



KEY STAGE 4
WELCOME TO THRIFTWOOD COLLEGE



MRS. GEORGINA PRYKE
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to Thriftwood College.

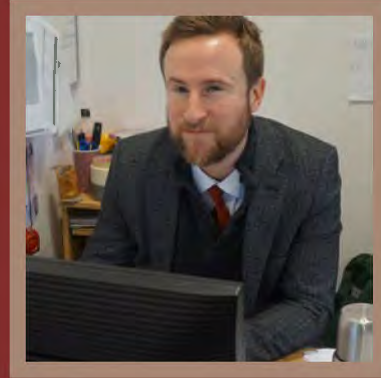
We pride ourselves in offering a diverse, full and functional curriculum to prepare our young people for the challenges of adulthood. The continued focus on developing independently responsible and resilient learners who are motivated to progress and achieve, is the foundation of our curriculum. Collaboration, the development of effective learning behaviours and tolerance is built alongside. We will work with you, as parents, to help our young people to create and shape their own future.



Key Members of Staff



Ms. Lisa Walker
College Lead



Mr. Simon Kyndt
Innovation and Development Lead



Mrs. Carolyn Mitchell
KS4 Phase Leader



Ms. Rachael Collins
KS5 Phase Leader



Mrs. Janine Cavey
Pastoral & Family
Engagement Manager



Mrs. Frances Satterley
Pastoral Support
Manager

Key Stage 4 Tutor Team



Ms. Annabelle
Dyas



Mrs. Clarissa
Clarke



Mr. James
Eade



Ms. Lauren
Harris



Mrs. Katy
Binks



Ms. Laura
Kendle

The Pastoral Team

Janine Cavey and Frances Satterley form the College pastoral team which has an open door policy. The pastoral team welcome contact from families and work in partnership to secure the best outcomes for the students. If you require any support please call them on 01245 262779, they will be happy to help you. They also work in collaboration with external agencies to co-ordinate interventions that the students may need to assist them.



The Sensory Room

The Chillax is a quiet, calm space where students can come to relax, take some time out and have a chat. This is also where the pastoral office is found.

The Well-Being Hut

This is another quiet, calm space. This is used for small group work. It is also where our counsellor is based on a Tuesday & Wednesday.



Our College Code

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Our College code was designed in collaboration with our students. Staff and students are all expected to follow the code to maintain a community where everyone feels safe, valued and able to learn.

Enterprise

Nurture

Respect

Integrity

Compassion

Honesty



College Uniform

Main Uniform

- Black/grey trousers or knee length skirt (no tracksuit bottoms)
- White shirt or polo top
- Burgundy school jumper (no hoodies)
- Sensible black shoes/plain black trainers
- Navy blazer optional
- Ties are optional

Sports Kit

- Plain T-Shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms (for the winter), trainers, roll on deodorant



Mobile Phones

Unfortunately, due to recent government guidance, mobile phones are no longer allowed to be used in college. Students may bring them to college for the journey but they **MUST** be turned off and stored in their bags before entering the building. If students are found to be using them they will be confiscated.

Smart watches are
NOT allowed in
college.

**THE USE
OF MOBILE
PHONES**



**IS NOT
ALLOWED**

The College Day

9.30- 9.50

Tutor Time- register, run through of the day

9.50- 10.50

Maths or English

10.50- 11.10

Break Time

11.10-12.10

Maths or English

12.10-1.00

Lesson

1.00-1.40

Lunch Time

1.40-2.05

Tutor Time-register & check-in

2.05-3.25

Afternoon Lessons

3.30

Home Time

**(please note we
finish at 3pm on a
Friday)**

Lunch Time

At lunch time KS4 students eat their lunch in the hall at 1.00-1.20pm. They can purchase a College lunch for £2.75. Each day there is a hot option and a cold option.

At 1.20-1.40pm they access the outdoor area where they can socialise with friends, go on to the yard or play football on the Astroturf.

No energy or fizzy drinks are allowed.

A variety of lunchtime clubs are also on offer such as Chess, dance club, film club and sports clubs.



Enrichment Fridays



On Fridays the timetable is different to the rest of the week.

Students spend time with their tutor groups reviewing the week. They think about what went well, what didn't go so well and what they might do to improve things in the future.

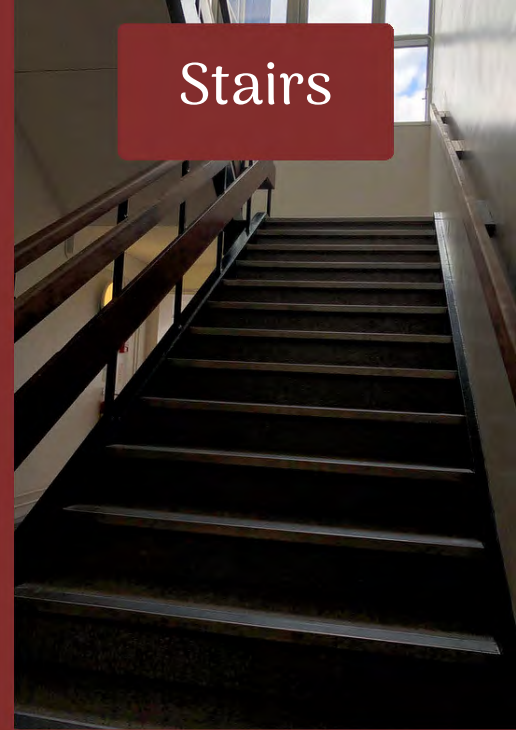
For the rest of the day they take part in a variety of activities. This might include, Minecraft, archery, cooking, team games and much more.

This gives students the opportunity to learn new skills, become more independent and to be sociable.

ICT room



Stairs



Key Areas around the College

Classroom



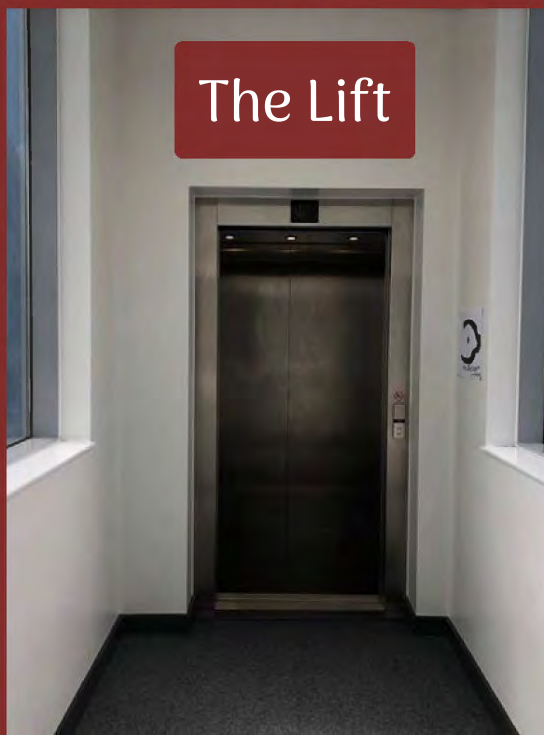
The Maker Lab



Kitchen



The Lift



The Science Lab



The Hall



The Yard



Picnic Area



Astroturf



The 'T' Room



Field



Medical Needs

If you have any questions or concerns regarding medical matters or dietary needs, please contact the College office in order to discuss on an individual basis.

First Aid

Most of our staff are trained in first aid. We can also give out prescription medication that needs to be administered during the College day. If your child needs to take daily medication, please ensure the medication has a named prescription label, is in date and is replaced before it expires. We are not legally permitted to administer out of date medication.



Medical Conditions

It is important that we are fully informed of any medical condition which may affect your son/daughter.

If your child has a more complex medical condition such as Epilepsy, please ensure that you have an up to date care plan in place signed by your doctor/nurse before your child starts College. We are unable to administer any medication without a care plan or without appropriate training. Please note that we have scarce support from Health services.

Communication

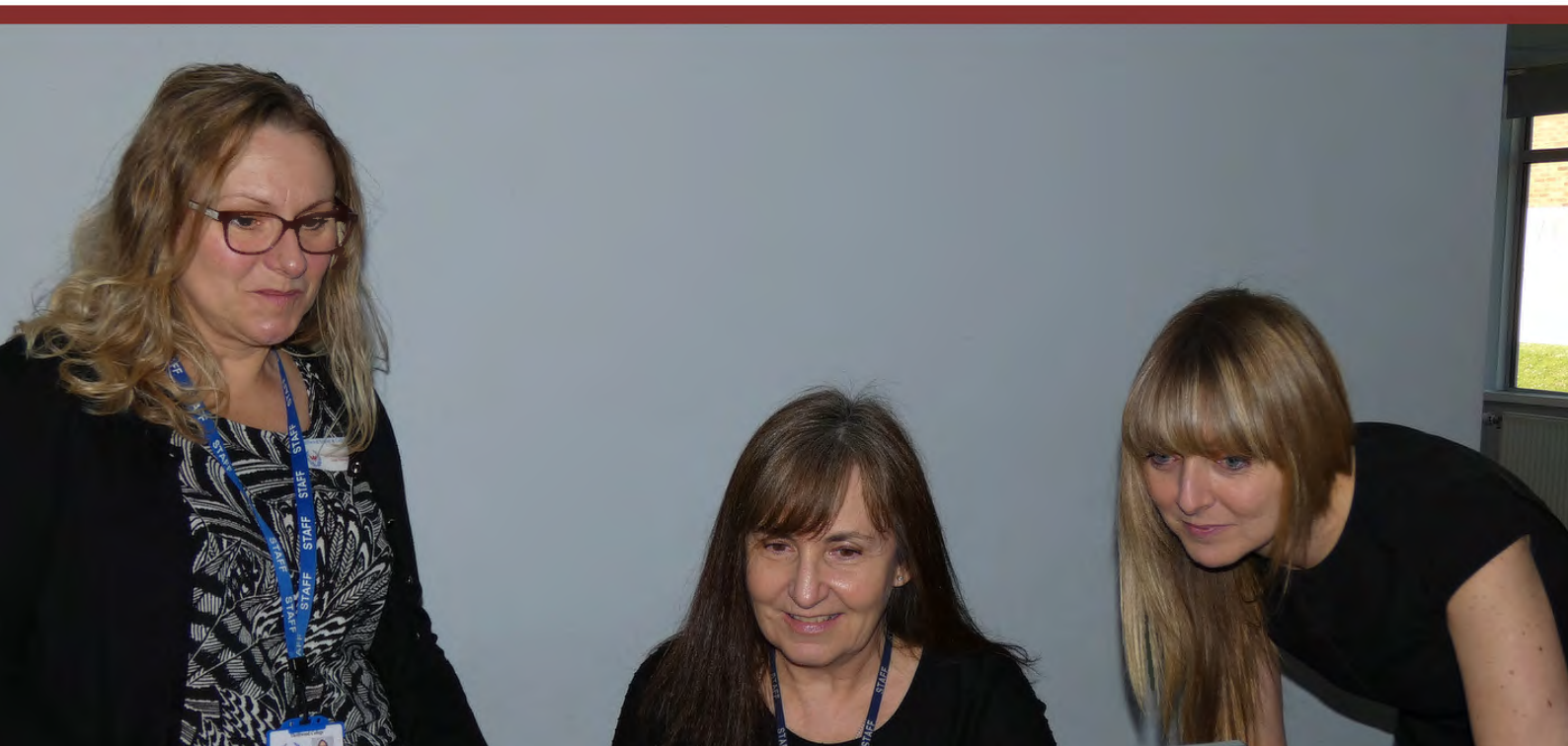
Contact between home and College is very important. It is vital that we have up to date information regarding your address, phone number and emergency contact numbers. Remember to let us know when you get a new mobile phone, change your place of work or move house.

All phone calls will be taken at reception and they will be able to direct you to the most suitable member of staff. It may not be possible to speak to the College Lead should you phone. However, we do ask that you give as much information as possible to reception, to ensure that your query is directed appropriately. Staff have many commitments and unless it is an emergency, it is likely that they will respond to you by the end of the working day.

We would ask that all parents/carers be civil and reasonable when speaking to staff members. Please try to keep calls to a minimum to ensure the College runs smoothly.

We also use Arbor to communicate with our families by email and text.

Our website is updated on a regular basis and it is important that you check this regularly, especially with regard to College closures and changes to events.



Key Dates

Please note that our leavers finish on Friday, 20th June.

Thriftwood School and College Term and Holiday Dates Year 2024-2025

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-  = Schooldays/Weekends
-  = School Holidays
-  = Bank Holidays
-  = Staff Training Days (INSET – No Students)
-  = TRUST INSET Day

Autumn Term:	Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 20th December 2024 Half Term: 28th October – 1st November	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025 Half Term: 17th February – 21st February	60 days
Summer Term:	Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – Tuesday 22nd July 2025 Half Term: 26th May- 30th May, and May Bank Holiday, 5th May	60 days <hr/> 195 days

We look forward to seeing you at
Thriftwood College.

If you have any questions please feel
free to contact us.

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