

BOARDING NEWSLETTER

LENT FIRST HALF-TERM

Happy New Year!

Dear Parents,

This half of Lent term has been a fabulous start to 2026! The students jumped straight into exam season, studying diligently and celebrating each other's results.

In the boarding house, it was a craft heavy few weeks as we weathered the weather. The girls made beaded charms, vision boards, yarn letters, and painted the upstairs common room (check out the DIY PPE on Student Snapshots).

When not getting crafty, they competed in quizzes, played board games and puzzles, danced to Zumba or Just Dance, and played sport in the hall.

Things were also pretty sweet in the boarding house, especially when the girls were baking cakes and decorating Valentines cookies.

Our boarders have had a wonderful half-term, and we cant wait to welcome them back to Thornton on the 22nd.

Boarding Team x

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boarding staff

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MEET THE BOARDING STAFF

Boarding leadership



Ms Wilks
Head of Boarding



Miss Winter
Senior Housemistress



Miss Puchal Carillo
Junior Housemistress

Boarding assistants



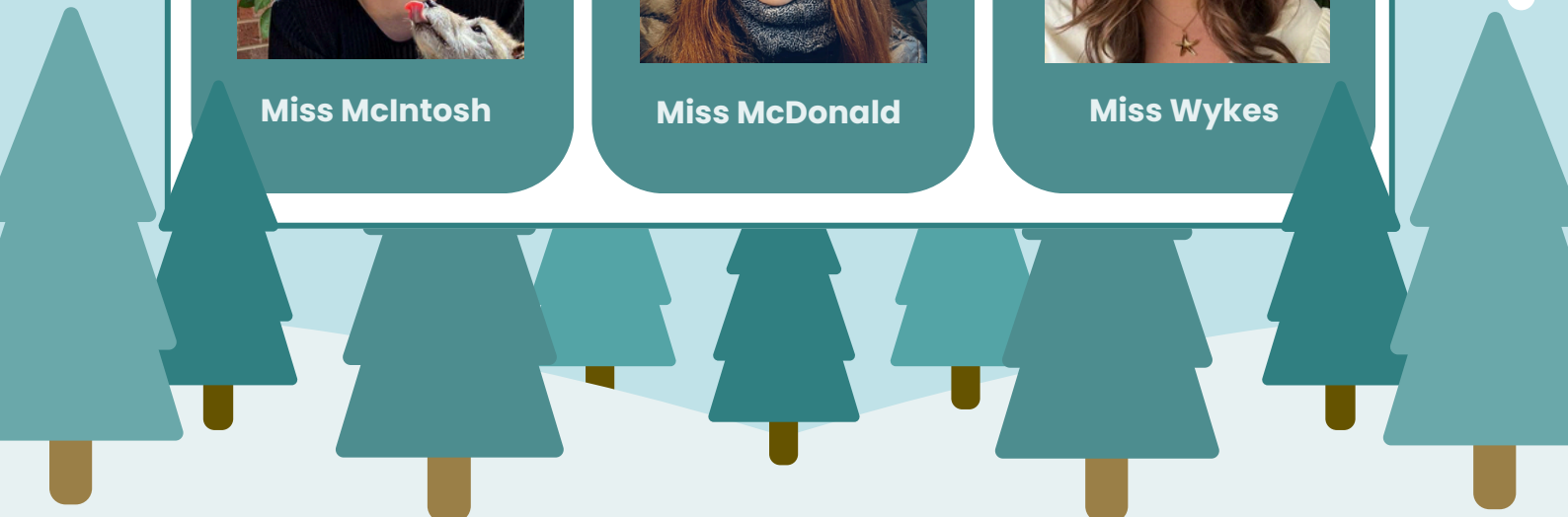
Miss McIntosh



Miss McDonald



Miss Wykes



OUR TRIPS THIS HALF TERM

DECEMBER 2024

Week 1 - Spy Mission

Kicking off our weekend trips with a bang, the girls got their secret agent on at Spy Mission in Milton Keynes. From the moment they arrived they were immersed in a story of puzzle and intrigue, solving riddles and conquering physical challenges, like dodging laser beams!

Week 2 - Vertigo VR

To keep dry from the wet weather, our second outing of the year was to Vertigo VR in Milton Keynes. The children (and staff) were amazed by the interactive technology. Google Earth, Office Simulator, and Beat Sabre were the crowd favourites!

Week 3 - Rushden Lakes

For week 3, our boarders enjoyed a beautiful drive through the countryside all the way to Rushden Lakes. Once there they got into the competitive spirit and enjoyed some friendly mini-golf. Talk about a hole in one! Afterwards, the girls explored the shopping centre and spent some hard-earned pocket money.

Week 4 - Ninja Warrior

This weekend the girls had an action-packed adventure at the Ninja Warrior obstacle course in Milton Keynes. They enjoyed swinging, jumping, running, and crawling their way around the centre, exercising their muscles and their minds. Careful parents, you may have some future ninjas on your hands!

Week 5 - London

Rounding out our trips for this half-term was the hotly anticipated London Day out! After getting the train and deftly navigating the underground, they took a trip on the Thames via boat, and brushed shoulders with celebrities at Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum. It was certainly a day to remember, especially for our students who had not spent time in London before!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

What have you liked about boarding this half-term?

I liked the mini golf and shopping trip, that was fun.

- Kayla, year 8

I like the evenings in the common room, especially when we do puzzles.

- Fabienne, year 10

My favourite thing this term was decorating cupcakes. I had fun.

- Chencheng, year 10

Having my own space and independence for year 13 is great.

Also, the Tesco trips are good fun!

- Anfisa, year 13

My favourite part of boarding this term was being able to study and focus.

- Rachel, year 12

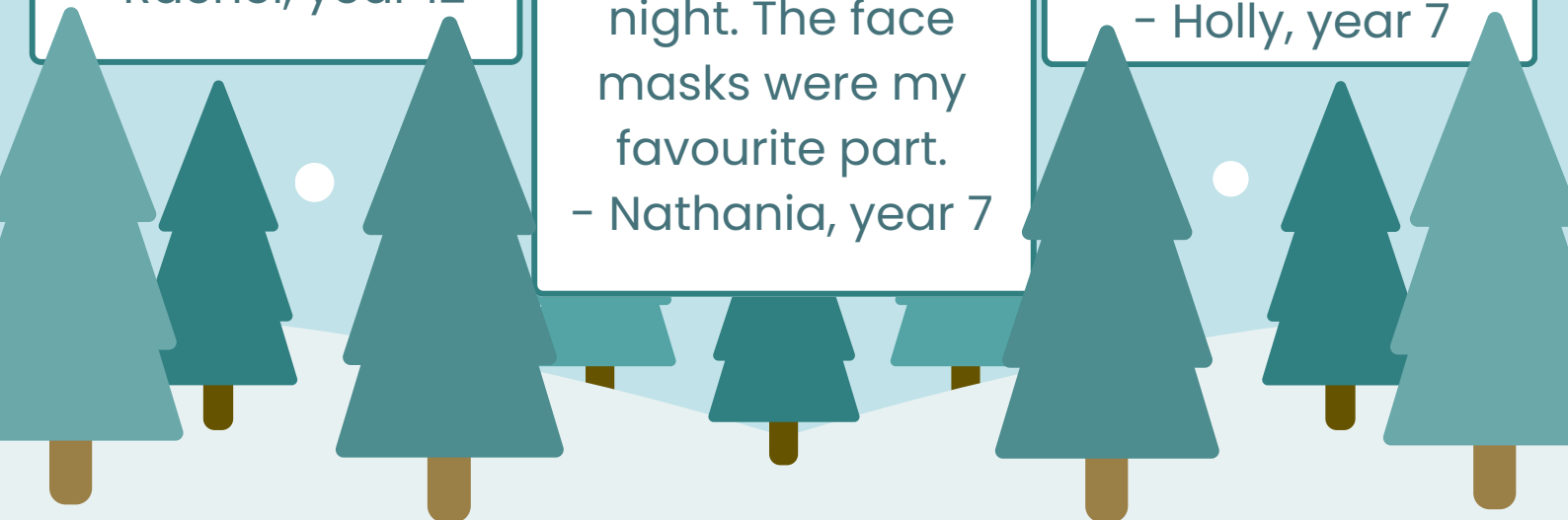
I really liked when we did the spa night. The face masks were my favourite part.

- Nathania, year 7

My favourite thing was Spy Mission.

The guide was kind and funny. I like having friends in boarding too.

- Holly, year 7



STUDENT SNAPSHOTS



OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

This year, we have continued to enjoy creating content for our different social media platforms. Both our TikTok and Instagram accounts offer all who follow an exciting snapshot into both the daily activities and special events that happen in Thornton Boarding. If you're interested in staying connected with the boarding experience online, follow our social media accounts below!

TikTok | @thorntonboarding

Our TikTok is where you can find short behind-the-scenes videos that best capture the life of the boarding house. To the boarders' horror, this is also where the Housemistresses try to keep up with the current social media trends. By now, the boarders are more than used to getting roped into the unusual video ideas that the staff have come up with, many even keen to get their moment to shine in the spotlight. They are certainly not shy about sharing their expertise in all things social media, as well as their thoughts on our editing skills!



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~The official TikTok account of Thornton College Boarding~

Instagram | @thorntoncollegeboarding

Our Instagram page is where to go for picture and video updates of the vibrant daily life of our boarding community. Our posts show exciting glimpses of anything from evening activities, weekend trips or special events that pop up throughout the year. The boarders are all excellent photographers themselves, so it is sometimes even their very own happy snaps that get posted to the account.

