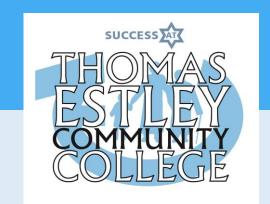


Welcome to our Thomas Estley New Sletter July 2024

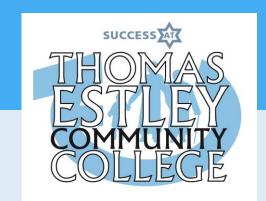
A Community of Courage and Commitment to Success

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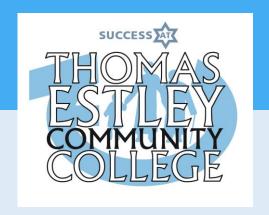
9 th July	College Closes For Summer
26 th August	August Bank Holiday
27 th August	College Opens
4 th September	Year 7 & 8 Parents' Year Launch
5 th September	Year 9 & 10 Parents' Year Launch
9 th September	Year 7 Photographs
10 th -12 th September	Open College Tours
11 th September	Open College Evening
18th September	KS4 Awards
18 th September	Kenilworth Castle History Trip
26 th September	European Day of Languages
1 st October	Year 7 Tutor Evening
3 rd October	Year 11 Parents Careers Information Evening
8 th October	Parents Engagement Event
15 th October	Provider & Careers Fair
15 th October	Year 11 Geography Field Trip
16 th October	Year 9 Careers Drop Down Day
17 th & 18 th October	Modules
18 th October	Show Racism The Red Card Day

Do you know of any student successes that we could share and celebrate?

Please email your information, ideally with photographs to:

PAtothePrincipal@thomasestley.org.uk

A Word From the Principal



The last newsletter of the academic year always offers an opportunity to celebrate our young people and their achievements.

I have had the honour to be recently invited to our Key Stage
Three Awards Evening, our Trust Leadership and Character Awards Evening, our Presc hool Graduation, our Centre Year Nine Leavers Assembly, our TELA teacher trainee gr aduation, and to witness many of our students and young people receiving well-deserved awards and congratulations. It was also my privilege to award certificates to those achieving the most achievement points for Courage, Kindness, Respect,

Perseverance and Resilience, our Thomas Estley Way Character
Traits which underpin all we do, and to work one to one with students applying for national SSAT leadership awards this term. Our student leaders have been great role models.

We have also watched our young people excel in sports, performing arts, STEM, writing, maths and many other arenas this half term, and we have just been awarded the School Games Gold Award this week too. We watched our Year Eleven leavers enter their examinations with commitment and determination and then celebrate their time with us at our leavers event and at the prom.

I wish them all the best on Results Day, and as they move on to future training and careers – I have every confidence in their success. I hope you all enjoy the summer.

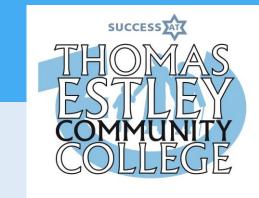




Trips

Our Thomas Estley **Year 10 Resistant Materials** students visited De Monfort University. The day started in the impressive Queen's building home of the Engineering and Media departments. Students had the opportunity to engage with faculty members and students to learn about the wide

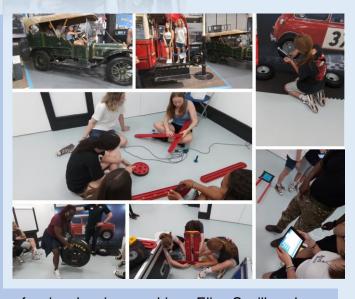
range of courses and opportunities available. The visit provided an overview of the Universities





offerings including Animation, Design, Fashion, Engineering, and Architecture. The visit included interactive Architecture workshop that allowed students to demonstrate their creativity and present their designs to an audience for critique. We finished the day with a guided tour of the campus exploring lecture halls, workshops, studio spaces and student accommodation.

It was an honour for the **Thomas Estley Computing** department to take 29 students to this year's **Girls in STEM Day** on Thursday, 27th June at the **British Motor Museum** in Warwickshire. The day started with the keynote from Louise Reynolds, a director at Aston Martin Lagonda who spoke passionately about her journey from childhood and into the industry professional that she has become today. Students participated in several activities, to include a wheel change challenge, the programming of Spheros with a team from MOD Kineton, the racing of miniature cars around a track and a tour of the museum.



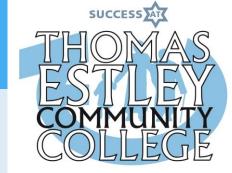
The girls were also excited to meet the female professional racing car driver, Eliza Seville, who delivered the closing talk and provided the girls with autographs.

We hope that this year's event will inspire our girls to become the STEM professionals of the future.

Trips

30 students who study **Textiles** visited the Blenheim Palace to see the Icons of British Fashion exhibition. It was an extraordinarily decadent celebration of some of the biggest names in British Fashion including Vivienne Westwood, Stella McCartney and Alice Temperly. The students came away with knowledge of the designers different styles, inspiration and materials. It was an amazing, inspirational day, giving our talented students aspirations for their own future work at TECC and beyond, along with dreams for the future.



























The Ensembles Project, in collaboration with Leicestershire Music and The Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, recently concluded, with our Thomas Estley music students visiting the conservatoire for the day (left). They enjoyed rehearsing with students from other colleges involved in the project, a guided tour of the incredible facilities, and participated in a folk music workshop. Later in the day, the ensemble performed the three pieces of music they've been practising, which sounded amazing. What a great day out and a memorable and inspirational experience for all.

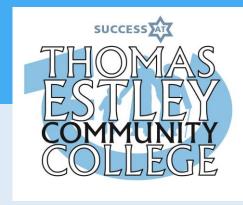
Spotlight on Year 11s











Fantastic memories of our **Year Eleven** students who have managed their time with us brilliantly, including two years of pandemic disrupted learning, a wealth of leadership and character building experiences and opportunities, and were in the middle of their final examination series, and are still cheering us with their smiles and laughter. We will miss you very much, and wish you all the best in your future and next steps. Pictured here enjoying our shirt signing celebration on the college playing fields.







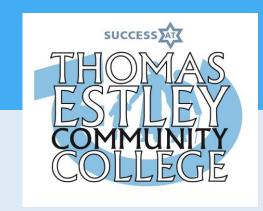


What a fantastic and joyous occasion last night at our **Year Eleven Prom.** We were able to celebrate five successful years with a wonderful year group. We wish you all the best for GCSE results day and for your next steps post 16.



High Achievers





Congratulations to this term's **Thomas Estley Way character point winners** - we are really proud of you all and of the great qualities you show day in and day out. Keep up the great work!











We were delighted to welcome our incoming **Year Six** pupils on site for our **welcome days**. They had taster lessons, learnt about our Thomas Estley Culture and our values of **Kindness**, **Respect**, **Resilience**,

Perseverance and **Courage**, met their tutors and made lots of new friends. We can't wait to welcome them back in August. Meanwhile the onsite daytime events were led by some of our Thomas Estley student leaders, pictured here - they did a fantastic job of looking after the younger pupils and we are, as always, very proud of them!



End of Year Showcase

Thomas Estley's End of Year Performing Arts Showcase was a spectacular way to round off this year. We are so proud of our talented students, who gave a fabulous performance to a warm audience of family and friends. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved in this event. We are already excited, and busy planning, for the next opportunity to showcase our talented Thomas Estley students!







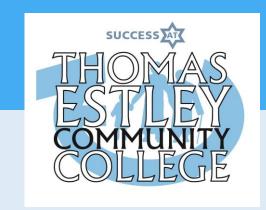




'You're on Your Own Kid'

Taylor Swift









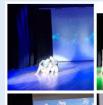


















Trust Awards

We were delighted to host the **Leadership** and **Character Awards** evening for our Trust, **Success Academy Trust**, at Thomas Estley recognising achievements across Trust primary and secondary schools.

Eight of our Thomas Estley students won awards for their exceptional demonstration of leadership and character traits this year at the event - special congratulations go to Alyssia, Alexia, James, Korben, Hope, Zac, Beatrice and Ella, who were all worthy winners.











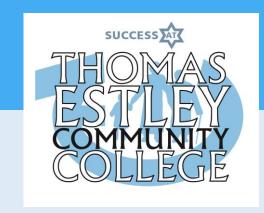














KS3 Awards

We were absolutely delighted to recognise some of our Thomas Estley **Key Stage Three** students earlier this week for their fantastic **progress, achievement and attainment** across subject areas and our Thomas Estley Way character traits. We heard about their **excellent attitude and fantastic achievements** over the last year and celebrated these together. Well done, everyone!











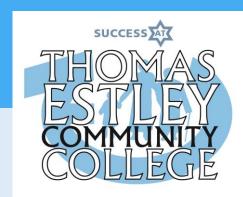
















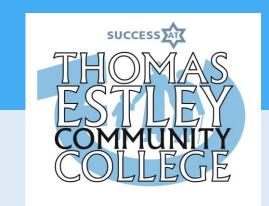






Thank a Teacher Day

It was wonderful to receive so many words of encouragement for our staff as part of the **Thank a Teacher** initiative - for both teaching and support staff. Thank you to students and parents who showed appreciation - your kind words mean so much.



o Miss ... thank you for all your support throughout of year 7 especially the past couple of months. I really appreciate it. Your an amazing teacher THOMAS ESTILEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Community of courage and commitment occess

Thank You!

Thank you to Mrs for everything she does for my daughter. Her support is so greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for being such an amazing teacher!
You are genuinely one of the best teacher's I've ever had.

I just wanted to say thank you for helping me and my friends find our confidence and just always being there. It is so lovely that you give up your breaks just so that we can do what we love.

You've been an amazing teacher this year and I hope I have you next year. Thank you!



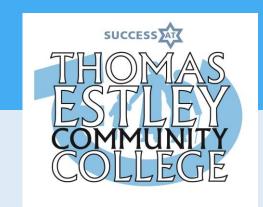
Sport











We had a busy day for **student sports leadership** at Thomas Estley when it was our **KS3 Sports Leaders** led **Old Mill Primary School Sports Day.** There were lots of field events for the Old Mill students to take part in, including an obstacle race and throwing balls and foam javelins, before moving on to the track for the running events. A very professional job from our leaders; we are very proud of you and received some great feedback from Old Mill staff and

families. 'Your young students did an excellent job. They were polite, organised and enthusiastic towards the younger children as well as empathetic to ensure that the Old Mill pupils enjoyed their morning'...'Your students were so encouraging of ours - it was lovely to see'.

After school it was the turn of some of our GCSE Sports Studies students who were completing their

leadership assessment at the year 3/4 Girls football festival. Having spent many hours planning and rehearsing their session, it was the chance to put the theory into practice. They didn't disappoint. They led with enthusiasm and did a great job improving the girls skills in dribbling and passing. Well done to everyone who helped out yesterday; you were great ambassadors for the college and we are really proud of you.

The poorer weather meant that Thomas Estley **Year 10 sports day** had to be adapted slightly. Lots of Year 10 students were keen to help their team to victory and when it came down to it, the very final event, the boys relay, was where the points were decided.

All of the KS3 points had already been added and going into the relay Thomas were 4 points ahead - the winner of the relay would determine who would be crowned champions. An amazing race which saw the Thomas and Sutton last leg runners cross the finish line at the exact

same time, so the points were shared for the race, which meant a Thomas win overall. Great team spirit by all our students, and a special mention to Zalan who showed his athletics prowess today taking part in 5 events and securing 54 of Thomas' year 10 points today. An amazing achievement. Well done to everyone who took part. We are very proud of your courage, resilience, perseverance and Tommo team spirit



Sport













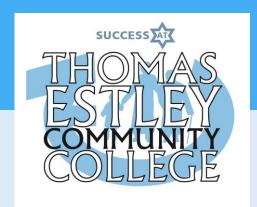






We had our Thomas Estley **Key Stage 3 sports day** with students representing their houses in Javelin, Discus, Shot, Long Jump, Track races, swamp stompers and Tug of War. It was a fantastic day.

Well done to everyone who competed for demonstrating great courage and resilience, and to all who applauded so loudly for their respect and kindness.



We took our Year 8 Girls Footballers (below) to the Leicester City Aspire Seagrave Training tournament at their ground.

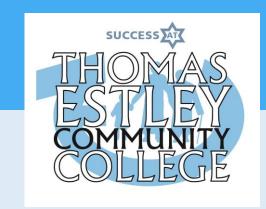
After scoring the most on the cross bar challenge, and a photo with the Championship trophy, we then got down to the matches. A very hot day where yet again our girls were stunning. Group wins against Cedars, Castle Vale & Ibstock and a loss to Brockington we went through to the final. A 0-0 draw saw us through to penalties. Our amazing Goalkeeper Izzy saved 3 to seal the victory 2-1 to us.

What an amazing way to finish a great year in PE. Well done girls. So proud of you all.



Sport

We are delighted to announce that Thomas Estley Community College has achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year. This is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We are extremely proud of our students for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. We were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and **clubs**, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. Well done to everyone!







Thomas Estley **under 12s cricket team** played Lutterworth High in the final game of their league campaign. TECC scored 88 runs from 20 overs, with a special mention to Alfie Day who scored 45 runs. Lutterworth High scored 39 runs from 8 overs before play was postponed by rain. TECC were awarded victory via the DLS ruling. Well done to the team, who finished 2nd in the league campaign. The team has grown in strength in each game and have improved individually through hard work. Well done!

We took 7 Thomas Estley students (right) to **County Athletics finals at Loughborough University**. We are so proud of all of them for reaching the finals. Well done to those who came away with medals.

Ria - 300m County Champion
Honey - Long Jump County Champion
Charlie - High Jump County Champion.
Bronze medals for Megan in the Discus and
Georgia in the 100m.

Well done to all seven athletes for your courage and commitment to sport; a very successful day.



Preschool Sports Day













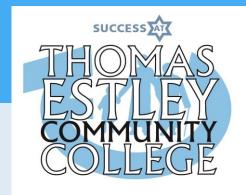












Some of our Thomas Estley sports leaders organised a sports day for our pre-school children, led by Year 11 Jack who was completing his SSAT Gold leadership Award.

The pre school children competed in an obstacle course, egg & spoon race, a hurdles race and a sprint and all went home happy with medals and certificates. Yet again our sports leaders were amazing; they gave continuous encouragement and made sure that the pre schoolers had a good time.

It was lovely to hear our young Thomas Estley sports leaders being praised and thanked by our Thomas Estley preschool parents - we are proud of both college leaders and of the preschoolers themselves for a fantastic preschool sports day yesterday.

We had some lovely feedback from parents and we were so pleased everyone joined in and it was a great atmosphere.

'Was a lovely afternoon and my child even said "I had so much fun" 'Well done to all of you for pulling it off - great organisation!' 'My child had the best afternoon! Thank you and well done to you all!' 'Thank you all so much. My child had a wonderful time and has been talking about it all non stop all night'. 'Wow! How fantastic!' 'Thank you so much for this afternoon, both girls absolutely loved it!!' Such a pleasure to see older and younger children working together for everyone's benefit!

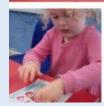
Preschool/Out of **School Club**

Our Thomas Estley preschool children all had the opportunity to make a "Fathers Day" card. The children were busy all week making their cards, working hard to make them totally individual and very much their own. They made their own choices about positioning the pieces and choosing colours, creating their own unique cards for that special someone. Well done preschoolers,

















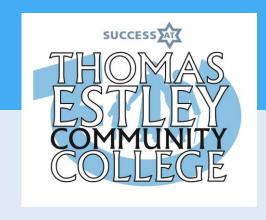












Thomas Estley Preschool Graduation also took place. We are so proud of our little ones, who have developed and grown in every way since joining us a year or two ago. They are now well prepared and ready to move onto primary school and have all the qualities and skills to grow into fantastic young people who will make their mark on the world. We wish them all the best and will miss them so much!





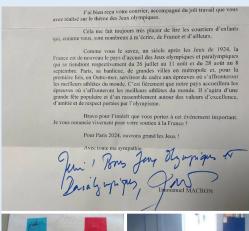








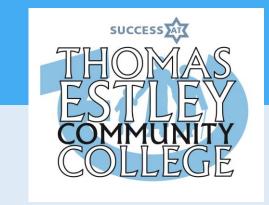
Preschool/Out of School Club







Oh la la! Thomas Estley **out of school club** received a letter from the **French President Macron** to thank them for the best wishes they recently sent him for the Paris **Olympic Games**. They were so excited to open, translate and read it! C'est fantastique!



Every time **England** play a match, Thomas Estley **preschool** are taking part in an activity linked to football. Our afternoon session preschoolers have been looking at maps of Europe and learning where England is situated. They then made their own flags to take home. Then later in the afternoon took the football outside for some kicking practice. Of course they had to roll down the hill and explore nature too.



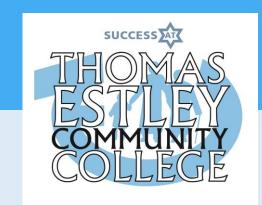




Masterclasses

Building leadership and character together, our **year 7 vocal leaders** (below) planned and recently delivered a vocal workshop to pupils at **Richmond Primary School**. The primary pupils were treated to a fun afternoon, learning how to warm their voices up and sing in canon. Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Gullen were enormously proud of our young leaders (who were primary students themselves this time last year!) who have demonstrated a mature level of planning, organisation and confidence in engaging and teaching others vocal techniques.'











Our Thomas Estley **Year 9 sports specialism** leaders (above) planned and delivered a sports leadership session to **Hallbrook primary school**. The primary students had a fantastic afternoon and really enjoyed the different sports activities led by the student leaders. Well done to all that were involved.

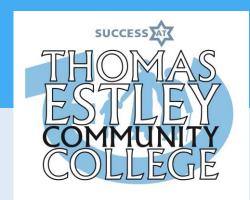
The Thomas Estley Year 9 Dance Specialism student leaders (left) visited one of our trust schools, Richmond Primary, to perform, and deliver a dance workshop. This event was the climax of their dance leadership project. We were very proud of how they interacted with KS2 students on the day, to ensure that it was an enjoyable and enriching experience for all.

Outside and After Tommo

Some of our Thomas Estley **Key Stage Three** students were awarded certificates at the **University of Nottingham** last week for dissertations they had written as part of the **Brilliant Club** this year. All of them received high grades from university tutors. Congratulations to them, and particularly to Beatrice, whose submission was so impressive that it will shortly appear in a national publication.







We are very proud of student Edie who competes in karate competitions all over the country and has won quite a few trophies and medals for her kata's. Over the last year on top of her normal training she has been training with the England Wadokai kata squad and has now been selected to represent England at this years European Championships, which will be held in Cyprus, this October. Well done Edie, and good luck in your international training and championships.



Congratulations go to Talyia who collected **the South Leicestershire Secondary Sports Leader of the year** award. The award was presented by Paralympian Laura Sugar MBE who will be competing in the canoeing at this years Paris **Olympics**.

We are thrilled that Talyia's hard work in school with our array of **Primary school** events, coupled with the amazing community work she does outside of school with **Dunton & Broughton Girls Football** and the local **Brownies** have been recognised in such an amazing way. A fantastic evening for Talyia, this award securing her hatrick after also picking up The Thomas Estley **Highest attainer PE** award and the **Year 7 Spirit of Thomas Estley** Award. Well done, Talyia, you are an amazing individual who proves that hard work and commitment pay off.

Elsewhere in College...

34 Thomas Estley Year 10 students took part in an A Level Maths taster session which was run by the Advanced Maths Support Programme together with Loughborough University. During this, students were able to develop their algebraic thinking by taking an in-depth look at geometric sequences and series. As part of this, they also looked at why it is beneficial to study maths post 16 and what careers maths could lead to. The session was so successful that we will be running it again in the Autumn term to help support students with their college applications.





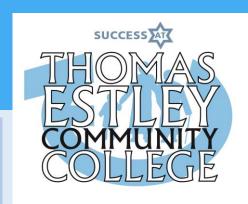




On the **80th anniversary of the D-day landings**, Thomas Estley remembered the sacrifice of so many, together with our village community. Our students read out a poem and joined in a remembrance service. Back in college, our receptionists dressed as **land girls** to bring back wartime memories, and we highlighted some books about **World War II** in our library display.

Thank you to Oliver, Hollie, Lija, Harris and Jacob, who represented the college today; feedback we received was that: 'The students were fabulous at reading the D Day Heroes poem and I received a lot of positive feedback from those in attendance.'

Thank you for displaying our Thomas Estley values of **Courage, Kindness and Respect**, which were so important during the wartime too. The poem Heroes is within the pictures below.





This term Thomas Estley library celebrated **Pride Month** with its choice of recommended books.







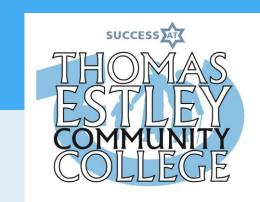






Elsewhere in College...

Year 11 pupils and teachers gave up their Saturday morning and came into college for a **maths revision session** in preparation for their final **GCSE**. The maths department was really impressed with the effort and excellent attitude to learning that pupils displayed. We are sure that everyone found it useful revision.









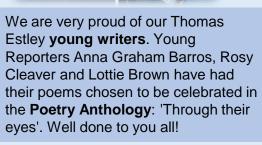
One of our teachers, **Mr Smith**, was recognised by **Pearson National Teaching Awards** with a **Unsung Hero nomination** as a result of student nominations. He received a certificate and a letter from Michael Morpurgo.

We are incredibly proud of the work done by Thomas Estley teachers to support students towards their full potential - well done, Mr Smith!





Some of our **Year 7s** have enjoyed **an Indian Bhangra** performance (left) by our very own **Mr Virk**, an experienced Dhol drummer and percussionist and performer, enhancing their learning and understanding of World Music. Students learned where Bhangra originated, how it has developed in the UK as a genre, and what a Chaal rhythm is. Thank you, Mr Virk, what a fantastic end to the academic year!







We were proud to celebrate Armed Forces Day (above), as a college who host Broughton Astley Sea Cadets and are signatories of the Armed Forces covenant.

Summer Holiday Support

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STAYING ACTIVE FOR LESS

We all know the benefits of being physically active for both your body and mind. However, the current cost of living crisis has meant that household budgets have been squeezed and many families are struggling to pay for costly clubs and activities to keep children and young people active, happy and healthy.

Our Stay Active for Less page has tonnes of physical activity ideas and games that don't cost a thing and are suitable for the whole family to enjoy.

Check it out HERE!







Did you know?

You use 200 muscles every time you take a step! Light exercise, such as walking, is scientifically proven to make us feel happier!

HELP & SUPPORT DIRECTORY

- Childline (information and advice for young people): 0800 1111
- FRANK (confidential support and advice about drugs): Phone: 0300 123 6600 Textline: 82111
- MENCAP (Learning Disability Helpling): 0808 808 111
- The Mix (Crisis messenger service): Text THEMIX to 85258
- Samaritans (open 24/7 for young people and adults to talk about troubles): 116 123
- SHOUT (Confidential text support with people struggling to cope): 85258
- Anxiety UK (Advice and support for people experiencing anxiety): Phone 03444 775 774 Textline: 07537 416 905
- BEAT (helpline and webchat for young people experiencing eating problems): Phone 0808 801 0677
 Website: beateatingdisorders.co.uk
- Papyrus HOPELINEUK (Support and advice for under 35s experiencing sucicidal thoughts): Phone 0800 068
- Textline: 07860 039967
- · Refuge (Help and support for women, children and young people experiencing domestic abuse): 0808 200 0247

LGBTQ+ Support

- Mermaids UK (support for transgender, nonbinary and gender diverse people up to 18 years old): 0808 801 0400
- The Proud Trust (support for LGBTQIA+): Phone 0161 660 3347 Webchat theproudtrust.org
- Stonewall (LGBTQIA+ information and support about coming out) 0800 050 2020

Grief Support

- Child Bereavement UK (Help for children, young people and parents): 0800 028 8840
- · Hope Again (Support when losing someone close): 0808 808 1677

ENCOURAGING HEALTHY EATING HABITS

The summer holidays can often lead to additional stresses for parents. With constant requests for snacks, especially on a budget, it can be difficult to ensure children and young people are eating a healthy and balanced diet.

The NHS Healthier families website has lots of quick and easy DIY snacks you can make here. Research has shown that allowing children to get involved with food preparation encourages them to eat a wider variety of foods. It's also fun and a great activity to do together!

Money saving expert Martin Lewis has a comprehensive list of restaurants and cafes who are offering discounts or kids eat free incentives over the summer holidays, find out more here! Tesco Food has lots of fantastic budget friendly family recipes to try here

Change4Life have lots of information on healthy food swaps LO(AL SWYOF) to help cut down on the amount of sugar consumed. Check it

out here!

• Pride Month

10-14th June

10-16th June

17-23rd June

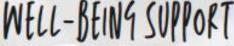
Key June dates

Bike Week 10-16th June

Men's Health Week

BNF Healthy Eating Week

Learning Disability Week



There are a number of services and charities that can offer advice and support on all areas of young peoples mental health. Click on the logos to head straight to their website.



fighting for young people's mental health



Click here to find information about services across Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland that provide support for your mental health and wellbeing. activities

id you know? 1 in 6 children aged 5-16 are likely to have a mental health problem. Source The Children's Society

THE JOY APP HAS A HOST OF ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT WITHIN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE!







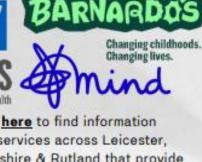




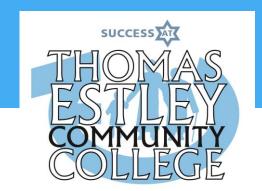
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Interested in a Career in Teaching?





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

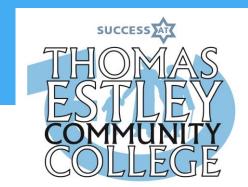
Contact Jo Robotham
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Don't Forget!





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 Parentmail

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.



College closes to students on Tuesday lunchtime July 9 and reopens on Tuesday Au gust 26 2024.

Mobile phones UPDATE

Students are not allowed to use mobile phones in college unless the express permission from a member staff. This is to protect students' learning and social development and is in line with our safeguarding policy. This refers to any use anywhere on the college site, including break and lunchtime - phones should be 'not seen, not heard.'

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.

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 site. Any that are visible inside the college site 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.