

Welcome to our Thomas Estley Community College



Dear parents and carers

Our Trust mission statement is 'Building Leadership and Character Together' and Thomas Estley Community College takes these two areas very seriously indeed. We have many links with employers and universities, who tell us frequently that they take these qualities into account when interviewing and recruiting, and we know that a focus on these areas supports good academic results, improves wellbeing and resilience, and maximises students' readiness for further studies and the world of work.

From Year Seven's settled start, through a range of programmes such as Year Nine Specialisms and SSAT leadership groups to fantastic attitudes within GCSE mock examinations by Year Eleven and across a range of sporting and performance competitions, our students have demonstrated these qualities admirably this term. We have also been delighted to add the Route to Resilience accreditation to our recent wellbeing and character awards this term, whilst continuing to embed the Thomas Estley Way character traits.

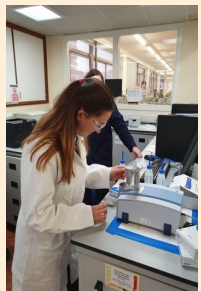


I have been delighted and proud to hear much positive feedback about our students from Year Eleven mock interview employers, from various groups and members of the public meeting our students on visits, fieldwork and residentials this term, from a host of visitors to the college, including some local business CEOs and the Leicester City Community Trust, with whom we are further developing our links and provision, and from primary school staff and pupils and Open College visitors.

Next term sees many of our students experiencing PE lessons within the new leisure centre, which will increase their access to high quality indoor sport and offer new opportunities within PE and Dance. We are also looking forward to our new roof!

I hope that our students and families enjoy a restful, well deserved, Christmas break.

***Mandi Collins,
College Principal***



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Dates for the diary

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| 20th December | Christmas Assemblies |
| 20th December | College closes at 3pm for Christmas Break |
| 2020 | |
| 6th January | College Opens for Teacher Day |
| 7th January | College opens for Students, Spring Term |
| 7th January | 6– 7 pm, Revision evening |
| 15th January | 4:40 to 8:30 pm, Y11 Parents' evening |
| 22nd January | 7–8 pm, Parents Forum |
| 24th January | Deadline for GCSE Option forms |
| 27th—31st January | Y9 mid-term exams |
| 6th February | Y10 intermediate maths challenge |
| 11th February | International Day of women & girls in science |
| 14th February | College closes at 3pm for half-term |
| 17th- 21st February | Y11 Interventions during half-term |
| 24th February | College opens for second half Spring term |
| 4th March | 4:30 to 8:30 pm, Y10 Parents' evening |

Do you know of any student successes that we are unaware of?

Please email your information, ideally with photographs, to:

PAtothepincipal@thomasestley.org.uk

We would love to hear about successes of both current and past students.

Leadership Focus: Who are the Student Council and what do they do?

This year's Student Council took up their positions at half term, after submissions of interest and interviews during the first half term, and have since been meeting regularly and beginning to communicate and carry out actions around their first few focus areas, listed here.

Council members represent all year groups from Years Seven to Ten. Any of them can be approached with any feedback, and students have also been told how they can also email feedback if preferred, which will be considered by the council for action and response.

Thomas Estley Student Council 2019-20

Amelia Barnett

Sophia Poor

Reenie Laffey

Freddie Moore (communications)

Isabel Longman (chair)

Jack Johnson (communications)

Katy Hewitt

Josh Ferla (vice-chair)

Ben Kirk (secretary)

Alfie Hobbs

Lily Philps

Focus One: communication to and from students

- ⇒ Are students able to communicate and feedback easily to staff and other members of the college community?
- ⇒ Are students receiving the messages they need to from staff and other student groups?
- ⇒ How can this be improved within the college?



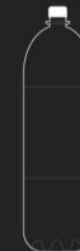
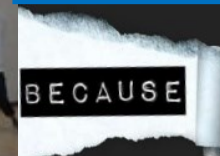
Focus Two: a fully inclusive experience

We are delighted to have students from Birkett House Special School based in the Centre at Thomas Estley and attending some lessons and many areas of the college. How can we work with them to ensure that their experience is even more inclusive?



Focus Three: recycling and reducing plastics

- ⇒ Do we know how recycling works within the college? How can it be maximised and improved?
- ⇒ Are there further ways to reduce plastic and other waste together?
- ⇒ How do we share messages to ensure that all students and the college community work towards this important goal together to protect our planet and effectively manage waste?

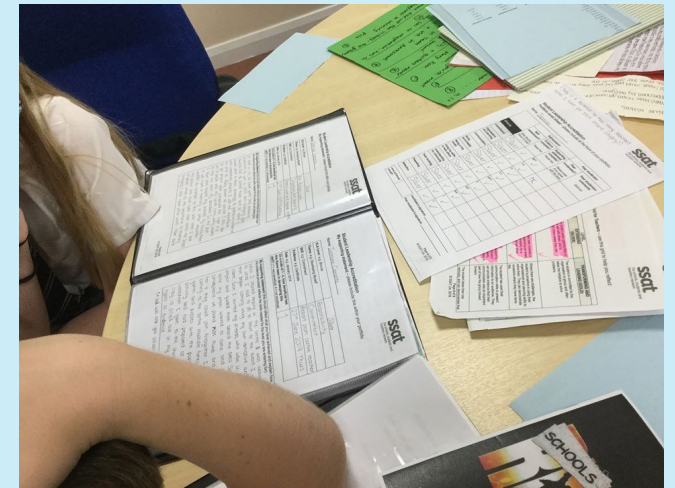
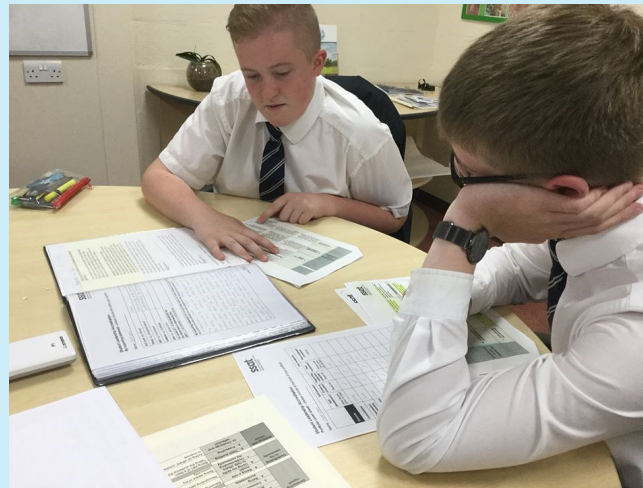


*Only 1 in 6 bottles
are properly recycled*



Making a positive difference and celebrating success

Pictured are some of our SSAT Student leaders who submitted portfolios for national accreditation at Gold, Silver or Bronze level spending an afternoon moderating them together before they were assessed. As always, we are really impressed by the high level of skills evidenced by our young people in the assessed areas of commitment, organisation and planning, communication, being accountable, being a role model, using my skills to help others, understanding my community, team working, presenting and challenge/ reflection. Well done to them all and to all our other student leaders!



All of their hard work paid off! As this year's SSAT Leadership projects are now underway, we congratulate the students among last year's project leaders who chose to submit their evidence for national accreditation. All who submitted portfolios for accreditation received Gold or Silver awards after moderation and we are very proud of you all!



Open college

As Open College season came to an end, we remember the fun of Open College evening - thank you to all our mini celebrities and their families who enjoyed the creativity of our Open College photo booth! We look forward to seeing you all again soon.



We had an amazing open college night and we would like to thank over 500 visitors who came to interact with our Thomas Estley experience and to find out all about our Community of Courage and Commitment to Success. Thank you also to our young leaders and our staff for hosting such a welcoming and vibrant evening.



We are very proud of our Open College student leaders who volunteered both in faculties and generally, supporting tours and Open College evening. English department helpers are pictured below, who, according to Ms Little, 'represented Thomas Estley with passion and enthusiasm. They were awesome'.

We are very proud of all of you - thank you.



Hard work and Decisions

Spotlight on Year 11

Year 11 are now ending the third of four weeks of Mock examinations. We have French and Spanish speaking exams in the final week of the mock period.

We have been exceptionally impressed with the diligence and maturity shown by Year 11 during this high pressure period. The mocks are an invaluable exercise as it gives students a glimpse into the reality of the Summer series. It also gives teachers very accurate performance data in which to apply targeted interventions and to make the decisions with regards to tier entry.

Students will receive their mock results in a result afternoon on Thursday 19th December. The following day mock results and our most current prediction will be available to view on our parent portal: Insight.

The Spring term sees the start of the, "real," GCSE exams and coursework deadlines fast approaching. It is important that Year 11 work hard but also have time for family, friends and to continue with activities they enjoy. With that in mind, we look forward to the Year 11 Prom which will be on Thursday 18th June and tickets will be on sale after Christmas.

If you, or your child, require any support please see a list of contacts available at the College.

Mrs Backes – Examinations Officer

Mrs Johnson – Data Manager

Miss Colquhoun – Careers Lead

Mrs Hartley – Assistant Principal KS4 Progress

Spotlight on Year 9

Year 9 students will be making some important decisions over the next few weeks as they are in the middle of the KS4 Options process. The Parents evening, last Tuesday, was a great opportunity to investigate subject suitability and current performance to help inform decisions.

Students are having preliminary conversations with teachers and are being encouraged to explore potential doors and routes forward. Many students are also having Options interviews with the Senior Team, if we feel they would benefit from our input.

Students will be welcomed back into college on Tuesday 7th January 2020 with an options assembly and an options evening later that day. Parents have been given one of three time slots to hear a presentation around our GCSE offer. Families will then have the opportunity circulate around our Options Evening and speak with staff and current KS4 students.

Our options booklet and reply slips will be issued on the night and will need returning into College by Friday 17th January 2020. Students will receive confirmation of their allocated options after the timetabling process has been completed for the next academic year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the options evening.

If you have any questions please contact me at the college on 01455 283263 or jhartley@thomasestley.org.uk.

Year 9 Linguists



In early October we had the pleasure of welcoming a tutor from Leicester University to present a, 'Why Study Languages' workshop.

The workshop, which centred on how languages are highly valued, was delivered to Y9 students by the French language tutor. It also encouraged students to opt for a language at GCSE level, explained how languages are taught at university and finally, how learning a language can make you more employable.

A fun, interactive French language activity wrapped-up the workshop. It engaged all of the students with understanding complex grammar and practicing problem solving as they worked collaboratively in teams, competing against each other.

Future linguists in the making!



Y11 Careers Fair



We hosted a fantastic post 16 careers fair on the evening of the 29th September, for our Year 11 students and parents, We welcomed lots of local providers and visitors, even including some ex pupils!

Special thanks to our own student careers leaders as well as to Sam White and Miss Colquhoun.



Year 11 Future Pathways



Year 11 Future Pathways Module

Our students are becoming more self-aware, and in October were exploring pathways with visits from ASK Apprenticeships and University of Leicester, and they also took part in employer workshops from LOROS and ESPO, in addition to participating in a 1-1 mock interview.

Grace from LEBC said:

"It was great to see the students' smiles when they left their interviews and some of the comments I overheard were great. You should be very proud of your Year 11's as the feedback received so far from the volunteers has been nothing but positive. They were extremely impressed with the attitude, behaviour and conduct of your students throughout the event. I hope that the students enjoyed their interviews and benefited from the experience too!"

Below are some of the photos from the first two days of the event.



Year 11 Construction

A party of Y11 students (15), interested in a career in construction, visited the Bowmer & Kirkland site at Fosse Park to see the expansion site. It was a great experience valued by all who attended. Students were introduced to Bowmer & Kirkland employees ranging from the Contract Manager to an Apprentice on his placement from University. They were given a Health and Safety briefing, a talk about Careers in Construction with some Case Studies and finally, the site tour. Any student interested in the Apprenticeship pathway for construction, should speak to Miss Colquhoun who can give them some contact details. Meanwhile, back in school, Y11 were taking part in interactive employability skills workshops led by NCS and drafting their personal statements. A fun and productive day for all!



Y11 Chemists



Well done to four of our Year Eleven chemists, selected for a university visit last week. They got to speak with current PhD students, look in the PhD labs and see how the equipment is used as well as try their hand at IR spectroscopy and TLC. They all really enjoyed it!



Year 11 module

During Modules week, we invited Ian Stringer and Matt Piper from Radio Leicester into the college to talk about resilience, perseverance, drugs & alcohol, LGBT awareness and racism. This wrapped up Year 11 careers week in style and the students were engaged, courteous and full of great questions.

Thank you to Ian and Matt for their honesty and encouragement, which will really benefit our young people as they move on to their next steps after the summer.



Year 11 Psychology

Reproduced here are some examples of Y11 Psychology GCSE research homework (set in September) around the prevalence of mental health in today's society.

Well done - there are plenty of ideas here to promote discussion and to support learning.

Prevalence of Mental Health Problems

What are the most common mental health problems?

- Anxiety (3.1/100)
- Depression (3.3/100)
- Phobias (2.4/100)
- OCD (1.5/100)
- Panic Disorder (1/100)
- PTSD (1.4/100)
- Bipolar (1.8/100)

Physical Issues

What are the most common physical issues?

- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Stroke
- Hypertension
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Alcohol use disorders
- Substance use disorders

Symptoms of Depression

- Loss of interest in things
- Weight changes
- Changes in sleeping patterns
- Changes in eating patterns
- Changes in energy levels
- Changes in concentration
- Changes in self-harm
- Changes in thoughts
- Changes in feelings
- Changes in relationships
- Changes in social life
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Mental Health

The most common mental health problems in the UK are:

- Anxiety and Depression
- 1 in 6 people in England will experience depression in their life time

What people with depression experience:

- Depressed mood
- Loss of interest or pleasure
- Feeling of guilt
- Disturbance of sleep or appetite
- Low energy
- Poor concentration

Factors which may affect the prevalence of mental health:

- Traumatic events
- Bad childhood
- Stress
- Family (and grand) relationships

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1/100 people in the UK have a mental health problem

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Symptoms of Schizophrenia

- Delusions
- Hallucinations
- Disorganized thinking
- Negative symptoms
- Affective symptoms
- Catatonia
- Waxing and waning
- Fluctuating symptoms
- Disorganized behaviour
- Disorganized speech
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Symptoms of Depression

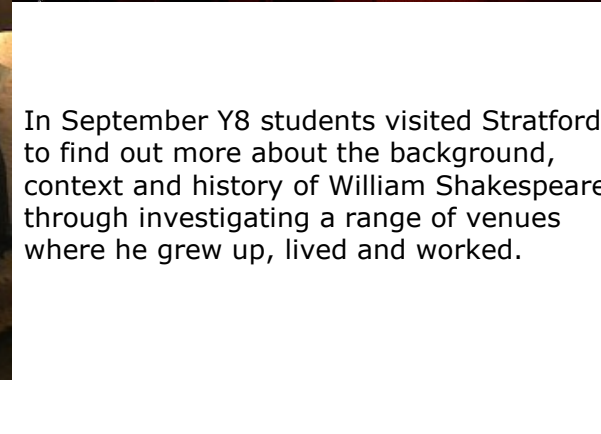
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Current prevalence of Mental Health Problems

Age Group

| Age Group | Prevalence (%) |
|-----------|----------------|
| 12 | 5% |
| 13 | 10% |
| 14 | 15% |
| 15 | 20% |
| 16 | 25% |
| 17 | 30% |

Year 8 Stratford—History trip

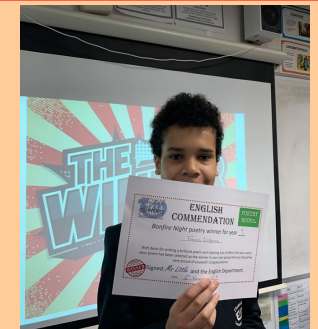


In September Y8 students visited Stratford to find out more about the background, context and history of William Shakespeare through investigating a range of venues where he grew up, lived and worked.

Dip into English



23/09 Roald Dahl day came round again with another chance for our English department to take advantage of dressing up to match the theme. They are certainly a creative bunch!

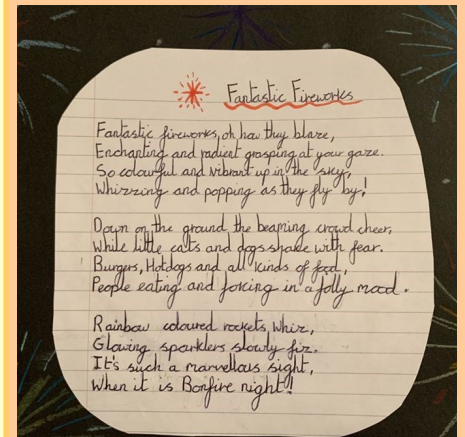
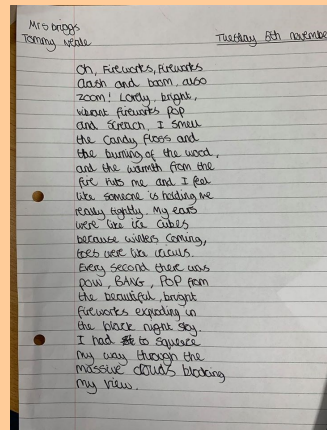


We had a real buzz in the English block in early November arising from Bonfire Night and the opportunity which that presented for students to showcase their creative writing skills.

We ran a competition using onomatopoeia and students' own personal experiences of Bonfire Night in order to create poetry in KS3.

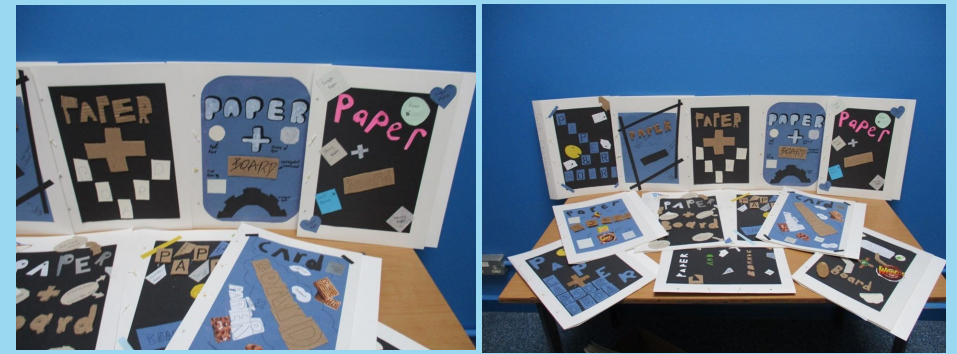
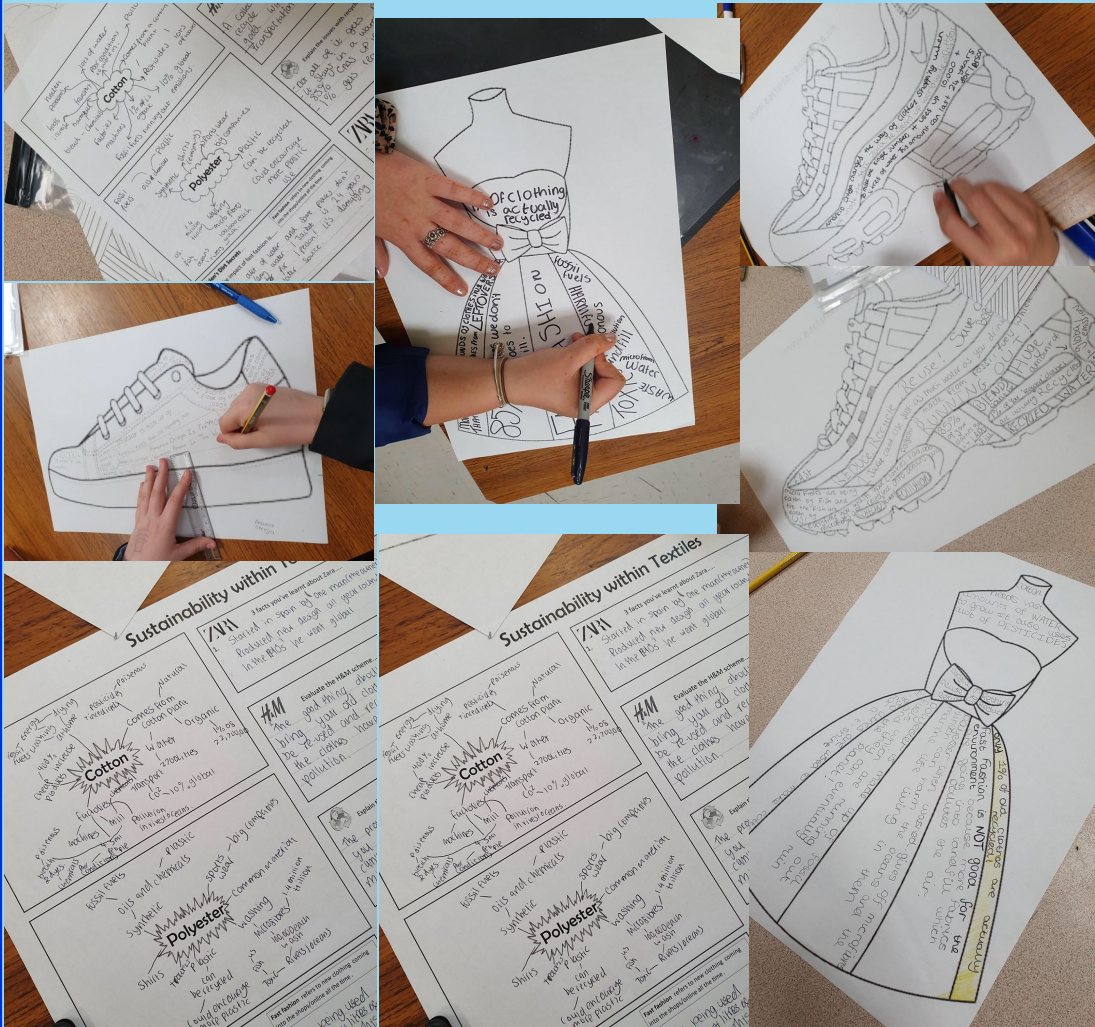
Some of the poems and the effort which was injected into those pieces of work were outstanding; the winners were presented with a Roald Dahl book, along with a certificate to recognise and commend their efforts.

We are very proud of our creative students - well done!



Dip into design

In late September our students in Y8 and Y9 began work on design ideas around sustainability and 'Fast Fashion' in Textiles this week. Mrs Burnett, Head of ADT, has been really impressed with their passion around the damage that some practices within the Textiles industry are having on our world. Students have shown maturity and compassion when discussing some very difficult issues and have demonstrated a real desire for change. The work isn't yet finished, but we thought this was relevant to post after the UN climate talks this week and recent related publicity. We look forward to seeing their thinking converted into their end products.



Meanwhile, Y9 have also shown some real creativity with their design portfolios as they began their Resistant Materials module - we are looking forward to seeing the same degree of creative thought in your final 3D products! Well done.



Maths Achievers

The Maths department are very proud to recognise those students who have shown tremendous amounts of effort and perseverance in their maths lessons, over any given week. The 'Achiever of the Week' table follows below, with some photographs of students who were awarded this title on 9th October.

Their Maths teachers report that it is a real pleasure to teach them. Congratulations to you all!



| Date | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|----------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 25.10.19 | Daniel Snape | Abigail Lea | Daisy Hall | Eleanor Harvey | Leon Wilson |
| 01.11.19 | Sam Millergill | Keira Reynolds | Bailey Richer | Harry Davidson | Harry Campbell-Wright |
| 08.11.19 | Isaac Hodgkinson | Daniel Hosford | Olivia Woolridge | Stuart Bailey Freya Bardill | Jessica Crowe |
| 15.11.19 | Teddy Cole Faith Smith | Isaac Sayer William Troth | Cody Curran Max Fletcher | Martha Longman Elisha Mistry | leo Green Louisa Howard |
| 22.11.19 | Isla Peters | Holly Flynn | Jasmine Clements | Harvey Coles | Hannah Lines |
| 29.11.19 | Liv Ryder | Lauren Ball | Tom Cannons | Joe Waddington | Taylor Rennie |



Geography Fieldwork Y10 & Y11

On Friday 4th October almost sixty Y11 students headed off to Bradgate Park for the day to take part in their GCSE Geography fieldwork.

The focus for the day was to investigate recreation, facilities and sustainable communities in and around the area. Students undertook a wide range of fieldwork techniques with a focus on qualitative surveys. The students were a credit to Thomas Estley and a thoroughly enjoyable and educational day was had by all!



Fifty-six excited Y10 Geographers braved the very windy conditions on Friday 15th November to conduct their component 3 exam practical (applied fieldwork). We started off by visiting Sheringham, where students explored the town and looked at what main businesses in the area and also enjoyed the offering of the local fish and chip shops.

After lunch we met up with the staff from Kingswood Centre and got on with beach profiling, wave counts and coastal defence analysis.

The next beach was at West Runton, where gusty winds and choppy waves made for some interesting findings as well as seeing the cliff collapse in real life. This helped to bring home the problems people face on this section of coastline.

After checking into the accommodation and a good dinner, work continued in the classrooms where students processed and analysed the data they had collected earlier.



The next day, after breakfast, students had a final follow up session using geographical mapping techniques and then some activities to relax. We made the journey home on Saturday afternoon knowing that the time and hard work invested by the students will significantly benefit their own Geographical knowledge and understanding of coasts and of fieldwork techniques. Our thanks to the staff who gave up their time to help with this trip and the students who were a credit to Thomas Estley.

Y10 food

We recently welcomed Rebecca Ward, who is EHO (environmental health officer) with Harborough District Council to college, where she gave a talk to thirty-five Y10 students.



Rebecca's presentation supported the learning outcome for this term, "Know how food can cause ill health" and the current topic, 'Food Safety Legislation'.

Rebecca described her role and responsibilities within the food industry and put what the students are studying into a real life context.

She commented on how attentive our students were during her forty-five minute talk and was impressed with the knowledge they demonstrated in their responses to questioning.

We are very fortunate to be able to welcome visitors such as Rebecca to college, to enhance and enforce the learning of our students and are very grateful for the time volunteered by them.

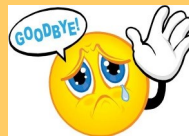


Year 10 module

In our Y10 module, just before half term, we focused on health and well-being. This week-long module supports, which supports students in building their resilience and health to grow into successful adults who can thrive in the modern world was enriched by community visitors and inputs and even offered the chance to take part in Dancercise, pictured beside!



This term we have already or will bid a fond farewell to:
Mr Boden, Mr Hutchinson and Mr Martin.



We wish them all every success.



We warmly welcome the following members of staff, some whom have already joined us:

Mr Evans (Maths teacher)

Ms Jeffery (Teaching Assistant)
Ms Butler (Teaching Assistant)
Ms Kaur (IT Technician)

Women in Construction Y8 & Y9

Changing the Face of Construction: Twenty-five Y8 & Y9 girls opted-in to a fantastic opportunity to sign up for a 'Careers in Construction' workshop on 11th November. The workshop was led by the Employment, skills and training coordinator for Building Blaby's Future, who was accompanied by three female guest speakers who work in the construction industry. Their roles ranged from HR Managers for Kier Living and Davidson's Homes to Building Control Team Leader for Blaby District Council.



They shared their career journey with students and their passion for promoting careers in construction.



Students participated in a range of different activities to address gender diversity within the construction industry, engaged with the female construction employees and participated in team 'Go Construct' activities.



It has certainly opened up the range of opportunities and possibilities for our younger students.



Geneva Maths and Science residential

Our Geneva Maths and Science residential ran from Friday to Monday 9th to 11th November. We enjoyed a vast array of exciting visits and experiences, some of which are pictured below, including a visit to CERN's famous underground particle accelerator!



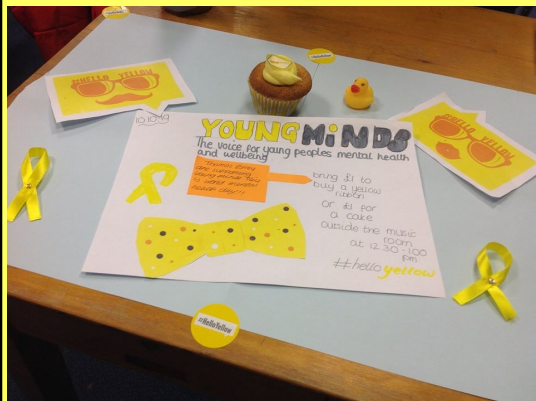
Mental Health awareness day



Here are some photos from our Mental Health Awareness Day, just before half-term, showing students and staff getting in the spirit wearing yellow charity ribbons and sporting yellow clothing.



Mrs Smith is pictured in our new Health and Wellbeing section in the library, and Leicester City coaches are shown doing wellness activities with some of our students at lunchtime, indoor and out.



We are delighted to have raised £371, so far, for Young Minds.



TECC into the community

It was lovely to work with some younger children at Hallbrook (Y1 & Y2) - and well done to all of our Sports Leaders who planned and led the event.

Hallbrook said that all of the children had a great time challenging themselves in various sporting tasks.



We are delighted to have signed our service level agreement with Broughton Astley Leisure Centre, and are looking forward to using the new sports hall and dance studio for many of our PE and Dance groups after Christmas, to further enhance our sports provision and facilities.



Some of our ASDAN students worked hard preparing a D-day display for our local community flowerbed in Broughton Astley.

We remembered those who gave their lives for our freedom in our Remembrance Silence at college. We hope that our planting helps the community to remember and reflect on the sacrifice of so many.



Summer Playscheme



Our summer playscheme for primary aged pupils was full of opportunities for fun and creativity. We run the scheme for one week every summer, during July.

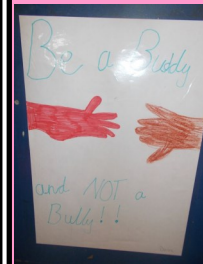
We are sharing here a few photos from this summer.

It is a joy to see all the children of different ages and interests playing and socialising so well together.



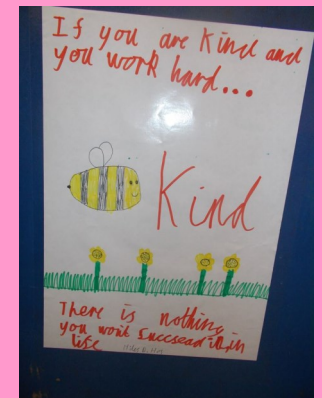
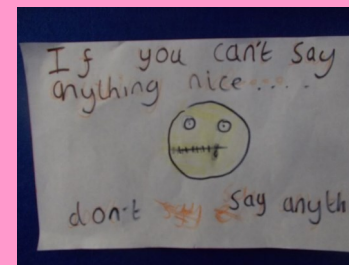
Out of School Club

Out of school club fun on 5th November, with everyone taking part in a series of obstacle races and challenges and turning children into Mummies for Halloween using toilet rolls! A brilliant team building focus week.



Our out of school club has been talking about kindness and being helpful. Some children helped design new dividing screens for the setting and lots of posters about being kind:

'Be a buddy not a bully'
 'If you can't say anything nice don't say anything'
 and lots more to put up in the setting.





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 for your support with this.



College is closed from
23rd December to 3rd January
(inclusive)
College re-opens to students on
Tuesday 7th January 2020
(Teacher Day is 6th January)

Winter 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**

Mobile phones

Students are not allowed to use mobile phones in college unless they have express permission from a member of staff (for taking a picture of homework prompts, backing music for performance etc.). 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.

Headphones

The use of headphones is only permitted outside of the college building. Headphones 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.

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 transport provided by the County Council 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.

It is also useful to have to hand the contact number for any query with school transport:

0116 3050002.



Absence during term-time

If your child is ill please contact the college on each day of illness and leave a message on the absence line. Where possible make medical appointments outside of college hours. 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.

Seeking out our talents and following our dreams

At the start of the new term the PE Department put our Y7, Y8 and Y9 students through their paces, building stamina and fitness to prepare them for a busy year of sport. Great attitude from the students, particularly on the 2km run. Well done everyone.



The 10th September saw the start of our Blaby and Harborough League fixtures, when our Y7, Y8 & Y9 teams played Kibworth High School at Boys Football and Girls Netball.

It was so good to see all of the parents who came along to cheer-on our students — thank you for your support.

As always, our Tommo Sports Stars were fantastic ambassadors for the College.

We chalked-up a good victory for the Y8 boys and a 6-6 draw for the Y7 boys. Unfortunately the Y9 boys football team suffered a loss.

We welcome back (and are very grateful for) our Coach volunteers in Michelle Davis (netball) and Gareth Butler (football); without their commitment, our students wouldn't be able to access so much competitive sport.



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| <p>V Kibworth</p> <p>Y9 lost 4-1 Luke Stevens</p> <p>Y11 won 7-0 Harvey Coulson Nathan Cox Jacob Minihane 4 Charley Galley</p> | <p>V Harris—National Cup</p> <p>Y9 won 10-0 Luke Stevens x 3 Charlie Deacon Jack Coles Sonny Spencer x 4 Alfie Deacon</p> | <p>V Robert Smythe</p> <p>Y9 won 2-1 Sonny Spencer George Horak</p> <p>Y11 won 7-0 Alfie Hunter Harvey Coulson x 3 Nathan Cox Charlie Galley x 2</p> |
| <p>V Welland Park</p> <p>Y9 lost 7-1 Tommy Neale</p> <p>Y11 won 4-3 Harvey Coulson Jacob Minihane 3</p> | <p>V Lutterworth High</p> <p>Y9 won 9-0 Alfie Deacon Jack Coles x3 Sonny Spencer x 3 Anthony Coles Chris Pridmore</p> | <p>V South Wigston</p> <p>Y9 won 7-0 Jack Coles Sonny Spencer x3 Alfie Deacon George Horak Charlie Deacon</p> |

Seeking out our talents and following our dreams



Continuing with the first fixture report, there was an emphatic win for the Y7 & Y8 Netball Teams, with the Y9 team unfortunately suffering a loss.

We thank our Netball Sponsors Automotive Garage Doors for the lovely new match balls, to start what we hope is another successful season.



On the 14th November our Y7 & Y8 Netballers were lucky enough to be invited along to Wasps Netball's Community Day. Twenty of our girls took part in a rotation of skills based activities led by the Wasps coaching staff, which included the first team coach Mel Mansfield. Our students worked on their shooting and passing skills, had a tour of the Wasps dressing room and were lucky enough to have a Question and Answer session with Wasps and England Roses player, Jade Clarke.



The students (and Miss Kav and Michelle) managed to get a close-up look at Jade's Commonwealth Games Gold Medal and her World Cup Bronze Medal.



A fantastic afternoon out for our sporting superstars, and a chance for them to be inspired by their International heroes.

Thank you Wasps Netball; we look forward to travelling to Coventry later in the year to see a Superleague match. Thank you to Michelle Davies for her help again. Parent volunteering means that opportunities like this are possible for our students and we are very grateful.

Cross Country

The first County Cross Country Race took place on the morning of 28th September, at Prestwold Hall. Our Athletes were amazing (all 25 of them) battling through in the long grass. We are so proud of them for giving up their Saturday morning to represent the College with real pride. Huge thanks to all of the parents and families for cheering our superstars on. Pictured here is our current Y7 Boys team.



A further outing on 26th October saw 16 students brave the elements to compete in the second cross country league race at Prestwold Hall. They were amazing, in awful weather conditions, showing grit and determination to finish. We are very proud of them all. Thank you as well to the parents who brought them along and to Ms Kavanagh for representing the college, all showing Thomas Estley Way character qualities of perseverance, grit and resilience!



Girls football

Our Y7 Girls Football team were finally able to put the hard work done at training into competitive football on 29th October, in their first outing in the famous Tommo sky blue. Six matches were played at the indoor 5 a side tournament with fantastic results.

V Robert Smyth Won 2-0 Charlie Tarbert (2)

V Lutterworth High Won 2-0 Millie Pryde, Charlie Tarbert

V Lutterworth College Won 2-0 Millie Pryde, Charlie Tarbert

V Kibworth Won 3-0 Charlie Tarbert (3)

V Welland Park Won 6-0 Charlie Tarbert (5), Gracie Noah

V Brockington Drew 0-0



The Girls were comfortable champions, going through the whole tournament without conceding a goal, and are through to tomorrow's South Leicestershire Finals at Wigston College. Many thanks to Ruby's mum for helping with transport. A brilliant team effort tonight and a wonderful achievement for the girls.

30/10 Champions! Our Y7 Girls were crowned South Leicestershire Champions on 30th October, to go with the Blaby & Harborough title they picked up on the 20th October.

V Brockington Won 4-0 - Charlie Tarbert (3), Ruby Cramp

V Countesthorpe Won 5-0 - Charlie Tarbert (2), Summer Baxendale (2), Millie Pryde

V Wigston Academy Won 2-1 - Charlie Tarbert, Summer Baxendale

The girls now go through to the East Midlands Finals in January 2020, at the Soccerdome in Derby. A fantastic team performance tonight; they should be really proud of themselves. Thanks to Charlie's mum for helping with lifts.

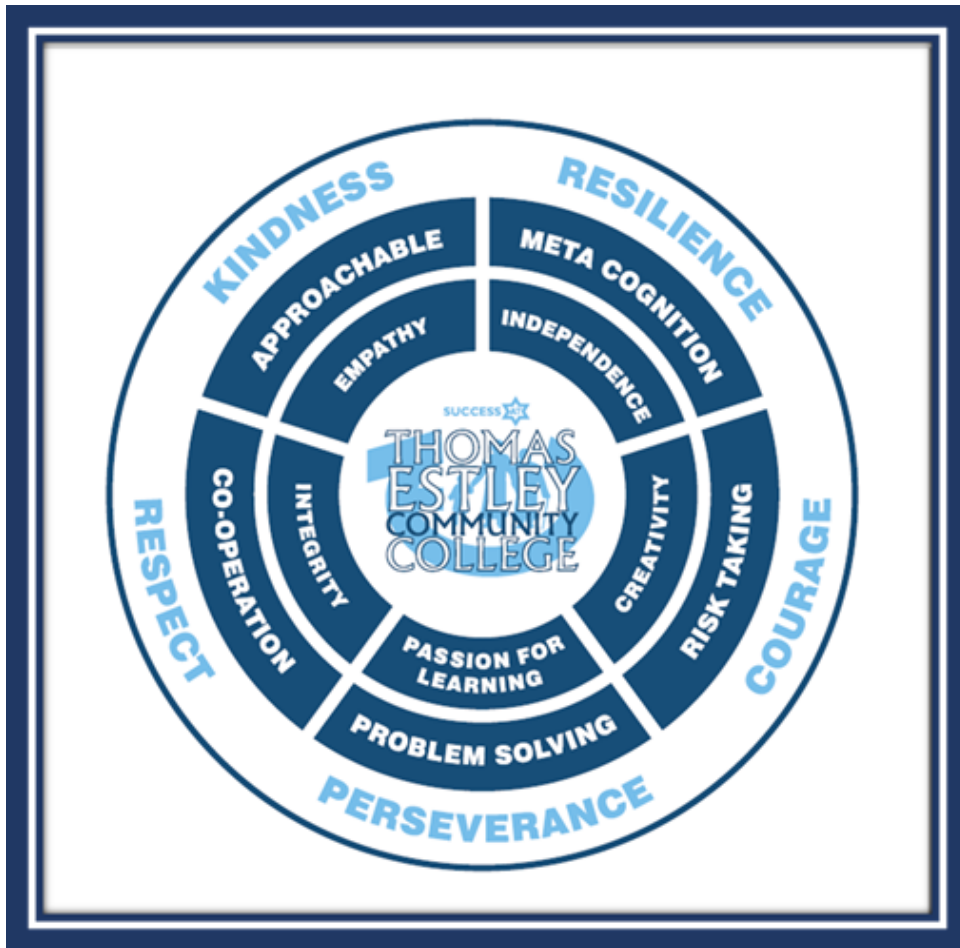


Not to be out-done or Y9/Y10 Girls Futsal Team were crowned Blaby & Harborough champions on 27th November, comfortably beating Kibworth, Brockington & Robert Smyth - all three matches with 4-0 score lines.

As District champions, the girls now go through to the County finals in February 2020.

A great team performance. Well done! Thank you to Mrs Oldham for helping with transport.





'Thomas Estley Way' Rewards

At the start of the Autumn Term we introduced our new 'Thomas Estley Way' rewards system. Students who demonstrate the qualities of the Thomas Estley way in lessons and/or around school will receive a reward point. Students who accumulate the highest number of rewards will be recognised at the end of each half-term.

Students have also been working on 'The Thomas Estley Way' qualities in tutor time on a Wednesday morning.

The schedule for the year is shown below:

Autumn term 1: Perseverance, Passion for learning, Problem solving

Autumn term 2: Respect, Integrity, Cooperation,

Spring term 1: Resilience, Metacognition, Independence,

Spring term 2: Kindness, Approachability, Empathy,

Summer 1: Courage, Risk taking, Creativity,

We were delighted to present our top achieving students in the 'Thomas Estley Way' with certificates at half-term.

These students have achieved the most character points for the character muscles on the Thomas Estley wheel.

Some of these amazing students are pictured below here.



Thomas Estley Celebrating Success

Finalists in LeicestershireLive Education Awards

We are very pleased to share with you that one student and one teacher from Thomas Estley have reached the finals of the LeicestershireLive Education Awards.

Congratulations to:

- student Oliver Braithwaite, who is a finalist in the category **Beating the Odds**
- teacher Gary Place who is finalist in the category **Inspirational Teacher of the Year**.

The glittering event to select the winners will take place at the King Power Stadium, Filbert Way, on Thursday 12th December.

We were delighted to receive a selection of awards this year as a result of the hard work and achievements of our college community. Pictured below are four of them: the **National Citizenship Service silver award** as a result of the large percentage of our Year 11 students enrolled in community volunteering programmes over the last two summers, the **Beyond Bullying Gold Award** to recognise the improvements made over the last two years in the college in working together to combat bullying and unkindness, the **Schools and Community runners up award** for the significant achievements in working with the local community and Leicester City Football Club to support and develop wellbeing, and the **Prince William Award** for working with armed forces veterans to develop resilience and confidence in young people. Thank you to all stakeholders, including very many of our young people, whose contribution and achievements have been recognised through these awards. We are very proud of you all.



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During 2018/19 academic year, we successfully delivered the Route to Resilience Programme– an evidence-based and practical approach to supporting schools and families in their work developing the emotional wellbeing and resilience of children and young people. The Routes to Resilience programme enabled us to further refine our wellbeing provision and also develop our focus on strengthening student's character muscles.



We are very proud to receive this accreditation and we will continue to work with all stakeholders in developing aspects of the programme further.

More success stories

Football Trials

We are very proud of Sophia, Poppy and Saskia who represented the Midlands at the U15 ESFA Football Trials. They gave it their all and are now waiting to see if they have made the final national trial on December 15th. Well done girls for progressing so far; we all have our fingers crossed for you!



Athletics

We are equally proud of the achievements of James Boyles in the Leicestershire and Rutland Sports Hall Athletics Challenge. This is the final year that James can compete in this event; he has been competing in the Sports Hall League from the age of 10 years. Over the past couple of months he has competed in three separate competitions, in sprints, triple jump and shot put. At the U15 category athletes compete against each other to accumulate points. James achieved 268 points from a maximum of 270 and **came 1st** in the Sports Hall Athletics League in the 'All Rounder' category. He will now go forward to represent Leicestershire and Rutland at the East Midlands final in March 2020—when he will compete against athletes from Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Warwickshire. A massive 'Well Done' to James!



Y7 Netball

We are delighted to share that our Y7 Netball team not only finished the league with 4 wins out of 4 but on 3rd October also qualified for the Leicestershire County knock-out competition, by finishing as runners-up at the South Leicestershire tournament.

They had easy group wins:
Gartree 8-1
Robert Smyth B Team 13-0
Lutterworth High 9-1
Welland Park 6-0.

They met Robert Smyth A team in the semi-final, winning 6-0, to meet Leicester Grammar School in the final. The Girls were fantastic, but unfortunately lost 6-4.

A great afternoon of Netball where their team spirit really shone through. Great ambassadors for the College

and an amazing start to their Tommo Netball careers. We are very proud of you. Many thanks to Michelle Davis for giving up her afternoon so that the Girls could compete. We really appreciate your continued support.



Great effort from our staff netball team, who, inspired by the students' successes and showing some Thomas Estley courage, competed with schools across South Leicestershire, achieving an honourable fourth place in the competition. They lost eventually in the Semi Final to Lutterworth High School, who went on to win the competition. Well done to you all for donning the kit and being prepared to have a go!