



# BOARDING NEWSLETTER

Trinity 2025

## Dear Parents,

Just like that, the 2025 school year is over! And what a wild and wonderful year it has been. Full of laughter and friendships old and new, 2025 has been something special.

While the weekends this half-term have involved our exciting trips, the school fete, and the Year 9 sleepover, our weeknights have also been filled with fun! From frisbee golf, polymer clay jewellery, intense Mario Bro competitions, milkshake making, and colour-by-number painting, there was always something to do in the boarding house.

Finally, to the boarders that will be returning in September, we hope you have a restful and revitalising holiday break. To those who will not be joining us next year, we wish you all the best and hope you know you will always have a home here at Thornton!

*Boarding team x*

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# THE CLASS OF 2025

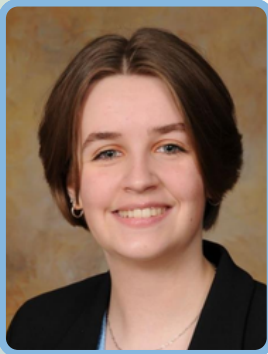


**Celia  
Decoudu**

A positive memory that I have from Thornton Boarding is when my friends and I built a life-sized (2 metres tall!!) cardboard cut-out of Peppa Pig a couple of years ago. It was a multi-day endeavour cutting, gluing, and taping her together with the help of many, many glue sticks, and as many boarders from Whittlebury Wing as we could recruit.

My plans for the future are to have a fun, stress-free summer travelling, and then to go to university in the Autumn to read Mathematics.

During my time at Thornton, I learnt to find joy in the little things, because no matter how stressful things become, there's nothing that a chat with a friend, dark chocolate, and a Maths joke can't fix!



**Ava  
Sharp**

My favourite memory was having movie nights in the Villa living room.

I'm going to the University of Chichester to study acting.

Boarding has taught me to be independent and manage my time myself which is a skill that will definitely help me in university.

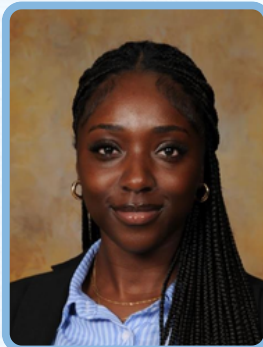
My favourite memory in boarding is when we used to do movie nights in the Villa and we would share food and drinks together.

I'm going to University of Bath to study Management with Marketing.

I'm grateful to Thornton for teaching me how to be independent. Living in the Villa especially gave me an opportunity to experience what university life is like. Along with other valuable life skills I've gained along the way, Thornton has undoubtedly shaped me into the person I am today.



**Alison  
Poon**



**Ayodele  
Afful**

I will remember the unexpected friendships I made and the fun we all had getting to know and spending time with each other in the Villa.

I am going to university to study physiotherapy.

Being at Thornton has strengthened my confidence, social skills, and ability to get through hard situations.

# OUR TRIPS THIS HALF TERM

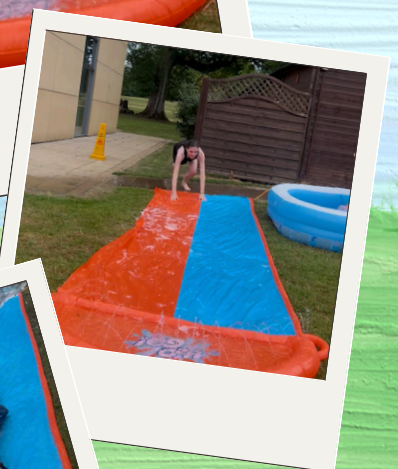
## Week 1 - Oxford

Our first trip of the half-term was in to Oxford for a shopping trip! The wet weather meant we had to make some last minute changes (no punting in the rain), but luckily there's nothing our boarders love more than competing in an escape room and doing some retail therapy!



## Week 2 - The cinema

Week 2 saw us heading in to MK Centre to see the much anticipated live action version of *How To Train Your Dragon*. In the suddenly warm weather, there's nothing better than some sweet treats and air conditioning, so it was a perfectly timed trip, even if the movie did make us cry!



## Week 3 - Wet weather

In Week 3, we made the most of what could have been a day stuck inside because of the rain. Instead, the boarders cooled their feet in the paddling pool, took part in a fierce water balloon fight (targeting poor Miss Saki) and then tried their hand at the slip and slide!



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## Week 4 - Legoland

At the end of Week 4, we travelled to Windsor to visit the famous *Legoland*. The boarders were very impressed by all the incredible Lego sculptures, especially Lego London! Always out to seek some thrills, the group then found their way onto the rides, including a real submarine that went underwater. The day was rounded out with a much needed ice-cream break to rest and escape the hot weather.

## Week 5 - Harry Potter Studios

The final trip of the half-term was the most anticipated ... Harry Potter Studios! Arriving at the Warner Bros lot, the boarders got to explore the real life movie sets, such as Diagon Alley and the Forbidden Forest. We were also able to learn all about all the movie magic (pun fully intended) that went into creating the 8 incredible films. We finished the trip at the famous gift shop where the girls bought shirts and mugs in their Hogwarts houses.



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

What is your favourite memory from this year at Thornton?

## **Cristina (Year 9)**

All the night shows we used to do in boarding with my friends. Every night we decided to do something special to make the boarding staff laugh when they put us to bed.

## **Aleka (Year 10)**

All the late night talks with the boarding staff. Making weird crafts like the SpongeBob clay world. We also had a water fight and that was fun!

## **Magdalena (Year 10)**

Doing puzzles in the common room at night. We were all together and we had such good talks. We always stressed out doing the puzzles but we would make peace and finish the puzzles.

## **Maria (Year 8)**

The friends I've made. Boarding ones and day students - I've never had international friends, so you learn new cultures and another language.

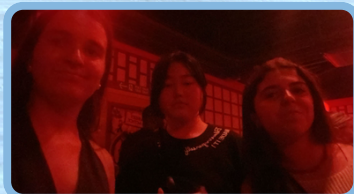
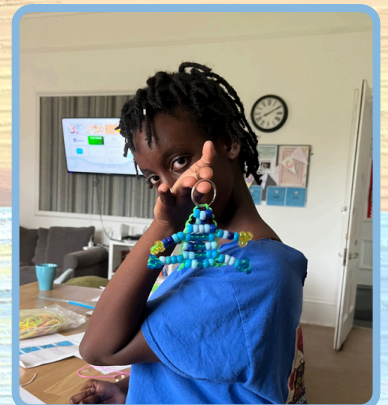
## **Angela (Year 9)**

Having fun and playing music through my speaker. And what Carlota said!

## **Carlota (Year 9)**

Making a whole new group of friends. It has been the best year of my life.

# STUDENT SNAPSHOTS

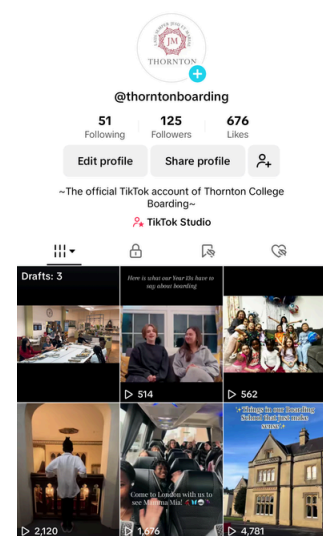


# OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

*This year, we have enjoyed 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 involved in 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!



## Instagram | @thorntoncollegeboarding



Our Instagram page is where to go for regular 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.