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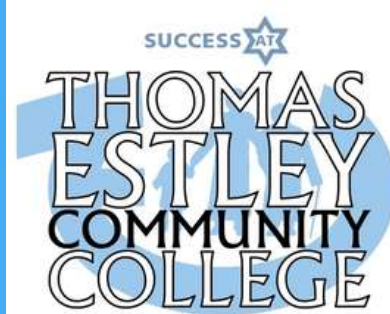
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Dates For The Diary



20th July

9am-12pm Preloved Uniform Sale (cash only)

24th August

College Reopens To Students

31st August

August Bank Holiday

1st September

Year 7 & 8 Parents' Year Launch

3rd September

Year 9 & 10 Parents' Year Launch

7th September

Year 7 & 8 WiseUp Team Building Day

8th September

Open College Tours Begin

9th September

Open College Parents' Evening

12th September

50th Birthday Party

15th September

Year 8 The Globe Trip

Year 11 Parents Careers Info. Evening

22nd September

Parent Communication Group

23rd September

Arwright House Alpaca Trip

Art & Cooking Primary Masterclass

24th September

Year 7 Photographs

Year 11 Kenilworth Castle Trip

KS4 GCSE Awards

29th September

Year 7 Tutor Evening (Onsite)

Year 10 The Curve Trip

2nd October

Year 7 RE Multifaith Trip

6th October

Parent Community Kindness Group

7th October

English Primary Masterclass

8th October

Year 10 Bletchley Park Computing Trip

Provider & Careers Fair

9th October

Year 7 Natural History Museum Trip

12th October

Flu Vaccinations

14th October

Year 9 Careers Drop Down Day

Nottingham Theatre Royal Trip

15th October

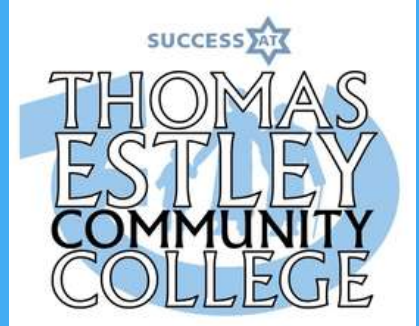
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16th October

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A Word From The Principal



Our mission as both a college and a Trust is 'Building Leadership and Character Together'.

We believe that a focus not only on academic achievement but also on building strong character traits and leadership experiences means that our students are ready to succeed in their next steps after they leave us, whether these are into further study or the world of work. During our time with us at Thomas Estley, we work hard to provide leadership and extracurricular experiences that build these traits, signposting and rewarding achievement within them.

On Monday we were visited by the national SSAT lead of student leadership, who commented that the students he met were the best examples of student leaders that he had ever seen in schools, and that evening we saw six of them direct, choreograph and otherwise lead an amazing performing Arts Summer Showcase, after a fortnight of a plethora of student leaders leading successful college and outreach events.

We simply couldn't be prouder of all our young Thomas Estley student leaders and we look forward to developing our student leadership offer once again next year.



A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Mandi Collins".

Mandi Collins, Principal

High Achievers



Above are some of this term's Thomas Estley Way achievers – well done!

Elaye & Effie couldn't attend the KS3 Award this term, but Mrs Collins was delighted to present them with their trophies & certificates this week! Well done both!



Our gold & platinum winners this term enjoyed chatting to Mrs Collins about their future whilst eating their winners pizza!

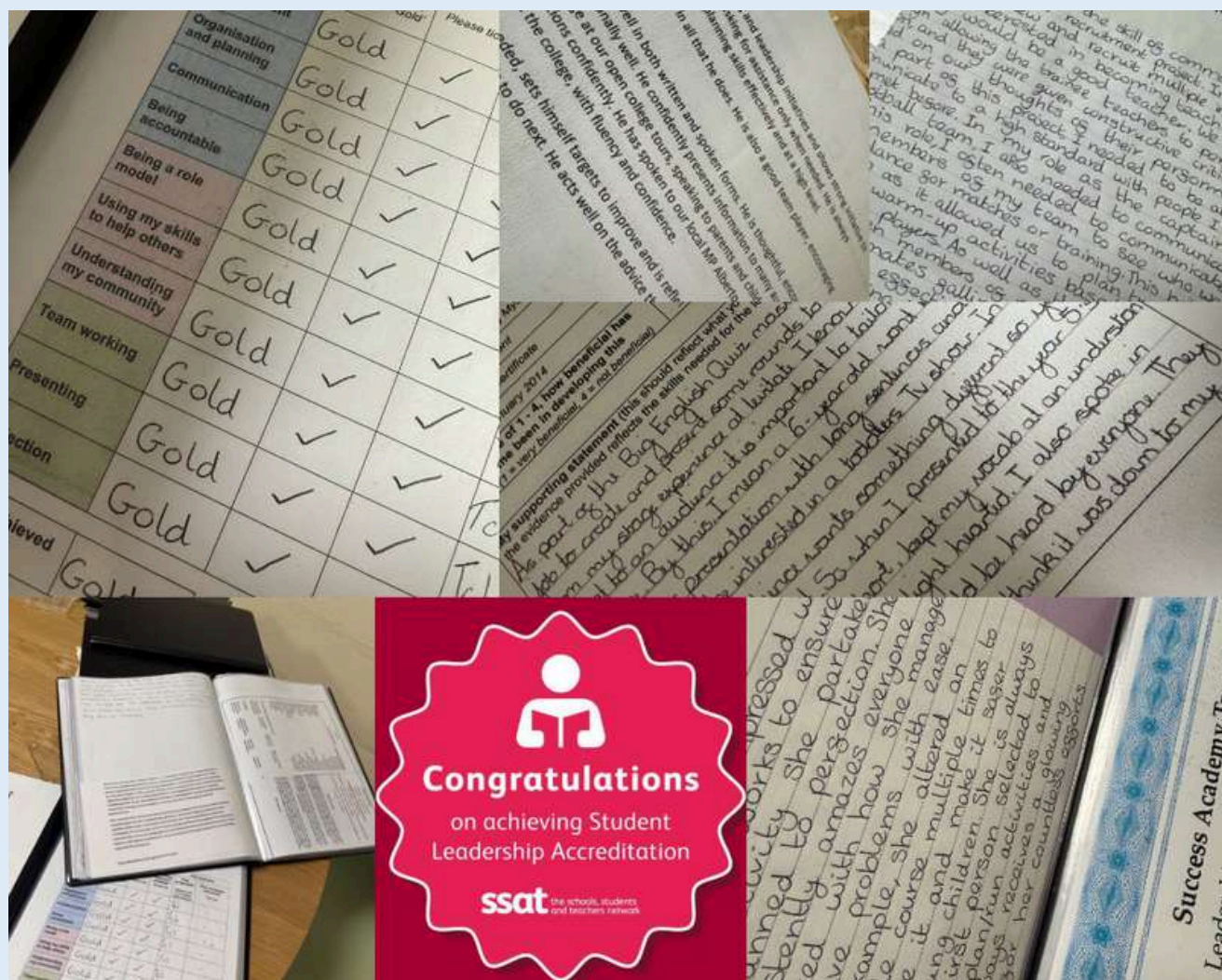
A big thanks to all our students who supported our new Year 6 children on our recent Welcome Days – they did a fantastic job of organising and looking after our new arrivals to create a sense of belonging as quickly and smoothly as possible. Well done to them and well done to all our new incoming students too; we were impressed by your courage and confidence. See you all after the summer break!



Student Leadership

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Student leadership success! We were delighted to have SSAT student leadership national lead Keven Bartle on site at Thomas Estley. He delivered a 'why leadership' assembly to Year 7, trained some of our most experienced student leaders in how they can leave a leadership legacy, and interviewed our students who are applying for their national SSAT Student Leadership accreditation this year at Silver and Gold level.

Keven praised our Thomas Estley student leadership programmes, saying that some of our student leaders operate at the highest levels he has seen in secondary schools. We are feeling so proud!

Primary Masterclasses



We are feeling very proud of Harry, Lara, Amelia and Honor, who have led four singing sessions with Year 6 at Old Mill Primary School recently.

Planning and delivering the four workshops (in preparation for their 'leavers' performance), our music leaders helped pupils to learn their eight songs, with particular focus on energy, diction, harmony and performance techniques.

The teachers at Old Mill commented on 'how supportive the sessions have been and how helpful it has been in relation to the outcomes in singing', with our students being a 'real credit to TECC'. Well done to our Music leaders and to the Old Mill Year Six children too!

During the last week of term we celebrated our fabulous Primary Transition Leaders for all the hard work they have done this academic year.

A special mention goes to Miss Clarke who tirelessly arranges all our fantastic primary masterclasses & events which make so much difference to the students.



SAT Awards



We are very proud of our Thomas Estley winners in our Trust's Leadership and Character awards. Award winners have demonstrated exemplary leadership and character achievements over the academic year within their schools and it was lovely to hear the stories of all the children who overcame barriers and demonstrated great leadership or character to gain their award. Well done to everyone.

KS3 Awards

Our Key Stage Three Awards Evening celebrated a range of successes, combining awards for those who had achieved high academic outcomes with awards for those who had worked exceptionally hard, made great progress, and shone brightly with our Thomas Estley Way character traits. It was a privilege to spend the evening celebrating success once again.



End Of Last Term



Some of our students were involved in our Intergenerational Project with Arkwright House. We were visited by CJ's Birds of Prey & they bought some owls & a hawk. This activity was funded by our successful bid to Platform Housing. The students & residents thoroughly enjoyed the morning - we heard about the birds & their natural habitats.



The Year 8 girls are the Sisters in Sport Schools National Cup Champions 2026! After progressing through several challenging rounds, the team won both their semi-final (2-1) and final on Finals Day to be crowned national champions. Every player represented Thomas Estley with outstanding determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the competition.

A special mention goes to the five Year 7 students who stepped up brilliantly, and congratulations to Ruby, who was named Player of the Tournament. An incredible achievement - well done, girls!



Students from The Oaks at Thomas Estley enjoyed an exciting & educational visit to London, where they toured the Houses of Parliament & took part in a workshop exploring how the UK government works. The day also included time to explore Westminster & enjoy lunch in Hyde Park. As part of developing their independence & life skills, students successfully navigated busy central London using the Underground, an area they have been working hard on recently. What a fantastic day!



End Of Last Term



Our Year 7 Colour Dash on the last day of term raised around £800 for the Leicester Children's Holiday charity LCH Charity which supports children and young people to access a range of experiences and support. Thank you everyone for donating – and a fun time was definitely had by all!



Just before the break, sixteen of our Year 9 students attended Fosse Park Management Centre. The purpose of the visit was to explore the many ways in which Fosse Park contributes to the local, regional, and national economy as one of the UK's most successful retail destinations.

Feedback from the students was highly positive and they expressed surprise at the diverse range of career options presented, and clearly absorbed the insights regarding transferable skills and continuous upskilling. Thank you to Blaby District Council for proving this opportunity for our students.



We said goodbye to our amazing Year 11 students as they completed their final GCSE exam! The last few weeks have been filled with hard work, determination and resilience, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. Their final day was full of memories from shirt signing and photos with friends to our "Party on the Playground" celebrations.

We hope they enjoyed every moment of marking the end of this important chapter together.

Good luck to all of our students as they now enjoy a well-earned summer break. Well done, Year 11 – your future is bright, and we couldn't be prouder of you all.

Attendance

As we reach the end of the academic year, we would like to thank you for your continued support of Thomas Estley Community Colleges ethos and values.

The national expectation for attendance is at least 96%. Congratulations if your child's attendance finished on or above the expected target. If your child's attendance has been below expectations, we understand that there may have been unavoidable circumstances. We are here to work with you to address any barriers and ensure your child has the best possible start next year. Where support is already in place, we will continue to work together in the new academic year.

Good attendance is vital for learning, progress, and wellbeing, and we appreciate the role you play in making this possible.

Thank you again for your commitment to your child's education. We look forward to welcoming them back in August for another successful year.

We hope you have a pleasant and relaxing summer break!

Mrs N Johnston (Attendance & Safeguarding Officer) & Mrs C Cornelius (Attendance Champion)

Please note: There will be some changes to attendance processes in the new academic year. Please look out for further details at the start of term.



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**“There’s no time like the
present and no substitute
for being present.”**

Labour Market Information

<https://llbsp.org.uk/app/uploads/2025/05/LLBSP-Adults-LABOUR-MARKET-BROCHURE-2025-FINAL.pdf>

This free online resource highlights careers in Leicester and Leicestershire. It also explains different course and pathway options after Year 11.

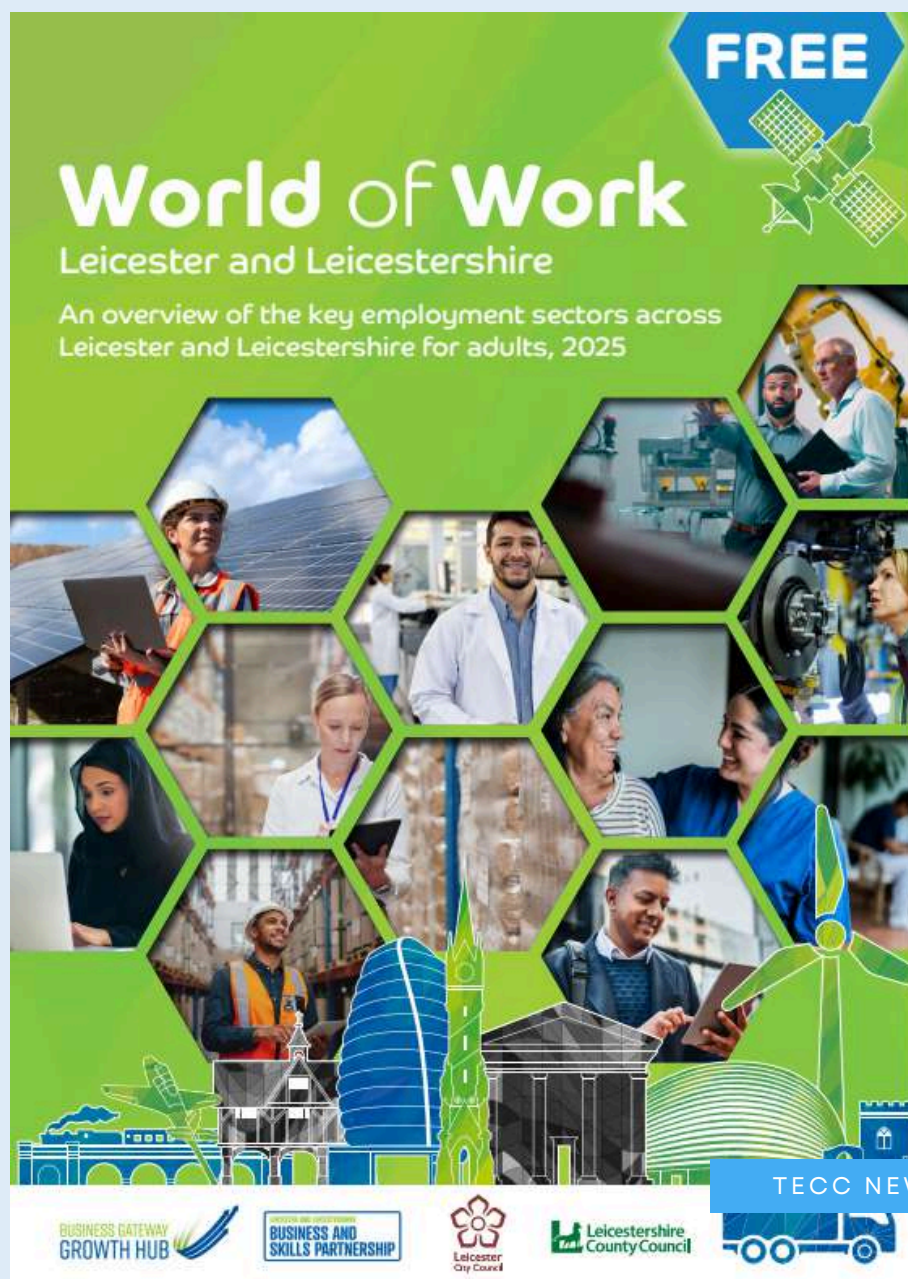
GCSE Results Day

Our Careers Advisor will be in school to speak to any students or parents who need advice and guidance on results day.

Upcoming Events

15th September 2026 – Year 11 Pathways Information Evening

8th October 2026 – Year 11 Provider & Careers Fair



Reading Festival

We celebrated reading through our Reading Festival! Throughout the day, 88 of our Year 7 students took part in our Readathon, reading aloud with confidence, enthusiasm and genuine excitement as they brought two brilliant stories to life. In small groups, the students read a short section of a story and discussed their thoughts and impressions. Many of the students were so immersed in the reading that they were really eager to continue past their allocated time to find out where the story went next!

All students across the school also completed our 'One Percent Club' style reading challenge. To begin every lesson today, students put their reading skills to the test through a series of fun and engaging challenges. In all of our English lessons today, students became detectives in a bespoke murder mystery, carefully reading through evidence, analysing clues and working together to identify the culprits. It was great to see the students tackle the conundrum with such enthusiasm and determination, fully immersing themselves in the investigation.



At lunchtime, the celebrations continued. Students browsed a selection of books as part of our bargain book buy, before taking on the Reading Hunt. Our students explored the English block, reading information about a selection of famous figures before completing their quiz sheets to put their reading to the test, all with hopes of winning a prize! We'd like to say a massive well done to all the students that took part, and a huge congratulations to Rylan Blockley in Year 8 who was the winner of today's Reading Hunt!

It was lovely to see so many students embracing reading in so many different ways throughout the day. Another huge thank you to all that took part - we hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did. Hopefully the festival has inspired even more students to discover their next great read!

Trips

Some of our students enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham, exploring the exciting world of science, technology, engineering and maths. Through interactive exhibits, hands-on workshops and live demonstrations, they took part in STEM challenges, met professionals from universities and industry, and discovered future career opportunities.

A highlight of the day was the live science stage, where exciting chemistry and physics demonstrations brought STEM to life. The trip sparked curiosity and enthusiasm, leaving students inspired by the possibilities that STEM can offer. It was a memorable day of discovery, teamwork and learning.



Students attended the STEM Careers Fair at the British Motor Museum, where they explored the world of science, technology, engineering and maths through interactive workshops, hands-on activities and inspiring demonstrations. They met industry professionals and education providers, learning about the wide range of careers and pathways in STEM. Highlights included advanced driving simulators and vehicles featured in the Forza Horizon gaming series, showcasing the links between engineering, technology and digital innovation. The visit inspired students to consider future STEM opportunities and showed how their learning can lead to exciting careers.



Trips

Arkwright House residents and students all had a chance to meet Cupcake the Shetland pony. This experience was funded by our successful bid to Platform Housing Community Chest. The residents commented on how they have seen a change in the confidence of our students over the year and how seeing them regularly really uplifts them. We also had a prize giving ceremony as both Thomas Estley and Arkwright House were runners up in the Celebrating Diversity Award for the Platform Community Heroes 2026. We are so proud of every student who has been involved in this project over the last year, and a big thank you goes to both Arkwright House for hosting us and to Platform Housing for recognising our intergenerational projects this year.



Our Year 10 Child Development students, alongside our Year 9 Health & Social Care and Child Development optees, enjoyed an exciting visit to De Montfort University to explore careers in Midwifery and Nursing. Students took part in engaging, hands-on practical sessions, giving them a real insight into university study and the skills required to care



for patients. From developing clinical techniques to learning about the rewarding roles of nurses and midwives, the experience brought these careers to life. The impact was clear! Student evaluations showed a significant increase in confidence and, most importantly, a greater desire to study Midwifery and Nursing in the future. A huge thank you to DeMontfort University for delivering such an inspiring and interactive experience. We can't wait to see where our students' ambitions take them next!

Tanzania



We are so proud to announce that our Camp International Tanzania Expedition arrived in Africa ready to start their volunteering placement in Tanzania. These amazing students have already raised funds for their trip and now go on to make a real difference to the communities they are working in. They will be strengthening self-sufficiency there by contributing to local village and wildlife projects and helping communities develop sustainable skills. We wish them all the very best!



We are really proud of our Tanzania volunteers! they have completed their first project which involved working in a school construction project to help build a classroom for reception aged children. They also visited a beautiful local waterfall. Well done everyone.

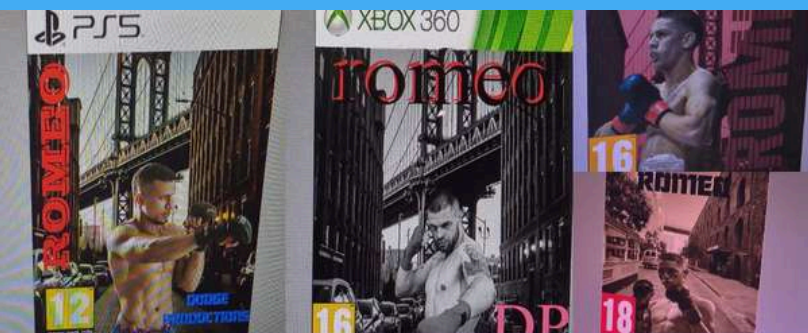
Normandy

Our French trip to Normandy was an unforgettable experience, packed with history, culture and plenty of fun. Students began their adventure by visiting a local French market in Bayeux, where they bought ingredients to create their own lunch as part of a competition to impress the château's chef. They then visited the Bayeux War Cemetery, La Cambe German War Cemetery and Pointe du Hoc, learning about the region's significant role in history. The group also enjoyed a visit to a local goat's cheese farm, where they discovered how the famous cheese is produced, met the friendly goats with plenty of "bonjours", and sampled some delicious local cheeses. Later, they explored the stunning Mont Saint-Michel, touring the magnificent abbey before wandering through the picturesque village where the ice cream proved to be magnifique!

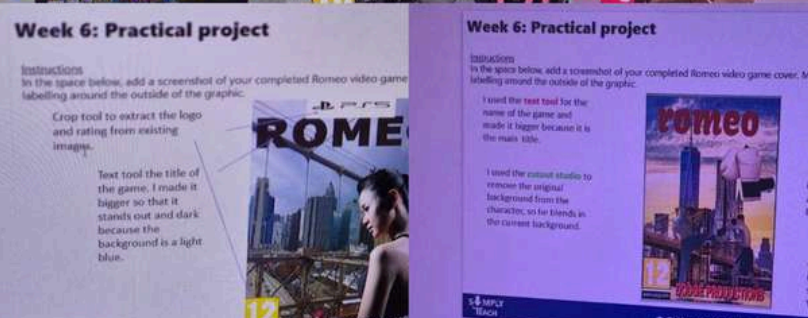
Their final day began at the British Normandy Memorial before a visit to Arromanches on Gold Beach, where students explored the D-Day Museum. They then travelled to Omaha Beach to reflect on another key historical site. In the evening, everyone celebrated with a disco and crêpe night before making one final stop at Pegasus Bridge. It was a truly fantastic trip, filled with learning, laughter and unforgettable memories. Our students were a credit to Thomas Estley and made both their accompanying staff and the school incredibly proud.



Highlights This Term...

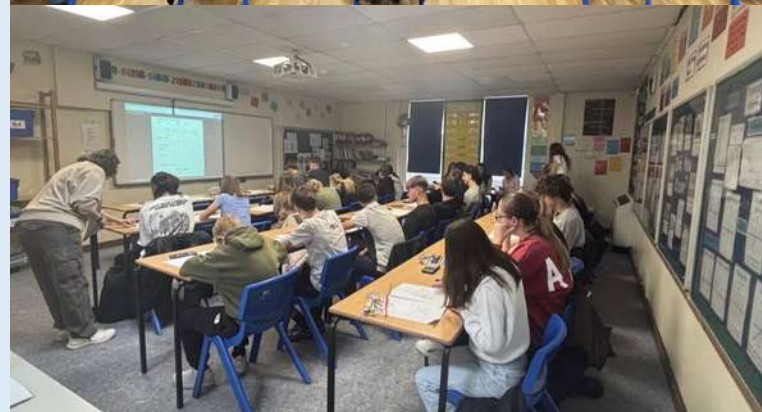


In Computing lessons, Year 9 students developed skills in Digital Graphics and were tasked with creating the case for a video game to promote a new game. There were a great range of outcomes all looking very professionally designed - well done, everyone!



We were incredibly proud of the 80 Year 11 pupils who gave up their Saturday morning to attend our Maths revision session ahead of their final Maths examination. Their commitment, perseverance and resilience truly reflect our school values. By choosing to invest extra time in their learning, they have shown a determination to achieve their very best.

We are confident that the hard work and dedication they have demonstrated will help them secure the best possible grades in their final paper. Well done to every student who attended - your effort and positive attitude are commendable.



We are delighted that once again we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26. This national award recognises our commitment to school sport, competition and student participation. We are incredibly proud of our students, staff, volunteers and leaders!

Thomas Estley library geared up with a plethora of great football based reads for the World Cup!



Highlights This Term...

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Our Musical Theatre students delivered a fantastic performance at this year's Broughton Alive Carnival. Expertly coordinated by our brilliant Performing Arts Student Leaders, the students showcased their talent and professionalism on stage and made us incredibly proud.

Thank you to all the friends and family who came to support them, and to Jacob and Joseph for their invaluable technical support.



National Thank a Teacher Day was received very positively across our school. We created a display board and printed some of the heartfelt messages of thanks from parents, students and colleagues which have been appreciated greatly. The campaign creates a wonderful sense of community which is at the heart of Thomas Estley, and it is a meaningful way to celebrate the dedication of school staff. Thank you to all our staff - we appreciate your hard work and commitment so much.

We were absolutely delighted to have been once again selected as a SSAT national 'Leading Edge' school. High-performing schools have been connecting through the Leading Edge network for over 20 years. The programme has evolved in that time, but the core purpose remains the same: to support successful schools to further develop their practice through collaboration with like-minded colleagues. This offers us with so many opportunities to share our best nationally and to benefit from working within a national network of high performing schools. We are very proud to have been accredited again.



Highlights This Term...

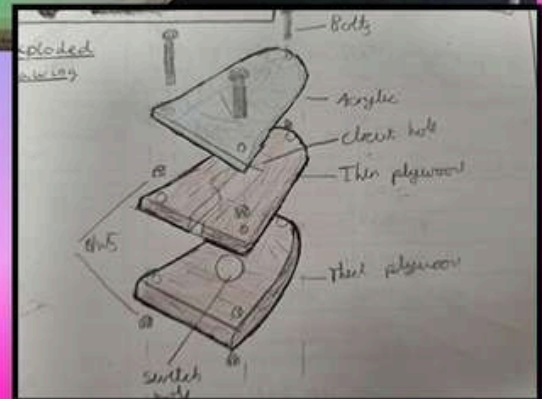
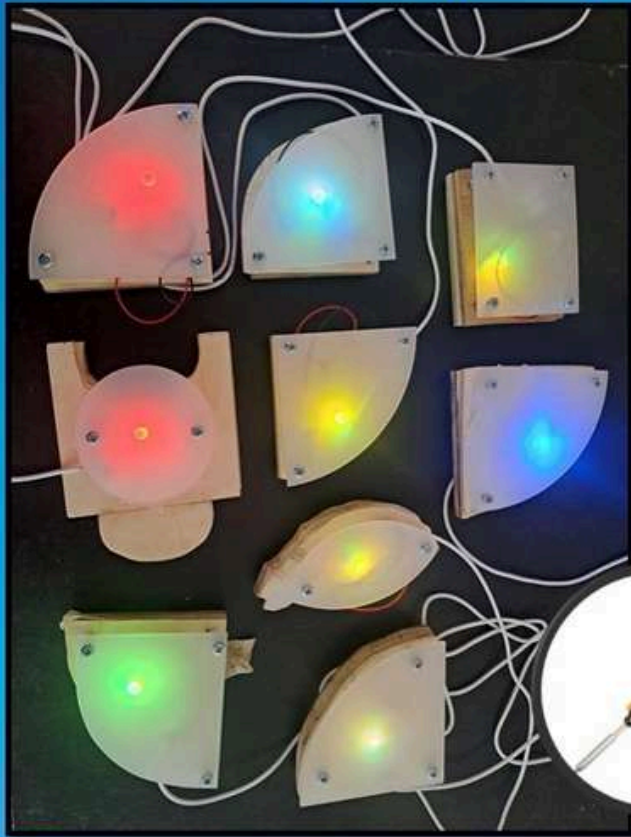
Five of our Year 9 students visited Brockington College to take part in an interschool reading event with students from Brockington and Redmoor Academy, exploring their thoughts and interpretations of the novel *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*. During the visit, the students worked in mixed-school groups to share their initial impressions of the novel, its key characters and considered some of its deeper themes and messages. Our students were a credit to the school, representing us brilliantly throughout the event. They shared insightful ideas, made meaningful contributions to the discussion and engaged respectfully and thoughtfully with their peers. We are really proud of the enthusiasm and passion that they showed for reading as well as the brilliant conduct that they displayed.



Congratulations to this term's many award winning Thomas Estley Young Writers and their published sagas and poetry. In two national competitions, our writers were challenged to write either a saga with subtextual clues or a poem inspired by their dreams. To be chosen for publication is such an incredible achievement. We are so proud of you all!

Highlights This Term...

Year 8 - Mood Light Project



Skills learnt during this project include exploded drawing, soldering, CAD/CAM and using standard components.

Well done to our Year 8 DT students, who have finished their stunning mood light project. Inspired by 20th-century design movements, students researched styles from Art Nouveau to the Memphis design movement then transformed their ideas into real products using CAD, laser cutting, hand tools and soldering. Their final lights are stylish, and full of personality. Great work year 8!



Mrs Gibbs in the library created the display on the left to compliment the library recommendations which is short and quick reads. These books are perfect if you struggle with getting into reading, especially over the summer break!

Sport



Following the success of last year's event, we were delighted to once again host our U13 Indoor Cricket Festival, with huge interest from schools keen to get involved. A massive congratulations to Thomas Estley A & B, who both progressed through to the final after some excellent cricket. Well done to Thomas Estley A, who were crowned tournament champions! A special shoutout goes to our outstanding sports leaders – Alfie, Ben, Finley and Ethan – who showed exceptional leadership throughout the festival by umpiring and scoring every match. We are incredibly proud of the professionalism and commitment you demonstrated.

Thank you to Countesthorpe, Welland Park, Kibworth and Wigston Academy for taking part and helping create such a positive atmosphere. It was fantastic to see so many young people enjoying cricket, developing their skills and representing their schools with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Cricket continues to grow in popularity, and events like this are a great opportunity to inspire the next generation of players. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next week for the U14 Indoor Cricket Festival!



Our second Indoor Cricket Festival in as many weeks saw our U14 teams take on Wigston Academy, Kibworth School and Countesthorpe Academy in a fantastic afternoon of competitive cricket.

After an earlier defeat to Kibworth, Thomas Estley produced an excellent performance in the final to be crowned festival champions. Wigston Academy claimed third place after a close win over Countesthorpe. Thanks to Rob and Jacob for their support with officiating, and well done to all the players for their effort, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Sport



A huge well done to Ria for securing 3rd place and a bronze medal in the 300m Intermediate event at the County Athletics Championships held at Loughborough University! Ria continues to excel both practically and theoretically in GCSE PE, and the entire PE department is incredibly proud of everything she has achieved.

An even more remarkable achievement is that Ria was the only athlete from Thomas Estley to qualify from the District Finals, with the standard across both track and field being exceptionally high. What a fantastic accomplishment and a brilliant example of hard work, dedication and determination. Keep striving for greatness, Ria!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 9 Sports Leaders who stepped up to support this year's Old Mill Primary School Sports Day. They did a fantastic job leading a range of fun and engaging activities, helping to create an energetic and enjoyable experience for all the younger pupils. From organising stations to encouraging participation and teamwork, our leaders showed responsibility, enthusiasm, and excellent role-modelling throughout the day.

A big well done to all involved for their hard work, positive attitude, and leadership skills. You truly helped make the event a great success! Thank you to Old Mill staff and pupils who supported the day and helped everything run so smoothly. We loved watching you compete and take part.





A huge well done to our Year 7 & 8 Rugby Team, who recently had the fantastic opportunity to attend a rugby festival at the home of the Leicester Tigers. For many of our players, it was a memorable experience to play at such a prestigious stadium and compete on a professional rugby pitch. The team represented Thomas Estley with pride, demonstrating our core values of Courage, Perseverance, Respect and Resilience throughout the day.

Their results were outstanding: 4 wins, 1 draw & 1 loss. An excellent achievement, especially as several players have only recently taken up rugby. Special congratulations to Sam, Will, Indy, Hugo and Millen for their outstanding performances throughout the festival. We're also excited to announce that next year we'll be welcoming specialist external rugby coaches to support our extra-curricular rugby programme, giving even more students the opportunity to develop their skills.

Finally, thank you to Rob for his continued support in transporting the team to and from fixtures. Your commitment is greatly appreciated by the PE Department and our players. The future of Thomas Estley Rugby is looking bright!



Preschool



Preschool have enjoyed an exciting hands-on learning experience raising ladybirds in our bug house. They began by observing tiny ladybird larvae, noticing how they grew and changed over time before eventually emerging as ladybirds. Throughout the process, the children closely watched the different stages of the life cycle, asked questions, shared their observations, and developed a growing understanding of living things and the natural world. This experience has supported their curiosity, observation skills, communication, and understanding of growth and change, linking closely to the EYFS areas of Understanding the World and Communication and Language.

We've been exploring water-filled balloons in all sorts of exciting ways! We painted them with bubbly water, watched them bounce and bob, compared which were the heaviest and lightest, and then... our biggest blue balloon sprang a leak!

The children loved watching it slowly shrink as the water dripped away, sparking lots of wonderful language, curiosity, and mathematical thinking as we searched for the new heaviest balloon. Learning through play at its best!



Outside Tommo



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

PAtoThePrincipalethomasestley.org.uk.

Congratulations to year 11 students Sophiya and Lara, whose cheerleading team finished eighth place in the whole of Europe in the competing in the European Summit Championship in Portugal for Cheerleading. We are really proud of you both!

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 ParentMail.

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.

It is now a statutory requirement from the Government that schools are mobile phone free.

At our school, our priority is to provide a calm, focused, and safe learning environment where all pupils can thrive. Mobile phones can be a distraction to learning and may also present safeguarding and wellbeing concerns.

We ask for your support in ensuring that, if your child brings a mobile phone to school, it is switched off and kept out of sight throughout the school day, in line with our school policy. Students should not use mobile phones during lessons, at breaktimes, or at lunchtimes. Students can only access their device when they have left school site.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create the best possible environment for learning. If you have any questions about our mobile phone policy, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

1st confiscation - Device returned to child at the end of the day

2nd Confiscation - Parents will be required to collect from reception, the device will not be returned to the student.

College reopens on Mon 24th Aug & closes for Autumn half term on Fri 16th 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.



Please note:

Over the summer break you will receive an email regarding changes to FSM.

New Heads Of Year

Hello! My name is Mr Rees, and I am delighted to be taking on the role of Head of KS4 and Head of Year 10. Having spent the past year as part of the school community, I have really enjoyed getting to know our students, staff, and families, and I am excited to build on those relationships in this new role.

With previous experience in pastoral leadership, I am passionate about supporting every student to achieve their full potential, both academically and personally. I look forward to working alongside our Year 10 students as they begin this important stage of their GCSE journey and to supporting all of our KS4 students to achieve success.



Hey! I'm Mr Smith, and I'm the new Head of Year 8 at Thomas Estley. I've been teaching English at Thomas Estley for 6 years now, and am looking forward to getting to know the whole of Year 8 properly and working alongside parents and staff to support the students at school.

Whilst the academic side is obviously very important, students have a lot of emotional growth whilst they're at school too, so I am committed to supporting them to have the most successful time possible, both academically and personally.

WHO TO CONTACT

FOR ALL GENERAL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT RECEPTION

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE A CONCERN?

NATURE OF CONCERN

My child is underachieving



Subject teacher



Form tutor

My child is underachieving in a number of subjects



Form tutor



Team Leader

General enquiry homework, consequences or pastoral



Form tutor



Pastoral Lead

Safeguarding, wellbeing or student support



Pastoral Lead



Safeguarding Lead

PUPIL PREMIUM OR SEND CONCERN



PP
Co-ordinator
-
Mrs Briggs



SENCO or
Inclusion
Manager
-
Ms Plumb
Mrs Wall

Please see staff email addresses on
'Links' tab > Contact Us

We will endeavour to respond to all enquiries within two days.

Safeguarding enquiries within 24 hours.

If a meeting is required, we will endeavour to schedule this in seven working days

If you are unsure where to direct your enquiry, please email admin@thomasestley.org.uk
Enquiries made during the weekend and holidays will take longer to receive a response.

What does body image mean?

Body image is a term used to describe how we think and feel about our bodies — whether those feelings are positive, negative, or a mix of both. It can relate to aspects such as body size and shape, height, skin colour, overall appearance, and any physical disabilities or differences.

It is normal for children and young people to compare themselves to others, especially as they get older. However, there are signs to be aware of which could indicate that they have an unhealthy view of their body, which is negatively affecting how they feel about themselves.

Some of the signs to look out for include:

Emotional effects

- Low self-esteem and lack of confidence
- Anxiety or depression
- Feeling ashamed, embarrassed, or “not good enough”
- Constant comparison with others

Social effects

- Avoiding social situations (e.g., swimming, sports, parties)
- Withdrawal from friends or activities they once enjoyed
- Being more vulnerable to bullying — or being deeply affected by it

Behavioural and physical effects

- Unhealthy dieting or extreme exercise
- Disordered eating or eating disorders
- Wearing certain clothes to hide their body
- Frequently checking mirrors — or avoiding them completely



DID YOU KNOW?



In the UK, **52%** of children aged 11–16 worry about their appearance, with body image issues affecting children as young as 3–6 years old. Nearly 1 in 3 teenagers (**31%**) feel ashamed of their body image.

Source: Mental Health Foundation

Supporting young people experiencing poor body image

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Eating Disorders

An eating disorder is a mental health condition where a person has unhealthy thoughts, emotions, and behaviours related to food, eating, body weight, or body shape. These patterns can affect someone's physical health, emotional wellbeing, and daily life.

Eating disorders often involve:

- Extreme restriction of food, overeating, or cycles of both
- Intense worry about body weight or shape
- Feeling out of control around food
- Using harmful behaviors (like vomiting, excessive exercise, or laxatives) to try to control weight

Common types

Some well-known eating disorders include:

- Anorexia nervosa – severe restriction of food and an intense fear of gaining weight
- Bulimia nervosa – cycles of binge eating followed by purging (vomiting, laxatives, extreme exercise)
- Binge-eating disorder – frequent episodes of eating large amounts of food with a feeling of loss of control



Eating Disorders support

Many individuals are currently facing the challenge of eating disorders, often made more difficult by social pressures. Eating around others can trigger feelings of judgment or anxiety, while social media can reinforce unrealistic standards and comparisons. These influences can affect a person's relationship with food, highlighting the need for greater understanding and support. If you're concerned about eating disorders or are supporting a loved one who might be experiencing one, it's important to seek professional help and offer compassionate, non-judgmental support. There are a number of organisations that can provide advice and support, but it's important to speak to a GP in the first instance.

KEY DATES

Volunteers' Week - 1st - 7th June
Great Big Green Week - 6th - 14th June
Bike Week - 9th - 15th June
Learning Disability Week - 15th - 21st June
National Clean Air Day - 19th June

Click the logos to find out more!



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Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week,
29 June – 4 July

Summer is a time for young people to relax, spend time with friends, and enjoy being outdoors and we absolutely want them to make the most of it. Alongside this, we're encouraging families to have a quick conversation at home about the importance of being respectful, considerate, and mindful of others in the local community.

If you or your family experience anti-social behaviour, there is support available:

Oadby & Wigston Borough Council

0116 2888 961

[Report online](#)

Leicestershire Police

101 (non-emergency)

[Report online](#)



The Cube have free summer events for young people aged 11-16, on Tuesday afternoons (21st, 28th July, 4th 11th and 18th August) 1-4 pm.

There will be activities such as crafts, water games and cooking. To find out more, email youthwork@thecubeyouth.uk

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teen health
11-19 service



Starting secondary school soon?

The Moving On Up! guide from Teen Health is packed with tips, activities and advice from young people to help you feel confident about the transition. Download the booklet [here!](#)

Healthy Together **NHS**
Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

Did you know...
The school nursing service is available during every school holiday to support you and your child?

How to get in touch

ChatHealth
Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust runs a dedicated, confidential and secure text messaging service called ChatHealth for parents/carers of children aged 0-11 in Leicestershire and Rutland, which enables you to get professional health advice and support.
07520 615 382
Available Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm, excluding bank holidays

Healthy Together Helpline
Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust runs the Healthy Together Helpline for parents and carers in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The Helpline's qualified health and administrative professionals offer easy to access, safe and free advice, support and signposting.
0300 300 3001
Calls are answered from 9am - 4.30pm on weekdays, excluding bank holidays.

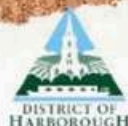
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CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT HAS CHANGED AND
WHAT LOOKS EXACTLY THE SAME?
COME ALONG FOR A TOUR - AND TO BUMP
INTO SOME OF YOUR TEACHERS AND PEERS
FROM YOUR THOMAS ESTLEY MEMORIES



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With our

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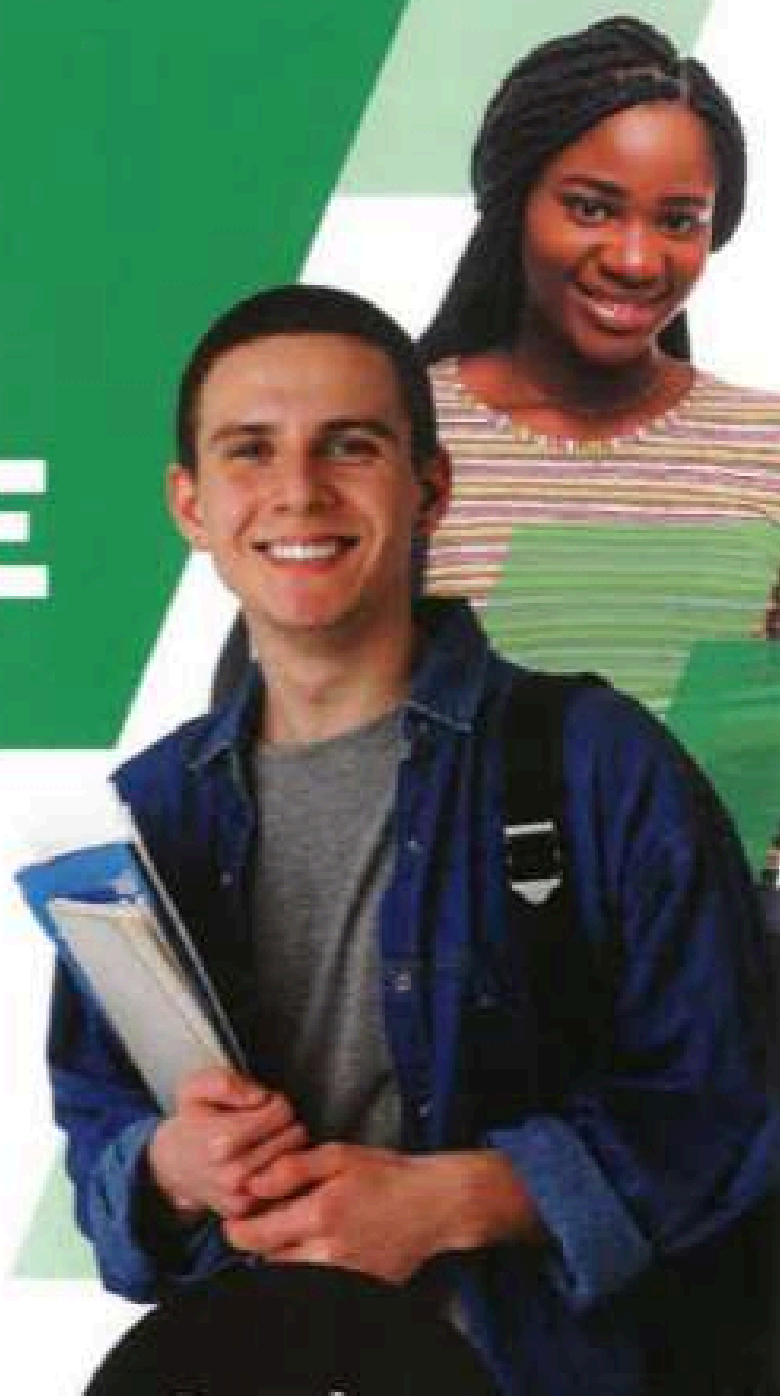
Ready to take the next step?

Our Engagement and Progression Provision offers a supportive route, that gradually builds up, for young people who need the right help, the right environment and the right people around them to move forward successfully.

Based at
our Wigston
Campus

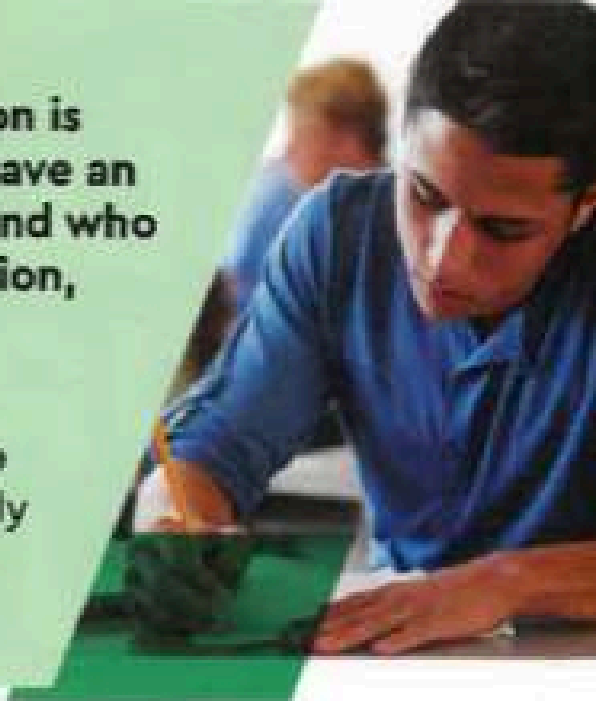
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NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE



Our Engagement and Progression Provision is aimed at young people aged 16–24 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and who need a more supported route into education, training or employment.

Applications from young people without an EHCP but with identified SEND need will also be considered. The provision will be gradually built up from a part-time offer up to 3 days a week where appropriate.



Personal and Social Development

Build confidence, routines, and readiness for the future through a structured and supportive programme. Develop resilience, communication, teamwork, self-management, and the personal skills needed to move forward positively.

English and Maths

Develop English and maths skills at the right stage, with specialist support that helps young people build confidence and prepare for their next steps. Learning will be introduced in a supportive way and at the right point for each learner.

Vocational Sessions

Explore different vocational areas and discover what interests and motivates young people. Take part in practical experiences that help build aspiration and prepare for progression into further study, training or employment.

Support and Mentoring

Benefit from a calm, consistent, and supportive approach in a separate environment away from our main building, with trusted adults who will help young people build confidence, improve attendance, overcome barriers, and stay on track.

Progression Focused

Everything in the provision is designed to help young people move forward successfully into further education, training or employment. Students who are successful on the programme will be guaranteed a place on a further education course at NWSLC.

Campus Details:

Wigston Campus

Blaby Road, Wigston
Leicestershire LE18 4PH

For more information and to register an interest please complete the form by scanning the QR code:



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'Parents are highly complementary about the pre-school and say they would not change a thing.' (Ofsted 2022)



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Are you interested in finding out more about training to teach locally? – Contact Jo at Achieve with TELA

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Can I afford to train?

Are any bursaries available while I train?

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What qualifications do I need?

How do I apply?

Are there any age limits?



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