathematicians entered the UKMT intermediate Maths challenge earlier this year and we've had a bumper crop of certificates! The Maths Faculty are so proud of how they've done. Congratulations all!



Elsewhere in College ...

Year 8 French groups have been completing a French Culture Homework Project about French/Belgian fairy tale and comic book stories. Pictured are some of 8A with some very detailed and creative projects. Très bien!



Wind in the Willows

What a fantastic opening night of our 2022 school show, 'The Wind In The Willows'. Thank you to our fantastic audience for joining us.



Toby Beckett's poem sums up both the events of the current war in Ukraine and also the hope, love and determination which we are seeing rise in response. Thanks for sharing, Toby.

War is a bad thing
It's like falling into an unbreakable ring
But people need to rise up and sing
To remember these times
Hold up your signs
And stand up to war.

In the world of 1939
When the war was in its prime
When there was too much crime
You need to make sure you shine
And stand up to war.

At the end in 1945
The plans start to glide
Into its home

For a very long time
But you need to stand up and rise
Try help the poor
And stand up to war.

But war is stirring a pot
Russia starting a plot
To invade Ukraine
And start the war over again

It's a long way from done
So, spend time with your mum
Make sure the whole family comes together
To live forever and ever.

Well done, **Emily Deacon** - your poem sums up so much about the challenges facing so many in Ukraine at the moment, and the importance of working towards a peaceful solution.

Look at me and what do you see?
A little child or a refugee?
I should be on my way to school and play
Instead, we are having to go away.

Listen, what do you hear?
The giggles and laughter or is it fear?
Instead of hide and seek with my friends
I am having to hide for my life from the fiends.

Look at me and what do you see?
A little child or refugee?
I am on my way away.

I can no longer play.
I walk and walk for days on end.
Away from my family and my friends.

Listen, what do you hear?
The cries of families who's loved ones are no longer near.
Whether they have stayed to fight.
Or those who have taken flight.

Look at me and what do you see?
A little child or refugee?
Listen what do you hear?
Please just listen to my plea,
Please no more war.

Pre-School

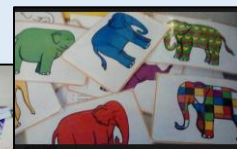
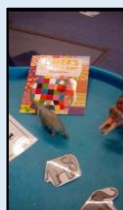
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Pre-school celebrated **World Book Day 2022** by having an Elmer day.

The children could choose to come dressed in grey or their favourite bright Elmer colour. They have shared the book "Elmer's Special Day" during their session.

The children were very excited when Elmer actually visited preschool! Preschool were kindly donated a box of books and everyone has chosen one to take home.



The children enjoyed a book that one of their peers shared on World Book Day It is called "10 Minutes to Bedtime - Little Monster" and they enjoyed it so much we bought our own copy. It has provoked lots of chatter about shadows and animals that might look scary to us. We have begun to create a display of animal shadows and habitats.

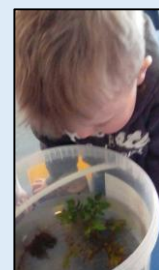


One sunny morning we took the opportunity to go outdoors and teach the children to make shadows, which they then drew around to create their own pictures. They have also been out in the sunshine, helping to prepare the garden for spring planting and of course having some fun exploring.

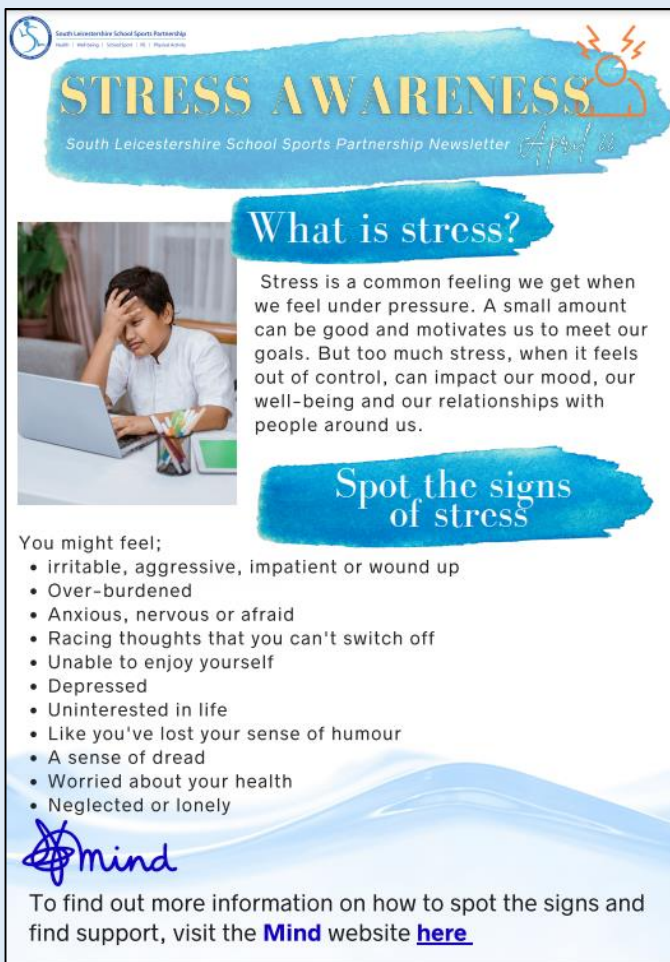
Lots of fun in every weather! Water play and large construction in the sun. They were very excited to see some frog spawn and learn all about the life cycle of a frog.

We are learning all about living things and the children planted some herbs, that they will look after and eventually use in their mud kitchen. They were very good at describing the smell and texture, using lots of new words.

It was very, very exciting when it snowed and the children popped their coats on and went out to play in it.



Stress Awareness Month has been held every April since 1992 to increase public awareness about the causes and cures of the modern stress epidemic.



STRESS AWARENESS
South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership Newsletter April 2020


What is stress?

Stress is a common feeling we get when we feel under pressure. A small amount can be good and motivates us to meet our goals. But too much stress, when it feels out of control, can impact our mood, our well-being and our relationships with people around us.

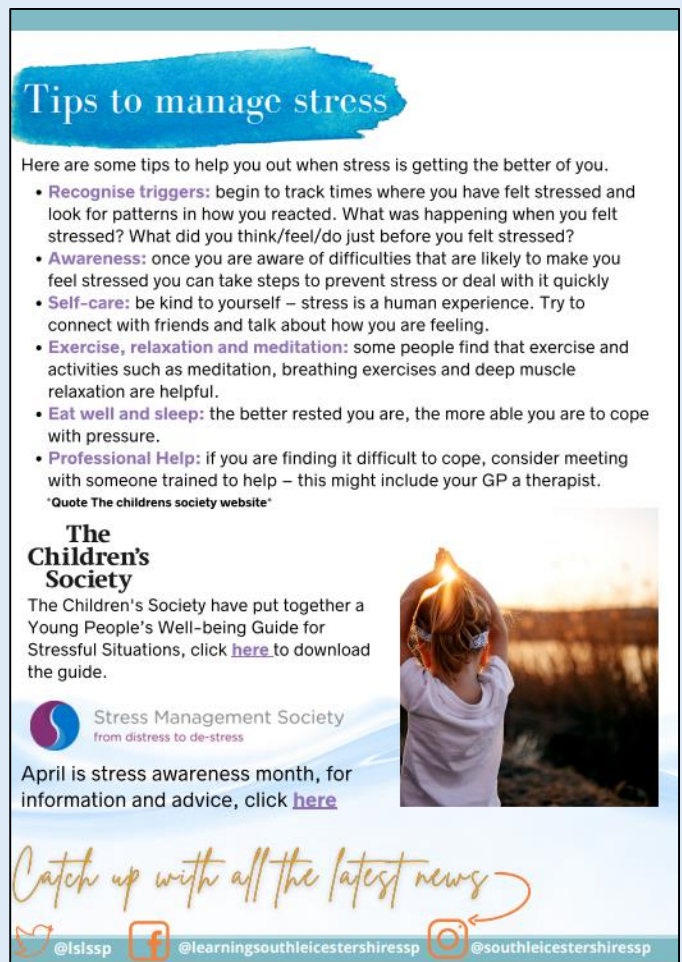
Spot the signs of stress

You might feel;

- Irritable, aggressive, impatient or wound up
- Over-burdened
- Anxious, nervous or afraid
- Racing thoughts that you can't switch off
- Unable to enjoy yourself
- Depressed
- Uninterested in life
- Like you've lost your sense of humour
- A sense of dread
- Worried about your health
- Neglected or lonely

 **Mind**

To find out more information on how to spot the signs and find support, visit the **Mind** website [here](#).



Tips to manage stress


Here are some tips to help you out when stress is getting the better of you.

- **Recognise triggers:** begin to track times where you have felt stressed and look for patterns in how you reacted. What was happening when you felt stressed? What did you think/feel/do just before you felt stressed?
- **Awareness:** once you are aware of difficulties that are likely to make you feel stressed you can take steps to prevent stress or deal with it quickly
- **Self-care:** be kind to yourself – stress is a human experience. Try to connect with friends and talk about how you are feeling.
- **Exercise, relaxation and meditation:** some people find that exercise and activities such as meditation, breathing exercises and deep muscle relaxation are helpful.
- **Eat well and sleep:** the better rested you are, the more able you are to cope with pressure.
- **Professional Help:** if you are finding it difficult to cope, consider meeting with someone trained to help – this might include your GP a therapist.

Quote The childrens society website

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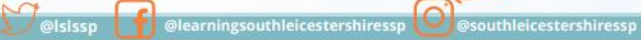
The Children's Society have put together a Young People's Well-being Guide for Stressful Situations, click [here](#) to download the guide.



Stress Management Society
from distress to de-stress

April is stress awareness month, for information and advice, click [here](#)

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According to the Mental Health Foundation, 74% of the population have felt so stressed at some point over the last year, they felt overwhelmed or unable to cope.

On the 20th March every year, the world is asked to unite to help reduce the burden of oral diseases, which affect individual, health systems and economies everywhere.



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ORAL HEALTH



Oral Hygiene



Dental and oral hygiene is an essential part of your overall health and well-being. Poor oral hygiene can lead to dental cavities and gum disease, and has also been linked to heart disease, cancer and diabetes.



World Oral Health Day
20 March

Click [here](#) to find out more!

How to keep teeth and gums healthy

Brush your teeth with fluoride toothpaste twice a day for 2 minutes. Use short, back-and-forth brushing motions to clean the outside and inside surfaces of the teeth, as well as the chewing surfaces and inside surface of the front teeth. Brush along the gum line and the back molars.

Brush your tongue to remove bacteria that cause bad breath.

Top Tip!
Spit out after brushing and do not rinse, so that the fluoride stays on your teeth longer.



Limit the sugar



Every time you eat or drink anything sugary, your teeth are under acid attack for up to one hour. This is because the sugar reacts with the bacteria in plaque and produces harmful acids. Plaque is a build-up of bacteria which forms on your teeth. It is better to have three or four meals a day rather than lots of snacks.

Maintaining healthy teeth and gums is a lifelong commitment. The earlier you learn proper oral hygiene habits, such as brushing, flossing and limiting your sugar intake, the easier it'll be to avoid costly dental procedures and long-term health issues (Health Line 2019)

Worryingly an oral health survey by Public Health England found that just under a quarter of 5 year olds have tooth decay. Excess sugar is listed as the main cause.



Oral Health Foundation
Better oral health for all

To learn more about dental health, click [here](#)

If you need free and impartial advice about your oral health, contact Dental Helpline on 01788 539780 (local rate call in the UK)

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Oral diseases are a major health concern for many countries and negatively impact people throughout their lives. Oral disease lead to pain and discomfort, social isolation and loss of self-confidence, and they are often linked to other serious health issues. And yet, there is no reason to suffer: most oral health conditions are largely preventable and can be treated in their early stages.

Don't Forget!



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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!

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



College is closed to students on Monday 11th – Friday 22nd April and Monday 2nd May

Mobile phones

Students are not allowed to use mobile phones in college unless 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.



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.

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.

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.

