



Dear Parent and Carers,

Unfortunately many of our careers related activities for this academic year have had to be postponed as a result of the current situation including College Taster Days and our whole school careers drop down "Earn to Live". However, we are delighted to announce that next week (w/c 8th June) will be dedicated to 'My Week at Work' to get our students to start thinking about their future aspirations and post school choices and careers.

Careers education and preparation for the future is a very important part of what we do at Thornhill Academy and I'm delighted to be able to share plans for a whole week of virtual activities dedicated to it. My Week at Work (Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June) is being facilitated by Oak National Academy and will include a range of interactive careers activities and we ask where possible each student takes part in a minimum of two sessions per day. There is no registration required and your child can do more than two lessons per day if they want to. The tasks will give your child a good understanding of the world of work and prepare them for a future career in the creative industry. The Oak National Academy can be accessed by visiting <https://www.thenational.academy/>. Here is a quick overview of the sessions on offer each day:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Introduction	Meet the Team: Human Resources	Meet the Team: Marketing	Recruitment	Meet the Boss: Leadership
Investigate the Sectors (1)	Work Life Balance	Innovation and Creative Thinking	HR Recruitment	CV Creation
Investigate the Sectors (2)	Mental Health and Well Being in the World of Work	Marketing Campaigns	Understanding Entrepreneurship	Employability Skills in Everyday Life
Insight into the World of Work	Work Skills and Reflection	You as a Brand!	Project Planning	Reflection of the week

In addition to this, on the 'Learn Live' platform from Tuesday 9th June at 1pm, industry experts will be running sessions on careers in the Creative and Digital sector. Students can access this via [www.learnliveuk.com](http://www.learnliveuk.com).

I have produced a guide to My Week of Work for each year group and posted these as homework tasks on ClassCharts. Paper copies of these guides have also been posted out to students where necessary. These guides include opportunities for virtual work experience for our Year 9-11 students as well as some interactive careers activities for those students in Years 7 and 8. Alongside all of this I am running 3 mini career competitions which are detailed on the student guides. Each competition has a £10 Amazon voucher as the prize and entries for these challenges should be emailed to me at [crane.g@thornhillacademy.com](mailto:crane.g@thornhillacademy.com) by 5pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

There is a wealth of information about careers and post-16 options available on the internet and on social media and our local providers are being particularly proactive in using these platforms to connect with our students through live chats, virtual tours and online question and answer sessions. It is never too early for your child to start thinking about their next steps after Thornhill and I would encourage you to spend some time looking at some of this information with them. Sunderland College, the National Careers Service, [www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com) and BBC Bitesize Careers are all great sources of information. In addition, I share a lot of information via our EarntoLive@Thornhill Twitter account which I would encourage you to follow if you use Twitter, and also on our Academy Facebook and Instagram accounts as well as the school website.

We hope you can support your child in taking part in 'My Week at Work' and encourage them each day to take part in the virtual learning activities. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require further information about our careers related learning activity.

Best wishes  
Mrs G Crane  
Careers Lead