SUCCESS AT

THOMAS ESTLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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A Community of Courage and Commitment to Success

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26th August
College Reopens To Students

2nd September
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4th September
Year 9 & 10 Parents Year Launch

8th September
Year 7 Photographs

9th September
Open College Tours

10th September
Open College Tours
Open College Parents Evening

11th September
Open College Tours

17th September
Year 11 Kenilworth Castle History Trip

18th September
KS4 GCSE Awards

23rd September
RAF Coningsby Trip
Year 11 Parents Careers Information Evening

29th September
Year 8 The Globe Theatre Trip

30th September
Year 7 Tutor Evening & TECC Exhibition

7th October
Year 10 National Museum Of Computing
Computer Science/Creative iMedia Trip
Parent Community Kindness Group

8th October
Art & Cooking Masterclass

13th October
Provider & Careers Fair

15th October
Year 9 Careers Drop Down Day
RE Masterclass

16th October
Modules

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Modules

A Word From The Principal

Reflecting on this year, there have been so many student and college achievements to celebrate.

This half term, we have celebrated the widest variety yet of Thomas Estley leadership projects successfully achieved, including new projects such as teacher recruiters, computer technicians and Italian teachers, as well as all our old favourites such as reading leaders, wellbeing ambassadors, preschool readers, Science, Computing, Sport, Languages and primary outreach leaders and many others. Even some of our Year Seven students have already successfully completed national SSAT leadership portfolios.

Our summer showcase last night contained some of the highest quality dance, musical theatre and other musical performances that we have enjoyed at Thomas Estley, and our sports teams, both girls and boys, have notched up the most overall awards and wins ever. Positive choice character points are increasing across every year group, and our enrichment offer has grown once again, to enhance our onsite learning opportunities with trips, residentials and masterclasses.

Our new Humanities building is now ready, and our staff are fully recruited with specialist teachers and well qualified support staff. I can't wait to see what the next academic year will bring. Meanwhile, I wish you a happy and safe summer.

Mandi Collins

Mandi Collins, Principal

Party On The Playground

Here are a few pictures from the end of last term of our "Party On The Playground" and shirt signing during year 11's last full day on site. We wish them all the best as they enjoy their summer and await their results.

High Achievers

We are incredibly proud of Thomas Estley student Romeo for his recent efforts in the Junior Kangaroo Maths Competition. His dedication, perseverance and resilience were truly outstanding. Coupled with his strong problem-solving, mathematical and reasoning skills, Romeo achieved a National Bronze Award – a fantastic accomplishment!

Well done, Romeo! Your hard work and determination are an inspiration to us all.

Our final PEPA faculty star this year is year 7 Alexa. An outstanding student who gives her all across all of PEPA. A natural leader who works well with all students and is always a fantastic example to others. Well done!

A huge congratulations to our maths achievers this term for their outstanding attitude to learning in maths – well done!

Year 7
Alfie Corlett
Fleur Grimwood
Logan Major
Kaci Bissaker
Emily-Rose Woodward
Theo Spriggs
Ollie O'Shea
William Armitage
Ted Watson

Year 8
Summer-Rose Shardlow
Millie Simmons
Kian Warwick
Annie Barr
Reggie Holland
James Trendell
Nicole Campbell
Fearne Gilbert
Hamza Asim

Year 9
Evie Jacques
Florence Kendall
Oliver Weston
Ria Corlett
Max Mead
Skylar Henery
Ava Towers
Josh Corden
Ethan Maynard

Year 10
Alex Swift
Lily Slater
Lilly-Eve Smith
Malvin Magede
Ava Baird
Hollie Sutton
Poppy Turner
Noah Tunnicliffe
Jaeda Wilson
Abigail McLelland

High Achievers

Congratulations to this term's positive character point high achievers (above) as well students (left) who were awarded in recognition of their outstanding leadership and character, showing kindness, courage, resilience, perseverance and respect while supporting a leadership project.

It was such a delight to present gold certificates this term to the students with the most Thomas Estley Way character points, sustaining great character and leadership day in, day out. we are so very proud of you and we know you will go on to achieve great things!

Careers

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World of Work Leicestershire

Information for young people on industries across the area

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Creative

The creative industries are all around us, seen in the clothes we wear, our buildings, books, music, apps we use and much more! **The sector is all about generating original ideas and products** and is split into three parts: arts, culture and creative media. Job areas include design, film and video, marketing, advertising, music, crafts, photography, computer games and animation, plus museums, galleries and performing arts. Locally 21,790 people are employed across the sector, with large areas of design and digital. Broadcasting, performing arts, film, music and VFX (visual effects) are all growing in the region. Nationally the UK creative sector has grown 15% over the last 4 years.

Useful subjects
English, maths, ICT, engineering, art, music, science, psychology, design, chemistry, media

What is happening?

- Many people are freelance or self-employed; for example, freelancers make up 70% of the UK's theatre workforce - so there's less job security. Some work is project based, so collaboration, team work and negotiation skills are useful.
- **Creative skills shortages** include technician (especially software and digital media), graphic designers, production fundraising, 3D designers, production managers, broadcast engineers, VR specialists and digital marketers.
- CreaTech is growing - the merging of creativity and emerging technologies such as virtual reality and AI to create new cultural experiences or to solve problems.
- The Cultural Quarter in Leicester is home to many creative businesses at the LCB Depot (which provides workspace for creatives), Curve, Makers Yard and Phoenix Square.
- County creative centres include the Ferrers at Staunton Harold, the Atkins Building (Hinckley), Charnwood Arts and Melton Space.
- Holovis, in Hinckley, use state-of-the-art technology to design and install world-class experiences for global themed entertainment and visitor attractions.
- The Mighty Creatives provide local area creative services support for young people.

Other local employers include:

- We-Fab
- Digital Ethos
- Matchingham Games
- Radial Film
- Rock Kitchen Harris
- Twist and Shout Communications
- Pyramid
- VeriVide
- Go Inspire
- Rare Ltd
- Affixxius Films
- Soar Valley Press
- Bloc Digital
- Bulb Studios
- Colab Creation
- Blueprint Interiors
- Caged Fish
- Galleries
- Cinemas
- Local theatres

Getting in

- Technology in the sector is evolving so skills need to adapt. The growth of virtual production has changed job roles, creating areas such as virtual production supervisor.
- Area festivals, music and art events can offer valuable work experience or paid work in the sector.
- **Creative entry level roles include** production assistant, visual effects (VFX) artist, apprentice light technician, apprentice animator, community arts assistant and stagehand assistant.
- **Job competition can be high.** You need to be tenacious with strong networking skills. Opportunities are often with very small businesses or non-profit organisations. Combined skills sets are valued, such as artistic and scientific skills, passion, motivation, a creative spark, and a willingness to learn.
- There's a high percentage of graduates in the sector and growing technical routes in, with apprenticeships and T Levels.

WHAT YOU COULD EARN

TV, Video and Audio Engineers	£22K-£45K
Digital Marketing Officer	£17K-£34K
Make-Up Artist	£18K-£30K
Exhibition Designer	£18K-£38K
User Experience (UX) Designer	£22K-£38K
Graphic Designer	£18K-£40K
Advertising Art Director	£18K-£40K

Sector employment set to grow 5% by 2030

Skills and qualities
ICT, problem solving, attention to detail, team work, communication, planning, creativity, presentation skills, leadership, innovation, business and entrepreneurial

www.screenskills.com | www.lcbdepot.co.uk | https://getintotheatre.org/
www.thecreativeindustries.co.uk | themightycreatives.com | discovercreative.careers

*2024 data from Lightcast.

Attendance

At Thomas Estley Community College, we expect the highest level of attendance from all our students so they may develop their full potential during their time at school. Missing out on education has a significant effect on students' life opportunities. There is a strong relationship between good school attendance and achieving positive outcomes for children. It is recognised that attending school regularly can be a protective factor for children and young people.

Ensuring that children attend school every day will help achieve this ambition by maximising their education and social achievements as well as developing self-discipline, organisation and preparedness for the work environment. Improving attendance and reducing absence, especially persistent absence, is a priority for our school and Leicestershire County Council.

Everyone associated with the school – students, parents, all teaching and support staff and external agencies – must do all in their power to ensure that excellent attendance and punctuality maintain an integral part of the school's work.

Attendance Guidance for Parents/Carers

KEY FACT: 90% attendance means that your child has missed 19 days (95 hours) of learning in 1 year. Any child with attendance at 90% and below is considered to be persistently absent (PA).

These students are very likely to drop at least ONE GCSE GRADE.

In 2022, only 5% of children who were severely absent (50% or below) in both years 10 and 11, and just 36% who were persistently absent, achieved at least five GCSEs, including English and maths, at grades 4 or above. In comparison, 78% of pupils who were rarely absent (95-100%) in both years achieved at least five GCSEs, including English and maths, at grades 4 to 9.

Raise your child's attendance – Raise their chances!

Please read the Attendance Handbook that was recently sent out to you by email as there have been some changes to our processes.

MP Visit

We welcomed local MP Alberto Costa to Thomas Estley to visit our college and speak to our students. He enjoyed opportunities to speak with students and staff about student leadership, inclusion, democracy and citizenship, and the challenges and opportunities within education today, as well as officially opening our new classroom block and visiting our Centre leavers celebration.

We were so proud of the confidence and eloquence of our young people as they discussed the importance of leadership, sport, performing arts, modern foreign languages, computing and reading with him, shared poetry they had written and asked him a variety of political questions.

Duke Of Edinburgh

15 of our Thomas Estley year 9 students embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh bronze practice expedition. They mastered essential skills like map reading, packing their bags efficiently, putting up tents, cooking outdoors and using a compass. It was a fantastic experience full of learning, teamwork, and adventure. Well done to all the students for their hard work and enthusiasm!

Duke of Edinburgh Award is a fantastic way to develop and grow great leadership and character skills and at Thomas Estley we are proud to offer this to our students. For several years, students have been able to complete this national accreditation through our link with our onsite Broughton Astley Sea Cadets unit; this rowing based opportunity remains but we have added in a separate Thomas Estley Duke of Edinburgh option to include a walking expedition led by our own college staff. Mr Wheller, Miss Hall and Ms Curtis accompanied the first of these expeditions and students impressed them with their resilience and determination to succeed. Well done, everyone!

Enrichment Day

Thomas Estley students had an inspiring experience during their onsite enrichment day, where they focused on embodying and exploring our core Thomas Estley Way values: kindness, respect, resilience, perseverance, and courage.

Throughout the day, students engaged in a variety of activities designed to deepen their understanding of these important values. One of the key highlights was a creative workshop on the power of slogans - students explored how impactful messaging can inspire change and promote values both within school and in the wider world.In addition, students were given the opportunity to reflect on societal issues that matter to them. They presented powerful and passionate ideas on topics they care about and would like to change or improve in society, showing great empathy, thoughtfulness, and commitment to making a difference.

Beyond the workshops and presentations, students also took part in a range of sporting and enrichment activities that challenged them physically, mentally, and socially. These activities not only fostered teamwork and determination but also gave students the chance to step outside their comfort zones and demonstrate resilience and courage in new settings. Well done to all our students for your enthusiastic participation, thoughtful contributions, and for truly living out the Thomas Estley Way. We are proud of you!

KS3 Awards

Celebrating success together! We were delighted to hold our Thomas Estley Key Stage Three awards ceremony, celebrating a range of achievements, from effort and progress to attainment, across subject areas and generally within our Thomas Estley Way values.

Well done to all the winners, pictured here, who have demonstrated fantastic perseverance, resilience and courage in their learning this year, going consistently above and beyond expectations. We are very proud of you all!

Author Visit

This term we celebrated National Reading Week and were delighted to invite Seth Burkett into Thomas Estley for an author visit.

Seth Burkett is an author, ghostwriter and social media specialist who visits schools and businesses to share the power of literacy. Seth's first book came about as a result of football. Following a series of fortunate events he was spotted by a scout in Brazil at the age of 18. The Boy in Brazil details a magical season spent playing professional football in Sorriso and was shortlisted for Football Book of the Year at the 2016 British Sport Book Awards. Our students heard about the power of literacy through assemblies and workshops and some even got a chance to practise a few football skills!

SAT Awards

We were delighted to have some of our Thomas Estley students selected to win Success Academy Trust Awards for leadership and character this term. They were selected from over 2000 young people for demonstrating fantastic achievements in this area. Our students won awards for leadership, courage, perseverance, resilience, respect and kindness. We are so proud of them all!

Year 10 RM Work

Our year 10 resistant materials students have completed their mock NEA projects on sustainable lighting and the results are brilliant! Their creativity and craftsmanship really shine through, and we're so proud of their hard work.

Small prizes were awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries based on creativity and quality of finish.

Trips

Some of our talented year 10 GCSE dance students visited Lincoln University for an inspiring day of higher education, taking part in a BA (Hons) Dance taster experience.

Throughout the day, they immersed themselves in three contemporary dance workshops, exploring cunningham, release and contact improvisation techniques. We are incredibly proud of the students' courage and commitment, as each one stepped out of their comfort zone and gave their all.

A fantastic opportunity and a brilliant effort from everyone involved!

Our Oaks at Thomas Estley unit was lucky to be chosen to receive access to an amazing opportunity for linked students. A very small but very fortunate group of KS3 students therefore took great inspiration from an exciting chance to attend the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, witnessing world-class action on Centre Court.

Their day was packed with memorable experiences - from exploring the historic grounds and enjoying lunch on the iconic 'Henman Hill', to visiting the fascinating Wimbledon museum and, of course, indulging in the traditional strawberries and cream.

A truly unforgettable trip, thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Trips

Another lovely morning was spent at Arkwright House for our Thomas Estley intergenerational project, with our students making and serving cream teas for the residents.

We were then joined by the amazing Glee Club who put on a show stopping performance and had the residents joining in with a singalong.

We look forward to joining the residents again after the summer for more community projects.

44 year 8 students took part in the computing department's trip to the British Motor Museum. Highlights included a talk from Capgemini on how AI is transforming modern cars, and an inspiring presentation by 16-year-old Emily Grace, a StarterMotor Ambassador and Practical Classics columnist, who shared her Morris Minor restoration project.

Museum conservators offered students a rare behind-the-scenes look at the archives. Students also toured the museum's historic car collection and took part in a fun wheel-change challenge.

Hundreds of our students were enjoyed reward day trips to Alton Towers and Drayton Manor, while other students took part in an enhancement day onsite. Here are just a few photos to capture the delight and fun of the day. Well done to so many of our students for displaying great Thomas Estley Way courage, kindness, respect, perseverance and resilience over the year!

Highlights This Term...

At Thomas Estley, we believe that everyone is of equal value and we celebrate our differences together. Our students have been learning about the history of Pride month this term and its importance.

Our amazing Miss Kav (right) was nominated for a prestigious national football award! Well done to Miss Kav for getting to the final stage of the vote!

We are so excited to have achieved the prestigious School Games Mark Gold Award once again! A massive well done to every one of the students, staff and volunteers who were involved!

National "Thank A Teacher Day" fell in this term and many of our Thomas Estley teaching and support staff were delighted to receive emails and messages thanking them for their hard work and commitment to our children and community. Many thanks to all of you who took part.

We were thrilled to welcome almost 90 year 11 pupils to our GCSE maths revision session! Their fantastic turnout and focus showed a true commitment to their studies, and it was inspiring to see them living out our school values of perseverance, resilience, and commitment to success. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Highlights This Term...

Congratulations to our award winning Thomas Estley young writers and their empowered voices! A national poetry competition gave our students the freedom to creatively express themselves and be heard. Poetry is a wonderful tool for accessing our emotions. Writing allows us to express ourselves even when we lack words. It gives us a voice. Therefore, it is with great pride that I announce the voices of our published authors on this occasion: Sophie Crosbie - 'Freezing In Time' and Ethan Ford - 'I Am A Lion'.

We took a moment to honour the outstanding commitment and professionalism shown by our teacher recruiter student leaders throughout the year.

These pupils have gone above and beyond, playing a vital role in our school community by serving on the interview panel for trainee teacher recruitment. Their insight, maturity, and dedication have truly impressed us all and made a meaningful impact on the teaching profession.

We are so proud of the way they've represented our school - with integrity, confidence and a real sense of responsibility. Thank you to each and every one of you for your hard work and leadership. You are an inspiration to your peers and a credit to Thomas Estley.

Finishing off the year with homemade tagliatelle - another complex skill to add to their repertoire! Thomas Estley hospitality and catering students did themselves proud this term, incorporating complex skills with a real yum factor - well done!

Sport

In a big push to boost the love and passion for cricket here at Thomas Estley, we hosted our very first indoor cricket festival at the incredible Broughton Astley Leisure Centre – and what an event it was!

Cricket is a game that usually depends on the weather, but not anymore! With indoor cricket, the game goes on all year round – and so does the fun!

Both our year 7 & year 8 teams brought incredible skills across batting, bowling and fielding. They both secured wins, setting up a thrilling all-Estley showdown!

In a nail-biting finale, our year 7s chased down the runs and took the win in the final over!

Massive well done to all our players - it was amazing to see so many smiling faces playing quality cricket! A huge shout out to our brilliant sports leaders for running the event like pros: Ronnie, Harry D, Harry M, Max M, Oliver B. We are super proud of each and every one of you!

Eleven of our Thomas Estley athletes made the journey over to the Loughborough University track, representing South Leicestershire at the County Schools athletics finals. Huge well done to all who took part in the rain; we are really proud of all of you. Some of our athletes were lucky enough to reach podium.

Millen & Megan 3rd in discus, Jaymes 2nd in javelin and 1st place for Ria who was part of the district relay team who were crowned County Champions. Well done all involved!

We were thrilled to host our second indoor cricket festival to ignite the passion for cricket and engage the next generation of future stars! With five teams in attendance, the level of play was nothing short of outstanding. The high-energy matches and thrilling action had everyone on the edge of their stets with plenty of smiles all around!

The indoor format gave every player the chance to shine and fully enjoy the game. Let's keep the momentum going, and here's to more exciting cricket ahead!

Sport

A huge well done to the many Thomas Estley students who represented their house team in either rounders, field or track events for KS3 sports day. A great effort by all on a very hot day, showing courage, perseverance and resilience. We are really proud of you all.

Thanks also go to all the students who did a brilliant job of encouraging and cheering the competitors, showing kindness and respect to complete the full set of Thomas Estley Way values.

We had a fantastic evening with an incredible turnout from the Thomas Estley staff at SLSSP's Staff Summer Sports Festival! From rounders and tennis to archery and kinball, it was great to come together and get active. TECC staff took the win in rounders, but the real victory was the shared sense of teamwork and wellbeing. We look forward to introducing kinball to our students next year! Well done to everyone who took part.

Six of our amazing Thomas Estley year 7 students took part in the School Games Summer Festival at Loughborough University. It was a fantastic day celebrating inclusion in sport for all, with students getting involved in sit-down volleyball, handball, judo and cycling. They represented our school brilliantly and should be incredibly proud of themselves. Well done, everyone!

Sport

We were delighted to have four Thomas Estley nominations at the district sports awards. These were our under 12 girls & boys football teams, our under 14 girls football team for sports team of the year, and our PE volunteer Alfie for sports coach of the year.

The boys footballers & Alfie were runners up; we are very proud of them. Our Girls teams shared the honours as joint sports team of the year 2025 after both having amazing seasons as district football & futsal champions, County Football Champions and National Quarter finalists. One Trust and feeder school, Hallbrook primary's football team, also won primary sports team of the year - congratulations to them too - so there is more talent in the pipeline!

What a fabulous end to an amazing year in PE. Well done and thank you to everyone who has helped along the way. Let's hope we could do as well again next year.

We had the final Thomas Estley sports day of the year was for year 10. There was some great athleticism on show from all who took part. Results from just the year 10 events were:

Thomas: 124 Thorp: 155
Estley: 170 Sutton: 186 - year 10 winners

However, these points have to be added to the KS3 results to give us the overall winner. Each year we award a Spirit Of Sports Day award. This year that went to year 10 Amelia. She not only took part in multiple events herself, but was also paramount in encouraging others to fill any gaps. A real leader today who showed many Thomas Estley character ways. Overall results from both KS3 & year 10 sports days were:

Thorp: 613 Sutton: 616
Estley: 624 Thomas: 683 - overall winners

Well done, everyone. Brilliant effort across both sports days and a lovely atmosphere showing great team spirit and our Thomas Estley Way.

Primary Masterclasses

The Thomas Estley geography department had the pleasure of welcoming budding year 5 geographers to learn about animal adaptations. They learned about many different ways that animals have evolved to survive in a range of habitats. They then used this knowledge and their amazing imaginations to design a brand-new species!

It was fantastic to see them mixing well with students from other primary schools, and many even had the confidence to stand up in front of the class to present their ideas. As usual the masterclass was supported by our wonderful primary outreach student leaders.

Our Thomas Estley year 9 sport specialism class visited Hallbrook Primary School to plan and deliver a fun-filled sports afternoon for their pupils.

The students showed fantastic leadership, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the session.
It was wonderful to see our students step up with such confidence, and even better to see the primary school children having an amazing time!

Well done to everyone involved; you've made us proud!

Primary Masterclasses

At our recent Thomas Estley primary dance masterclass our Thomas Estley student leaders welcomed year 5 children from our feeder primary schools for a fantastic dance experience. As always, their ability and enthusiasm was outstanding. Well done!

Our Thomas Estley Italian specialism students had the exciting opportunity to teach some Italian to a local primary school. The room was full of engagement, excitement and fun. It was a pleasure to see our year 9 students get involved with the teaching and to see how engaged the year 5 students were. A rewarding afternoon for everyone; well done!

Our Thomas Estley year 9 students visited the year 6 students at Old Mill Primary School during their computing & programming specialism lesson. While there, they delivered presentations to the younger students explaining some of the digital systems that they will use at secondary school. The year 6 students also had an opportunity to practice creating secure passwords.

Primary Masterclasses

Our Thomas Estley sports leaders were like a well oiled machine; they were fully responsible for Old Mill's KS2 Sports Day! Very professional from start to finish. A fantastic event, where we received lots of praise from Old Mill parents and staff. Well done everyone, we are really proud of you!

Pupils from years 1-4 from Badgerbrook, Pastures & Blaby Stokes came to have a go at a multi skills event to practice their running, jumping, throwing and accuracy. They did a circuit of events led by our amazing Thomas Estley sports leaders, which included archery, football dribbling, netball shooting, throwing and catching and an obstacle course.

Once again our leaders did a fully professional job with lots of lovely comments from the visiting staff. It makes us very proud to see our students take on this responsibility and shine. Well done, everyone.

Preschool

It is so wonderful for both our Thomas Estley college students and preschool children to share the same site, which allows for so many leadership opportunities for older children and enhanced experiences for our younger children.

Some of our Thomas Estley sports leaders were in action again, this time for our preschool sports day. A great afternoon with lots of effort from the little ones in the heat. Everyone went home with a medal, so smiles all round. Well done everyone. We are very proud of you all.

Thomas Estley Preschool have celebrated their school leavers by holding a graduation celebration. Parents and families were invited to come and watch, as the children sang a few songs and were awarded certificates and books. Children had a few days of fun, leading up to the graduation, using photo booth props to create photos and hand printing t-shirts for their teachers to wear.

This cohort have been wonderful, we have seen several half termly leadership and character awards given out, lots of "Star of the Week". They have truly been best friends and a great team, always working together and supporting one another. We are so proud of them. We wish them all the very best as the finish preschool and look forward to starting primary school in autumn.

Out Of School Club

Thomas Estley Out of School Club has focussed on healthy sport and exercise this half term as a theme, as well as continuing with our normal art, craft, sport and games activities. Pictured are basketball training with our Out of School Club sports leaders on the tennis courts, painting summer themed pictures. Football, street dance, bowling and lots of Uno!

"Children value the caring nature of the staff; they feel reassured and safe. Children soon engage in the activities set up for them, seeking out their friends to join in with their play. The outdoor learning environment provides children with opportunities to explore and experience physical challenge." - (Ofsted, 2022)

Outside Tommo

We were delighted to be invited by former Thomas Estley student Edward Esheyigba to watch his end-of-year performance, "Back To The 80s". Edward, who left Thomas Estley two years ago, had the lead role - and what a performance it was! He absolutely stole the show, adding singing and dancing to his already well-established acting talents. It was a joy to watch him shine on stage! To make the evening even more special, Edward was awarded "Student Of The Year" - a fantastic and well-deserved achievement.

It's always wonderful to hear from our alumni and see what they go on to achieve. We're incredibly proud of you, Edward!

We're so proud to share an exciting update from one of our talented alumni, Lauren Bell!

After graduating from her BTEC at Leicester College of Performing Arts, Lauren went on to complete a Musical Theatre Foundation course at School of the Theatre Excellence (SOTE) in Birmingham - which she describes as "the most amazing experience." Over the 30-week programme, Lauren saw a huge transformation in herself as a performer, especially in dance, and credits the course for helping her grow in confidence and skill across the board as a true triple threat. While training at SOTE, Lauren also auditioned for several top drama schools and was thrilled to receive an offer to study BA (Hons) Musical Theatre at Italia Conti - one of the UK's most prestigious performing arts conservatoires. This September, she'll be making the big move to Woking, London to begin her 3-year degree, and she couldn't be more excited for the journey ahead!

Well done, Lauren! We can't wait to see what's next for you.

Outside Tommo

Year 8 Edie was awarded her black belt after a year of dedicated training. With her trip to Japan fast approaching, this achievement has come at a perfect time, giving her a real boost as she prepares to compete in both the International Wado Kai Cup and the Japanese National Wado Kai Championships this August.

In addition, Edie has recently been accepted onto the Everyone Active Sporting Champions programme and has continued to perform strongly, winning medals at several high-profile karate tournaments.

Congratulations to year 8 Memphis, who achieved an impressive second place in the 138cm and under for Equine Products UK Pony Racing Rider Championships 2025. Competing against some of the best young riders in the country, Memphis's hard work, dedication, and skill truly stood out. Well done on this fantastic achievement!

A massive well done to year 7 Alexa on her team winning the National Dodgeball Championships. An amazing achievement for both her and her team, unbeaten this season. Well done, Alexa!

If you have any student successes outside of college and you would like them to be included in next term's newsletter, please email:

PAtoThePrincipal@thomasestley.org.uk.

Don't Forget!

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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 Parent Mail.

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!

Headphones, Earbuds & Air Pods

The use of headphones/earbuds/ AirPods 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.

Absence During Term Time

If your child is too ill to attend college please contact reception 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.

Mobile Phones

Students are not allowed to use mobile phones in college unless they have express permission from a member of 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.

College reopens on Tues 26th Aug & closes for autumn half term on Fri 17th Oct

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 them, for getting to school/home in the event that for any reason they miss their bus.

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7:30-12:00
7:30-3:00
7:30-6:00

9:00-12:00
9:00-3:00
9:00-6:00

12:00-3:00
12:00-6:00

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