

Welcome To Our Thomas Estley Newsletter

May 2025



A Community of
Courage and
Commitment to
Success

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Dates For The Diary

2nd June

College Reopens

4th June

Geography Primary Masterclass

5th June

County Athletic Finals at Loughborough University

9th June

Sports Specialism At Hallbrook

12th June

Italian Specialism At Richmond

18th June

KS3 Sports Day

Year 6 Inclusion Experience Day

National Thank A Teacher Day

19th June

Year 7-10 Vaccinations (Previously Absent)

23rd June

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25th June

Year 6 Inclusion Experience Day

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Computer Science STEM Trip

26th June

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KS3 Awards Evening

30th June

Blazer Try Ons At TECC

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Reading Week Begins

1st July

Blazer Try Ons At TECC

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2nd July

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3rd July

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4th July

Year 6 Induction Day One

Year 9 Work Experience

7th July

End Of Year Showcase

8th July

Year 11 Prom

Assessments/Exams

2nd-19th June

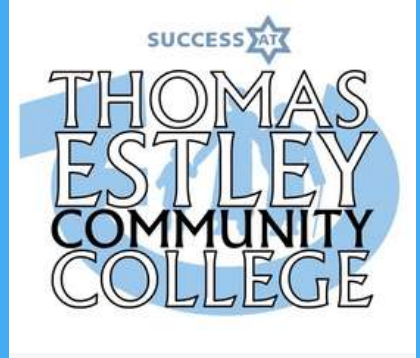
GCSE Exams

16th-27th June

Year 10 Mocks



A Word From The Principal



Our vision both as a college and as a Trust is Building Leadership and Character Together. We believe that if we ensure that our children and young people develop great skills and experiences as young leaders, combined with our Thomas Estley Way character traits, they will go on to success after success in their adult lives. Academic success complements this, but does not replace it. Confidence, courage, leadership, teamwork, initiative, communication, kindness, respect, perseverance and resilience are clearly linked to academic, career and financial success and help our young people go on to secure a great apprenticeship, job, college or university place.

This half term has been a short one, full of exams and assessments for Years 11 and 7, but I am proud that our young people have still found plenty of time to volunteer their time to lead both within our community and beyond.

Student leadership achievements, many of which are included here, include leading primary masterclasses in History, Spanish, Music, Dance, Drama, leading our community intergenerational project and Mental Health Week, reading to preschoolers, apprentice IT leaders, leading teacher recruitment, leading World Book Day, leading primary sports competitions, and many more examples of leadership and character development. Our Year Seven students also raised over £1000 for local LCH charity to support disadvantaged children through our Colour Dash. Some of our keenest student leaders are currently compiling leadership portfolios for national SAT accreditation at Silver and Gold.

Enrichment activities have also included trips, clubs, competitions, performances and our annual Paris Trip. Our young people have been collecting record numbers of positive Thomas Estley Way points as they demonstrate great kindness, respect, resilience, perseverance and courage. We are very proud of them all.



Mandi Collins

Mandi Collins, Principal

End Of Last Term

We had a great turnout at our Thomas Estley year 11 holiday school. We are very proud of our students who come along to boost their grades and also of our staff who help them.



Thomas Estley Preschool hosted an Easter stay & play session. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents taking part in Easter activities with the children.

It was a warm sunny morning and many took advantage of the sand and water play opportunities. We also provided maths and phonics activities indoors, along with some art activities, all linked to Easter!



We were pleased to welcome our feeder schools, Hallbrook and Cosby Primary, for a cricket masterclass with Mr Virk and our sports leaders!

The goal? To spark a love for cricket in our future Tommo stars. Students got stuck into batting, bowling and fielding - learning the technical skills to level up their game!

Everyone showed real progress and passion across the board! We can't wait to see you all again at Tommo soon!

Huge shout out to our fantastic sports leaders - Harry, Ronnie, Alfie, Max and Ben for delivering some top-class sessions!

High Achievers



Well done to this term's highest Thomas Estley Way achievers with lots of positive points achieved for showing great leadership and character. We are very proud of you!

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

Year 7
Ebony Hutchings-Webber
Jess Chapman
Jacob Summers
Emily Kent
Jess Clegg
Halo Gill

Year 8
Ethan Skinner
Millie Harris
Emily Cartlidge
Charlie Ball
Arthur Bradshaw
Georgia Baxendale

Year 9
Connie Ellis-Brown
Melina Turner
Max Chadwick
Aoife McLaughlin
Toby Mushen
Ria Corlett

Year 10
Dante Burnham-Harvey
Evie Barker
Elisa Norman
Finley Lord
Willow Blankley
Dylan Rawlinson

Year 11
Ben Lea
Harrison Willmott
Jake Newcombe
Anna Kirk
Millie Armston
Riley Archer



We are incredibly proud to celebrate Lara's well-deserved recognition, as Thomas Estley PEPA star of the term. Lara has been a shining star in so many areas – representing our school at Young Voices at De Montfort Hall and the Great Big Dance Off in Birmingham. She's led with confidence as a student leader, delivered a stunning solo in our Musical Madness production, and inspired younger students as a samba workshop leader across the trust. Lara has also been named dancer and musician of the week multiple times this term and always gives 100% in lessons. What a fantastic role model – well done Lara!

World of Work Leicestershire

Information for young people on industries across the area

Leicester &
Leicestershire
CAREERS HUB

CAREERS &
ENTERPRISE
COMPANY

LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE
BUSINESS AND
SKILLS PARTNERSHIP

Sport and Physical Activity

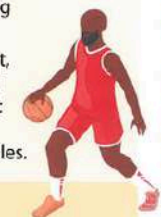
In the **exciting world of sports**, careers extend far beyond the playing field! From coaching teams, analysing data to drive up performance, or developing business opportunities for sports organisations, there are **many diverse careers**. Leicestershire has some **fantastic opportunities in its vibrant, growing, sports and physical activity** sector. It is home to local research-driven expertise, globally recognised sports teams, athletes and facilities. The area has 13 major sporting venues/clubs hosting national and international events, including Leicester City Football Club, Leicester Tigers, Leicester Riders, Leicester Hockey Club plus motor racing at Donington Park and Mallory Park, and horse racing at Leicester Racecourse see: www.active-together.org/premierlocation



Useful subjects
Biology, maths, PE,
psychology, physics,
English

What is happening?

- ↑ Regionally the sector employs 16,900 jobs across 1,245 businesses – 84% are micro sized (9 or fewer employees).
- ↑ The sport and physical activity sector comprises mainly of sports clubs, sport and fitness facilities, sports manufacturing and the sale/ rental of sports equipment, but also online and virtual reality sports activities. The interest in health, wellness, fitness wearables or fitness apps, weight management and cycling will increase career opportunities.
- ↑ **Loughborough University is ranked number one in the world for sports-related subjects**, with specialisms including health, engineering, rehabilitation and sports performance. SportPark, at Loughborough University, is home to many of England's top sports governing bodies and national sports organisations.
- ↑ **Careers include** coaching, teaching, nutritionist, leisure assistants, green keepers, social media and marketing roles, retail sales, data analytics, project management, sports development roles, physiotherapist and design and manufacturing roles.



Local employers include:

- ↑ **Leisure operations** such as Everyone Active, Fusion, Places for People, Active Leicester
- ↑ **Exercise and fitness** such as Hot Pod Yoga, Places for People, fitness studios and gyms
- ↑ **Adventure sport** such as Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Beaumanor Hall Activity Centre, Field Sports UK, motorsports employers
- ↑ **Community sport** such as the Active networks across districts (Active Blaby, Active Melton etc). TayPlay Sport, Rocket Youth Sports, Schultz Coaching, GNR8 Academy
- ↑ **Professional sport** which includes 13 major clubs (see introduction for link to full list).
- ↑ **Health and wellbeing** such as Life Links, Leap, My Solution Wellbeing, Leicester City Council Live Well
- ↑ **National Sports organisations** such as Sport England, the Youth Sport Trust, CIMSPA, Swim England, England Volleyball, UK Anti-Doping



Getting in

- ↑ Sport is an important part of health and well-being in the community. Volunteering is one great way in; the sector has lots of sports clubs and businesses who have volunteers working with them, who could be approached for experience to enhance your skills, and your CV.
- ↑ The workforce is young! 30% of employees are 24 or younger and there are many 'first job' opportunities in leisure centres, sport and fitness clubs, as well as through hospitality and events at venues.
- ↑ **The most advertised sports roles*** locally are sports coach, personal trainer, football coach, fitness instructor and lifeguard.
- ↑ Sector employers* rank recruiting through 'word of mouth' as positive in the sector, so if you already know people working in sports do ask if any vacancies are coming up.
- ↑ **The top two skills*** most valued by area employers in sport are communication skills and teamwork, along with key behaviours such as reliability and collaboration skills.
- ↑ Apprenticeships include community sport and health officer, sports turf operative, and sports coach.



WHAT YOU COULD EARN

Leisure and Sports Manager/ Proprietor	£17K-£60K
Sports Coaches, Instructors, and Officials	£14K-£70K
Fitness and Wellbeing Instructors	£14K-£35K
Sports and Leisure Assistants	£12K-£23K
Sports Psychologist	£20K-£48K

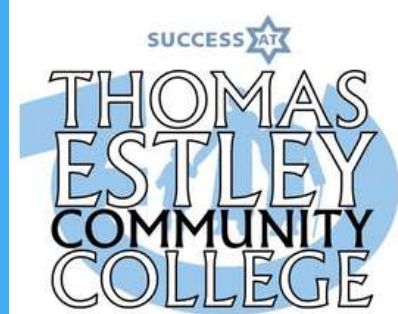
Skills and qualities

Coaching, business development, communication, teamwork, leadership

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www.cimspa.co.uk | www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship | www.skillsactive.com

*Data from employer research in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Local Skills Plan: www.cimspa.co.uk/globalassets/document-downloads-library/all/local-skills/plans/lfr/lr-local-skills-plan-2024.pdf

Attendance



Regular attendance at school is essential for every student's success—academically, socially, and emotionally. The chart below clearly shows how even a small number of absences can have a significant impact on a student's learning. For example, just 7.5 days of absence, which might not seem like much, can lead to over 37 hours of lost learning time. As absences increase, so too does the amount of learning missed, with students missing 30 or more days potentially losing up to 180 hours of valuable instruction.

We understand that sometimes absence is unavoidable due to illness or other serious reasons, but it's important to recognize the cumulative impact. Patterns of frequent absence—whether a day here and there or longer periods—can quickly turn into a “cause for concern” academically. Studies consistently show that students who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged, perform better in assessments, and feel more connected to their peers and teachers.

We are here to support families in maintaining excellent attendance. If there are barriers to regular attendance for your child, please reach out—we're committed to working with you to find solutions.

Together, let's make every school day count!

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance	Whole days of absence	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for Concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
	91%	173 days	17	85
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious cause for concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

Primary Masterclasses

Our Thomas Estley history department had the pleasure of welcoming keen year 5 historians to help search for clues in an unsolved murder-mystery.

As a class they learnt about how history is based upon historians using facts from the past to construct theories like a detective. They then used this to figure out what happened to the Tollund Man - a body found 2,400 years after his death!

Many students used the facts to create detailed theories that included murder, punishment and even sacrifice. The class were supported in their research by the fantastic primary outreach student leaders. These students supported throughout the session, also creating theories themselves. Well done everyone!



We invited year 5 students from our feeder primary schools to Thomas Estley for a Spanish masterclass. Students learned to say how they're feeling in Spanish, learnt about the different countries around the world where Spanish is spoken and even had the chances to steal Spanish sentences from each other with a game of ¡Ladrones!

Miss Wall was incredibly impressed with their enthusiasm and conversational skills in Spanish - ¡buen trabajo! A special thanks to our primary transition student leaders for helping the students with their tasks and sharing in their enthusiasm. Well done, everyone.



Primary Masterclasses



Our Thomas Estley student music leaders took their vocal workshop on the road to Cosby Primary School. They have been carefully planning (in their lunch breaks this year) how to deliver vocal techniques, tailored to meet the needs of year 5 pupils, beginning with the importance of warming up with some fun vocal exercises. They then split into smaller groups, teaching some traditional, French and African songs which they combined in a mash-up and canon performance sung by all, to create some lovely vocal harmonies. They finished the session by teaching the young pupils a joyous canon version of "Dynamite" which sounded incredible.

What a fantastic and fun afternoon was had by all! Well done to KS3 students Anna, Ava, Jack, Harry, Honor, Lara, Lottie, Mia, Persephone and Willow; we are very proud of you all, demonstrating our college values of perseverance and courage!

Our amazing Thomas Estley sports leaders were in action again for the PE year 5 masterclass. Students from Hallbrook, Cosby, Badgerbrook, St Peter's, Orchard and Old Mill got the opportunity to learn the correct technique for long jump, javelin and relay. Their attitude and effort were fantastic throughout and there was some great skill on show.

The highest scorers in each event overall won medals. Well done to everyone, and thanks again to our sports leaders who always show such great professionalism.



VE Day



Thomas Estley staff celebrated VE Day 80 by dressing up in the clothes of the period and making links to learning around VE Day in their lessons – don't they look great!

Additionally, Thomas Estley students and Broughton Astley Sea Cadets from the Thomas Estley base were proud to join other members of our local community to remember VE Day, read poetry and pay respects. Our Thomas Estley VE 80 remembrance and celebration events this year have focused on our key values of kindness, respect, courage, perseverance and resilience.

Thank you to the catering team who once again pulled it out of the (Union Jack) bag to ensure that our students and staff enjoyed themed food for our VE Day celebrations, which included a VE Day themed picnic and a chance to enjoy handcrafted cakes.

Lastly, our VE Day library display encouraged our students to find out more so that they can understand its significance.

Colour Dash



We were delighted to raise nearly £1,000 for LCH Charity during this term's year 7 colour dash charity event. The event was a huge success, and it was great to see so many of our students and staff come together to support such a wonderful cause. Pictured above are just a few of our very colourful participants, who took part with great enthusiasm and energy, adding an extra splash of fun to the day!

LCH Charity is an organisation dedicated to improving the happiness and wellbeing of children throughout the East Midlands. Their work has already made a significant difference in the lives of many, including some of our most vulnerable young people here at Thomas Estley. The funds raised will go a long way in helping LCH continue their invaluable work, providing much-needed support and care to children and families in the region. We're incredibly proud of our students for their generosity and participation in this meaningful event.

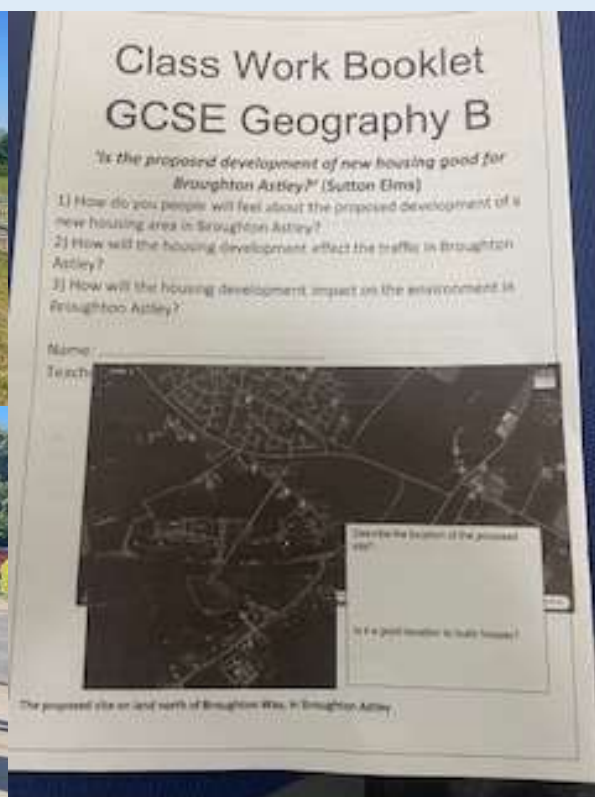
Trips

Our Thomas Estley community kindness intergenerational projects continue to flourish, with another heartwarming collaboration between our students and the residents of Arkwright House. This time, the focus was on creating beautiful pieces of artwork together, and the results were truly fantastic. It's inspiring to see such creativity and connection across generations. Well done to everyone involved for your enthusiasm, teamwork, and kindness!

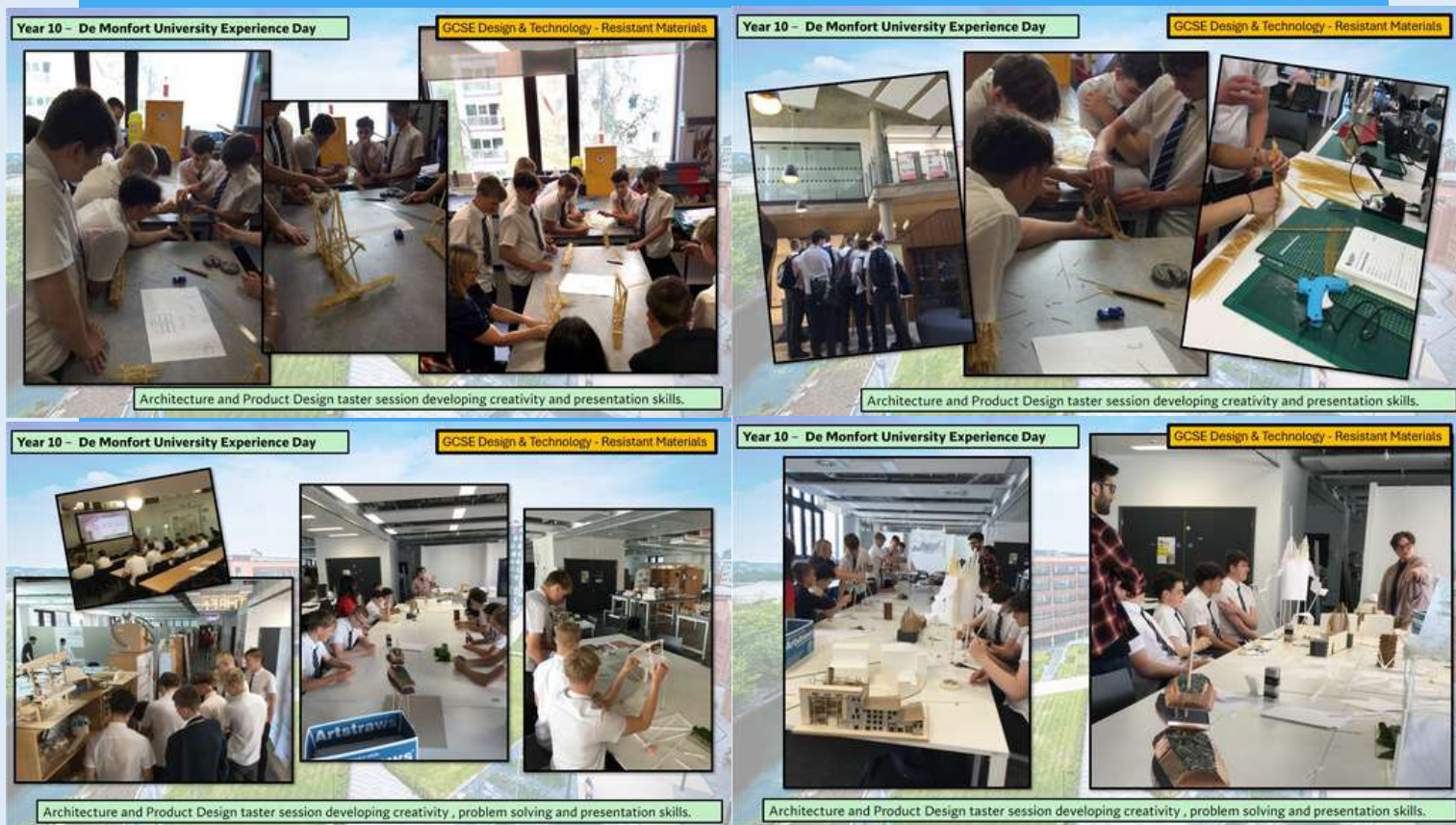


Thomas Estley year 10 geographers have been completing their geography fieldwork for their GCSE. Their hypothesis to investigate is around whether new housing developments in Broughton are positive for the local area.

Students have spoken to locals using questionnaires, completed traffic surveys, field sketches and their own environmental survey to help them answer their own hypotheses and are making great progress!



Trips



Our Thomas Estley year 10 resistant materials students enjoyed an exciting visit to De Montfort University. The visit offered a real taste of campus life and a flavour of future academic possibilities related to design technology. The day began in the impressive Queen's building, home to the engineering and media departments, where our year 10 met current students to learn about a wealth of courses, university life and opportunities.

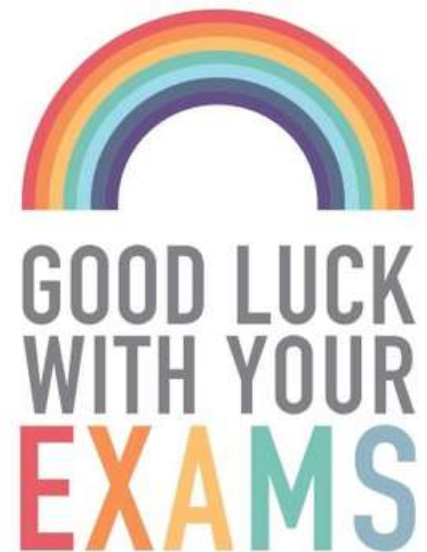
In the architecture studio, students took part in an engaging workshop where they demonstrated their creative problem-solving skills by presenting their own designs for a building for critique. A guided tour followed, taking them through modern lecture halls, busy workshops, vibrant studio spaces, a well-equipped gym and student accommodation. The day wrapped up in the product design studio, where they faced an exciting challenge: constructing a bridge in 45 minutes, capable of supporting a model car and a 2kg weight.

Fantastic participation from everyone who took part; well done, everyone and thank you to De Montfort University Leicester for the opportunity.

Highlights This Term...



Thank you so much to Jo and Diane who tidied up our memorial garden which helps our college family find peace while remembering those we have lost. It looks beautiful this spring.



Well done to our Thomas Estley staff who won first place in the South Leicestershire "Move it March" health and wellbeing secondary school staff competition!

With our running club, staff sports and varied fun and support inputs for our staff, we are delighted to see so many have been enjoying the opportunity!



We wished our Thomas Estley year 11 students the very best as they started their main examination series this term. We are so proud of your determination, courage, perseverance and resilience.

Make sure you study hard over the next few weeks, but don't forget to take time too to rest, hydrate, eat and just breathe.

You've got this!

Highlights This Term...



Congratulations to Miss Young's award winning young writers and their out-of-the-box escape ideas! Their poems reflect what escape looks like to them and how they relate this to the act of writing. Poetry is a wonderful tool for accessing your emotions. Writing allows us to express ourselves even when we lack words. It gives us a voice. Therefore, it is with great pride that we announce the voices of our recently published authors:

Bella - 'Escape To the Sea'.

Sophie - 'Escaping From Reality'.

Isabelle - 'Escape To The Meadows'.

So proud of you, girls!

A huge congratulations to all the Thomas Estley pupils who took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge – your dedication and hard work truly paid off! It was fantastic to see so many of our students earn bronze, silver, and gold certificates, reflecting not just talent, but a commitment to excellence in line with our Thomas Estley values. Their resilience in their approach and perseverance through difficult problems has truly demonstrated the best of what we stand for.

A special shout-out to Romeo, who has gone above and beyond by qualifying for the next round of the competition – an outstanding achievement!





Miss Kav made the trip over to Birmingham to watch the Women's Football Championship decider between Birmingham City and London City Lionesses. She remained neutral as we had Thomas Estley alumni on both teams.

The Lionesses were victorious so whilst Sophia Poor was celebrating, unfortunately Libby Smith wasn't so lucky. It was great to see both girls living their dream. We are so proud of them, they are an inspiration to all at Thomas Estley, particularly our girls footballers. Such talent!



Both our year 7 and our year 8/9 girls football teams were in action at Leicestershire County Schools Finals at Leicester City's Training ground at Seagrave. Our year 7's met Cedars Academy. Despite being 3-0 up with goals from Willow, Kelsea and Verity, Cedars kept fighting and got back into it scoring two goals. Our girls stepped up though and Willow scored our fourth to seal the victory. Player of the match went to India, a great display in goal first half and equally as good second half in defence.

Our year 8/9 girls went 1-0 down against Castle Rock. Ria got a hattrick including a wonder strike from 40 yards before Castle Rock got a second. Freya C sealed the victory to make it 4-2. Ria claimed player of the match.

We are so proud of all of our girls. What a season! Both of these teams have given everything in a Tommo shirt and also reached the quarter finals of the National Cup. Girls football continues to grow and succeed and we thank everyone for all of their support with the girls.



What a Thomas Estley thriller to kick off the cricket season! The year 7 cricket team began their campaign on Friday with a challenging clash against Leicester Grammar School, and wow, did they rise to the occasion! Despite facing a strong side full of county-level players, our boys showed true Tommo spirit: resilience, respect, courage and perseverance.

Batting first, they smashed a brilliant 133 runs in 20 overs thanks to top performances from Indy, Dylan & Dougie! We came out firing in the field too with early wickets and superb bowling from Sam, Dylan, Indy & Jacob setting up a nail-biting final over!

LGS needed seven runs in the final over, and unfortunately a late boundary clinched it for them. Mr Virk couldn't be prouder of this incredible group of players – true role models for the school! Huge shoutouts to Tom, Nangyali, Hugo & Will for stepping up with limited experience – cricketers in the making! We go again! Let's keep pushing for that first win!

Well done to the under 14's cricket team on a fantastic opening performance vs Manor High School! The boys were relentless, restricting Manor to just 55 all out thanks to some stunning bowling from Ollie H, Ollie W, Max, and Alfie. WK Finn showed off his incredible athleticism with some jaw-dropping catches.

Despite a slow start with the bat, Tommo led the charge and sealed a convincing win with several overs to spare. MOM went to Alfie for a brilliant captain's performance with both bat and ball. Well done boys, we are super proud of you all – let's keep this momentum going!



Sport

Our Thomas Estley year 9 sport specialism students had the unique opportunity to learn about and participate in VI (visually impaired) football and other adapted sports. This experience offered valuable insight into the challenges faced by some people in sport, while also showing how sports can be adapted to ensure inclusion and accessibility for all.



Some of our Thomas Estley sports leaders were hard at work this term coaching year 3 and 4 girls at the Blaby Girls Football Festival. They helped the girls develop their passing, dribbling and shooting skills before playing some friendly matches. A lovely atmosphere throughout, our girls being excellent role models for the younger students. We even let them have their pictures taken with our girls county cups!

Our year 7 cricketers (below) took on local rivals Lutterworth High in a friendly match - and what a performance! Lutterworth batted first, scoring 54 runs, but our bowlers Sam, Dylan, Jacob E, Eddie and Dougie were on fire, keeping it tight and wrapping things up with overs to spare. Our fielding was sharp too, with standout catches from Dylan P and Nangyali! Chasing the target, Sam and Thomas delivered a brilliant opening partnership, showing great teamwork and leadership. MOM went to Sam for his all-round heroics! Well done boys!



Area Athletics

Name	Event	Position	Name	Event	Position
Charlie S	Yr 10 100m Hurdles	1 st	Ria C	Yr 9 300m	1 st
Charlie S	Yr 10 High Jump	1 st	Megan L	Yr 9 Discus	1 st
George B	Yr 10 Javelin	1 st	Jaymes W	Yr 9 Javelin	1 st
Millen H	Yr 7 Discus	1 st	Yr 7 Boys	4 x 100m Relay	1 st
James L	Yr 10 200m	2 nd	Roxy M	Yr 10 Javelin	2 nd
Rose W	Yr 10 1500m	2 nd	Holly W	Yr 7 Shot	2 nd
Seb L	Yr 9 Shot	2 nd	Willow H	800m	2 nd
Yr 7 Girls	4 x 100m Relay	2 nd	Grace S	Yr 7 100m	3 rd
Ruby R	Yr 7 200m	3 rd	India B	Yr 7 Discus	3 rd
Ella B	Yr 9 1500m	3 rd	Olly O	Yr 7 Javelin	3 rd
Olivia M	Yr 10 300m	3 rd	Niamh F	Yr 10 200m	3 rd



A gorgeous Sunny Day for this years Area Athletics meeting at Saffron Lane Athletics Stadium

80 Thomas Estley Students represented the College in a variety of events and didn't disappoint. All areas of the Thomas Estley Way were on display with many students achieving personal best times and distances.

KS3 Field Event Podium Winners



DOUBLE CHAMPION in 100m Hurdles and High Jump

KS3 Track Podium Winners

Willow H Yr 7 800m 2nd place (not pictured)

KS4 Students competing as part of their GCSE PE practical grade all doing very well. Our podium winners pictured here.

As well as 2nd places for James in the 200m and Roxy in the Javelin (not pictured)

Well done to all who competed and for the great support in the stands, another successful sporting day for Tommo students.

We are absolutely thrilled to share that this year's Saffron Lane County Athletics event has brought us our best-ever results for Thomas Estley! We couldn't be prouder of our incredibly talented young people, whose dedication, determination and hard work paid off in spectacular fashion. This year, we saw a record number of students reaching the high standard required to be invited to compete, and we are ecstatic to report that these impressive athletes didn't just compete—they excelled!

With record numbers making it to the medal podium, it's clear that the level of commitment and effort from our young athletes was higher than ever before. Their performances were truly inspiring, and their achievements are a testament to their passion and perseverance. We're also incredibly proud of the teamwork, support, and sportsmanship shown by all our competitors throughout the event.

Above you'll find our overall medal tally along with some fantastic photos of our medalists. We can't wait to build on this momentum for the future! Let's celebrate the incredible success of our students, and here's to even greater things to come.

Preschool

Thomas Estley Preschool have recently purchased a light box, which we use as an adult guided activity, pitched at different levels of learning for individual children. Light boxes foster sensory exploration, creativity and the development of key skills such as spatial awareness and problem-solving. They provide a platform for hands-on learning, engaging children with light and shadow in imaginative and educational ways. You can see our children looking at shapes, colour mixing, counting and stacking – their vocabulary was amazing!



Outside Tommo



A huge congratulations to our amazing Thomas Estley year 7 student, Maisy, who brought home five solo gold medals at her dance competition!

Maisy continues to be an outstanding ambassador for dance both in and out of school, and we couldn't be prouder of her incredible achievements.

Well done, Maisy – keep shining!

Well done to Thomas Estley student Alexa in year 7. Alexa and her dodgeball team won the under 13's Midlands League undefeated and now move on to play in the National Championships in June. We are very proud of her achievement.



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@thomasesstley.org.uk.

Don't Forget!

SUCCESS 

THOMAS
ESTLEY
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

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.

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 Mon 2nd June & closes for the summer break on Wed 9th July

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.



Since our transition to Arbor please ensure your child's medical status is up to date.

Childcare for 3-11 year olds



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Can I afford to train?

Are any bursaries available while I train?

What is the course structure?

What qualifications do I need?

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Picnic in the Park

An Inclusive Celebration Event

▶ **Tuesday 24th June 2025**
4.30-6pm

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The Pavilion, Leicestershire County Council,
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Come and join us to celebrate the Children
and Young People of Leicestershire

This is a free event with a range of activities
provided, but please feel free to bring a picnic
for you and your family.

This event requires adult supervision at all
times.

*To celebrate achievements, it would be lovely if you
could send in a photo of your child or young person
and/or something that they are proud of (photos, words
or representations). Please can you send these to
caroline.davis@leics.gov.uk by **19th June**.*

These will be displayed at the event.

