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Dear Parents and Students

Welcome to the start of the new school year and I hope that you all had an excellent summer break. An especially warm welcome goes to the children and parents of Year 7. We are really looking forward to working with you and to do everything we can to ensure that the next five years are as successful as we can make them.

A quick update on school news

You may well have seen in the local press or on our website that our students gained the best ever GCSE results Thamesmead has ever achieved. 77% were awarded 5 or more A*-C grades with English and Maths, 90% of the students achieved an A*-C grade in English and 81% in Maths. The table below gives the results of other subjects:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>% of students achieving A* - C</u>
Art	95%
Biology	98%
Chemistry	98%
Dance	67%
Drama	91%
English Literature	78%
French	88%
Geography	69%
History	77%
Food Technology	73%
ICT (DIDA)	96%
Music	100%
Physics	99%
PE	86%
Religious Studies	66%
Spanish	69%
Core Science	71%
Additional Science	73%

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Key Dates:

Thursday 10th September

7pm

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Monday 14th September

3.30-6.30pm

Yr11 Progress Review

Mtgs

Wednesday 16th

September

Yr7 & Yr11 School Photos

Thursday 17th September

7pm

Yr10 Parent Information

Evening

Tuesday 22nd September

We welcome several new teachers to Thamesmead. They are:

Technology teacher - Miss Biesty

Maths teacher - Mr Chagger

Subject Leader Computer Science/ICT

Drama teacher

Maths Teacher

Technology teacher

Science teacher

Curriculum Leader for Maths

Deputy Curriculum Leader for English

PE teacher

English teacher

-Miss Dunn

-Mrs Haines-Bevan

-Miss Harris

-Miss Hayes

-Ms Iqbal

-Mr Mutumhe

-Miss On

-Miss Phillips

-Mrs White

We are really committed to working closely with parents and fully recognise just what a difference this relationship makes to the success of the children. If you do need to speak to someone for general matters regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's Tutor (or Head of Year for more serious issues) and if it is specific to a subject then please contact the subject teacher. Email is often the best method of contacting the teachers. Email addresses can be found on the school's website. Please be aware that our policy is to respond within 24 hours of contact from you. Peter Rodin, Headteacher

Compulsory School Skirt

As of 1st September, all girls in Years 7-10 are expected to wear the new Thamesmead school skirt. This is available from Shepperton Sports in Shepperton High Street. Girls may wear school trousers if they so wish. www.sheppertonsportsandski.co.uk Tel. No: 01932 225718

Year 11 Progress Review Afternoon

The Year 11 Progress Review Meetings are on Monday 14th September, 3.30pm – 6.30pm. An email has been sent out today with full details.

Choices at 16+ Event Monday 14th September 3.00pm - 6.00pm Room 4A

Representatives from local colleges will be available to answer your questions and provide information and prospectuses. Individual careers interviews will also be available with an adviser. If your appointments are from 5.00pm, please come to the exhibition BEFORE your meetings as the College Representatives will be leaving at 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there. Mrs Morris

7pm

Yr9 Parent Information

Evening

Thursday 24th September

3.30-6.30pm

Yr7 Parent Information

Evening &

Meet the Tutor

Thursday 1st October

7pm

Yr8 Parent Information

Evening

Thursday 8th October

6.30-9pm

Open Evening for New
Students

School Closes at 12 Noon

Friday 9th October

Inset Day

Monday 26th – Friday

30th October

Half Term

Friday 20th November

7pm

PTA Fashion Show

ATTACHMENTS:

Help with College Applications

Mrs Morris will be running workshops to help Year 11 students complete college applications on Mondays and Tuesdays after school in Room 16B from 21st September until half-term. Students should check Student Notices for change of venue. Details of exam boards for GCSE can be found on the school website and on FROG.

We encourage all students to apply for more than one college, regardless of their preferred post-16 plan to give them a variety of options as the school year progresses. It is better to have a choice of pathways than none at all by the stage of the year when students should be focussing on their exams. Year 11 may book individual careers interviews by calling into the Careers Office on Mondays to Wednesdays.

British Airways Work Experience

Applications for work experience with British Airways open on Monday 7th September and close on Wednesday 16th September. Before you fill in the application form it is important that you research British Airways and their job opportunities from their website and use this information to select and complete a really good application.

<http://www.britishairways.com/careers/work-experience/index.jsp>

If you need any help, come to the Careers Office on Mondays to Wednesdays.

Parent Information Evenings

These are taking place over the next four weeks in the Jubilee Centre at 7pm.

Year 11 – Thursday 10th September
Year 10 – Thursday 17th September
Year 9 – Tuesday 22nd September
Year 8 – Thursday 1st October

Walton Bridge Roadworks

Installation/replacement of traffic lights will be taking place at Walton Bridge/New Zealand Avenue/Oatlands junction from 7th September to 22nd September. No closures are planned but please be aware that there could be traffic delays as a result of this.

Canteen Cheques

If topping up your child's cashless catering card by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Innovate Services Ltd and write your child's name and tutor group on the back of it. Thank you.

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School Photos

School photos will take place on Wednesday 16th September for Year 7 and Year 11.

Year 7 Information & Tutor Meetings

On Thursday 24th September there will be an opportunity for Year 7 parents and carers to meet their child's tutor together with a brief presentation from the Head of Year, Mrs Foster. You will shortly receive a letter with further information and timings. Mrs Bell, Assistant Head i/c KS3



There will be a whole school play in December – 'At the Station'. Everyone is welcome to audition and the schedule is:

Year 7 & 8 – Tuesday 15th September, 2.30pm – 3.30pm in the Jubilee Centre
Year 9 & 10 – Wednesday 16th September, 2.30pm – 3.30pm in the Jubilee Centre.

I look forward to seeing lots of students at the auditions! Miss Hall

Buses to Woking College

There will be a new bus service 556 on school days to Woking College. It leaves Sunbury Tesco at 06:53, Upper Halliford Station at 07:05 and Shepperton at 07:13 and gets to Kingfield Green at 08:20. There will be a 556 back from Kingfield Green at 16:15, arriving at Shepperton at 17:28, Upper Halliford station at 17:35 and Sunbury Tesco at 17:45.

There will also be a 557 from Shepperton at 07:20 which goes to Woking station only, arriving at 08:33. The last 557 back from Woking station will be 17:15, arriving at Shepperton at 18:25 (557 also serves Sunbury Tesco and Upper Halliford station).



Thamesmead Plus clubs will start on Monday 14th September. Look out for the full programme in next week's Thamesmead Talk.

Holiday Requests During School Term Time

The Education (Pupil Registration)(England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013, state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of Surrey County Council, to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that **each** parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for **each** child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. If there are two parents and two children incurring unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

Sporting News

P&G Surrey Youth Games 2015

On the weekend of the 20-21st June, the P&G Surrey Youth Games took place. The P&G Surrey Youth Games are a fantastic opportunity for young people to try new sports or improve their existing skills. In the lead up to the competition weekend, free training sessions were offered to children prior to the competition and teams were chosen to represent Team Spelthorne in individual events. Team Spelthorne entered 29 teams across 16 sports and finished with an impressive 10 medals and trophies. Thamesmead students played a vital role in this success and congratulations to all of them that took part.

Badminton - Matthew Pow, Ellis Livingston and Luke Wivell

Basketball - Patrick Muir

Judo - Leanne Hill

Netball - Chloe Houslander, Shannon Hall, Nia Fuller, Alex Kerr, Natasha Brownlie, Georgina Wijayatilake, Madaleine Downes, Safia Buanani, Suraya Buanani and Jasmine Jones

Squash - Megan McGarvey, Scarlett Yeadon and Madelaine Yeadon

Touch Rugby - Madaleine Downes and Hannah Cooper

Thamesmead School Football Fixtures 2015/16

Year 7 – Teacher I/c Mr Moulton		
School	Venue	Date
Jubilee High	Home	10/9/15
Sunbury Manor (Cup)	Home	16/9/15
Bishop Wand	Home	7/10/15
Matthew Arnold	Home	14/10/15
St Paul's	Away	4/11/15
7 aside	Matthew Arnold	10/11/15
Magna Carta	Home	9/2/16
Sunbury Manor	Home	1/3/16
Thomas Knyvett	Home	16/3/16

Year 8 – Teacher I/c Mr Reeves		
School	Venue	Date
Jubilee High	Away	10/9/15
Bishop Wand (Cup)	Away	16/9/15
Bishop Wand	Away	7/10/15
Matthew Arnold	Away	14/10/15
St Paul's	Away	11/11/15
7 aside	Matthew Arnold	3/12/15
Magna Carta	Away	9/2/16
Sunbury Manor	Away	1/3/16
Thomas Knyvett	Away	16/3/16

Year 9 – Teacher I/c Mr Reeves		
School	Venue	Date
Jubilee High	Away	17/9/15
Bishop Wand	Away	29/9/15
Thomas Knyvett (Cup)	Home	30/9/15
Matthew Arnold	Home	21/10/15
St Paul's	Home	4/11/15
7 aside	Matthew Arnold	19/11/15
Magna Carta	Home	24/2/16
Sunbury Manor	Home	3/3/16
Thomas Knyvett	Home	17/3/16

Year 10 – Teacher I/c Mr Reeves

School	Venue	Date
Jubilee High	Home	15/9/15
Bishop Wand	Home	1/10/15
Matthew Arnold	Away	20/10/15
St Paul's	Away	5/11/15
7 aside	Matthew Arnold	26/11/15
Magna Carta	Away	23/2/16
Sunbury Manor	Away	8/3/16
Thomas Knyvett	Away	17/3/16

Year 11 – Teacher I/c Mr Moulton

School	Venue	Date
Bishop Wand	Away	1/10/15
Matthew Arnold	Home	15/10/15
St Paul's	Home	5/11/15
7 aside	Matthew Arnold	5/11/15
Magna Carta	Away	25/2/16
Sunbury Manor	Away	3/3/16

Thamesmead School Rugby Fixtures 2015/16

Year 7 – Teacher I/c Mr Moulton		
School	Venue	Date
Matthew Arnold	Away	21/10/15
Bishop Wand	Away	10/11/15
7's	Bishop Wand	18/11/15
St Paul's	Away	11/2/16
Magna Carta	Away	24/2/16
Sunbury Manor	Away	9/3/16
Thomas Knyvett	Home	23/3/16

Year 7 County Cup – Away to Rutlish (Played by 19/10/15)

Year 8/9 – Teacher I/c Mr Reeves		
School	Venue	Date
Year 8 7's	Bishop Wand	4/11/15
Year 9 7's	Bishop Wand	11/11/15
Bishop Wand (8 only)	Home	17/11/15
Bishop Wand (9 only)	Away	18/11/15
St Paul's (9 only)	Away	10/2/16
St Paul's (8 only)	Home	11/2/16
Magna Carta	Home	25/2/16
Sunbury Manor (8 only)	Home	9/3/16
Sunbury Manor (9 only)	Away	10/3/16
Matthew Arnold	Home	22/3/16
Thomas Knyvett	Away	23/3/16

Year 8 County Cup – Home to St Paul's (Played by 21/9/15)

Year 9 County Cup – Home to Riddlesden or George Abbott (Played by 12/10/15)

Year 10/11 – Teacher I/c Mr Moulton		
School	Venue	Date
Jubilee High	Home	24/9/15
Year 11 7's	Bishop Wand	15/10/15
Year 10 7's	Bishop Wand	22/10/15
Matthew Arnold	Away	23/10/15
Bishop Wand	home	10/11/15
Magna Carta	Away	4/2/16
Sunbury Manor	Home	10/3/16

Year 10 County Cup – Away to Carshalton Boys (Played by 5/10/15)

Year 11 County Cup – Away to Bishop Wand (Played by 21/9/15)

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Sat 17th Oct 10.00-1.00 p.m. Weydon School, Farnham, GU9 8UG
Sat 7th Nov 9.00-12.00 p.m. Thamesmead School, Shepperton TW17 9EE
Thurs 26th Nov 5.00-6.00 p.m. Thamesmead School, Shepperton TW17 9EE

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Spelthorne Disability Sports Club

Aimed at young people from 5-25yrs and their siblings, Spelthorne Disability Sports club provides opportunities to play a range of sports. Activities and sports include football, basketball, boccia, new age curling, trampolining, table cricket, polybat, goalball and unihoc.

All sessions are overseen by enthusiastic volunteers although parents/guardians are encouraged to stay on site during the sessions.

When - Saturday 10.15 - 11.45am

Where - Spelthorne Leisure Centre

Who's it for - Young people 5-25yrs with special needs and their siblings.

Cost - £4 for the first child and £2 for siblings, payable on the day.

Date	Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3
12 September	Football	Boccia	Bouncy Castle
19 September	Trampoline	Goal Ball	
26 September	Rounders	Polybat	
3 October	Uni-hoc	Table Cricket	
10 October	Cricket	Boccia	
17 October	Trampoline	Seated Volleyball	
24 October	Netball	Polybat	
31 October	Football	New Age Curling	
7 November	Rounders	Boccia	
14 November	Trampoline	Goal Ball	
21 November	Dodgeball	Table cricket	
28 November	Uni-hoc	Polybat	
5 December	Trampoline	New Age Curling	
12 December	Football	Boccia	Bouncy Castle

For further information visit www.spelthorne.gov.uk/disabilitysportsclub
email leisure@spelthorne.gov.uk or call us on 01784 446433.

First session is free

