



**THORPE HALL  
CAREERS**

# Careers Focus

One of Thorpe Hall School's 5 values is **Aspirations**. We encourage all our pupils to have ambitious aspirations for the future and will prepare them with the skills to open the door for future success. This includes talking about careers and opportunities with all our students, from our youngest Nursery School pupils right through to Senior level. Next week's activities are a great example of this value in action. Please see below for more information.

## National Careers Challenge – Senior School

Next week (24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022) is Skills and Enterprise Week and our Senior School is participating in the **National Careers Challenge**. This is a packed 3-day programme of tasks and activities set by real-life employers for our Year 8, 9 and 10 students, tailored for each year group and designed to encourage the use of key employability skills.

Students will work in teams to complete challenges, devise concepts and then present their ideas to a judging panel, who will decide on a winning team. The winning team will represent Thorpe Hall School at the live finals at the ICC in Birmingham on 7th July 2022 – where they will battle it out to be crowned the **WINNER** of The National Careers Challenge 2022. [More information can be found here](#).



TEAMWORK



COMMUNICATION



PROBLEM SOLVING



CREATIVITY



ADAPTABILITY



MOTIVATION

Monday 24th January: Year 8	Tuesday 25th January: Year 10	Wednesday 26th January: Year 9
		
<p><b>Theme Park Challenge</b> Students will be challenged to design a brand-new ride or attraction for Thorpe Park where the queue line is an integral part of the ride experience. They'll be asked to identify a target customer, consider how they would brand their new ride and decide how they would market it.</p>	<p><b>Esports Digital Challenge</b> Students will look at all aspects of creating, designing and launching a new computer game concept. Students must consider how they could capitalise on the growing appeal of Esports events to raise the profile of their game.</p>	<p><b>Social Enterprise Challenge</b> Supported by Natwest's Dream Bigger Programme, students will be challenged to create their own social enterprise to address a common issue affecting their daily life, their school, their family or their local community.</p>

# My Future My Southend – Prep School

On Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th January, Thorpe Hall School will be hosting virtual 'My Future My Southend' sessions for 2,600 pupils. Our pupils will join the 14 schools from across Southend due to participate. The sessions will focus on the Creative Industries.

With the aim of broadening horizons, raising aspirations and breaking down stereotypes, 'My Future My Southend' is an ongoing initiative that will provide Thorpe Hall and other primary school children locally with the opportunity to hear about a range of jobs, to meet volunteers from different companies and roles, and to explore what possibilities will exist for them in Southend and beyond when they leave secondary school. Results from similar projects nationally have shown a significant change in the perceptions and aspirations of children before and after working with the volunteers. Thorpe Hall is leading on this project as part of their partnerships work, with the aim of enriching education for Southend's children.



Picture from previous My Future My Southend event

# People Who Help Us – Nursery School

Our Nursery School's topic this term is People Who Help Us. Each week, there's a focus on a different job. Last week, pupils enjoyed building with bricks, boxes and even coloured ice as we introduced the theme of building and construction.

This week we've been talking about dentists, brushing giant teeth, using interactive apps and even shaving foam to play at being dentists ourselves. Next week, we are looking at doctors and nurses.

We are also pleased to be welcoming Little City into School on Tuesday 25th Jan, providing some wonderful role play opportunities for our Nursery School, Reception and Year 1 children. This purpose-built child-sized city is filled with carefully selected high quality toys, costumes and visuals, allowing pupils to enjoy immersive role play and pretend to be vets, firefighters, hairdressers, builders, doctors, café owners and much more.



## Our Mission

To create **collisions with opportunities** for all learners so that they can **dream with their eyes open**, achieve their ambitions and **positively impact the world**.

## Our Values

### Character

We provide opportunities for our pupils to enhance their positive character traits in order to achieve their full social and personal potential.

### Aspirations

We encourage all our pupils to have ambitious aspirations for the future and will prepare them with the skills to open the door for future success.

### Inclusivity

We will all treat each other with consideration and mutual respect. Everyone within our community will have a voice and be heard.

### Community

We encourage our pupils to show integrity, be respectful and to demonstrate empathy within our school and the wider community.

### Expectations

We encourage all members of our school community to challenge themselves in order to reach their full cognitive and academic potential.

Remember It! **COOL AS ICE**