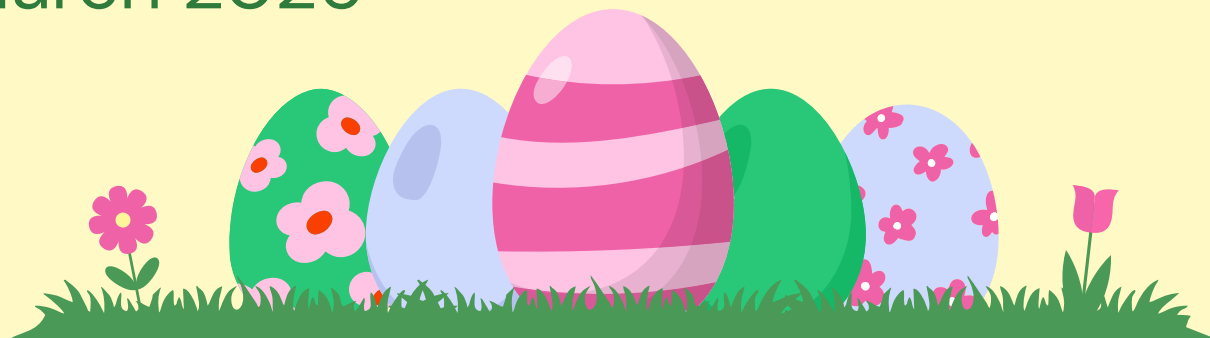


Thriftwood College Spring Newsletter

March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support. Your involvement and encouragement make such a difference to our college community, and we are truly grateful.

This term has been filled with fantastic opportunities for our students to shine. Our Year 12 students have once again impressed us with their maturity, commitment and professionalism during their work experience placements—something we are incredibly proud of. Alongside this, many of our students have shown great resilience and determination in challenging themselves during their mock examinations. We have been particularly impressed with their positive attitudes, perseverance and the way they have approached this important experience.

It has also been a pleasure to see students grow in confidence across a range of activities and events, embracing new experiences and celebrating their achievements together. We were delighted to welcome so many of you to recent events, including our Parents' Assembly, where it was wonderful to share and celebrate the progress and successes of our young people. These moments are a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when we work together to support our students.

As we head into the Easter break, we wish you a restful and enjoyable holiday with your families. We look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the summer term.

Happy Easter!

L. Walker

EDUCATE CHALLENGE PREPARE

Well done to all our work experience students



We are really proud of you

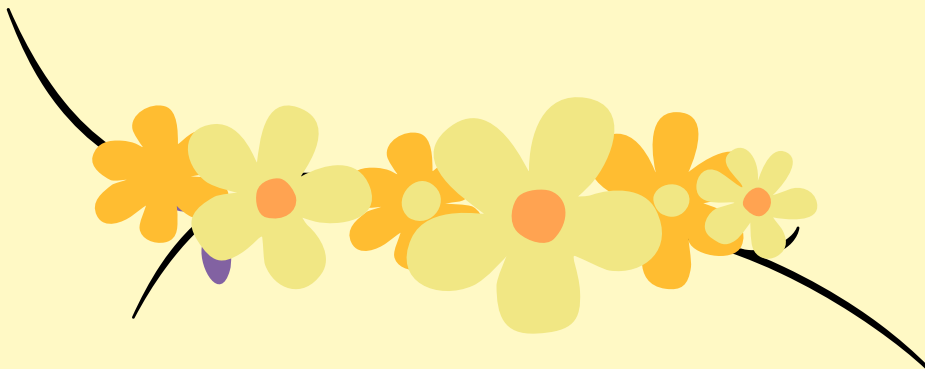


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Vibrant Voices



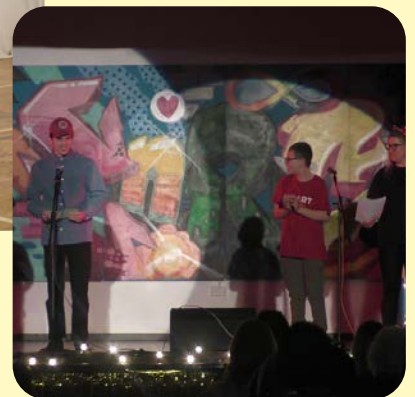
Alongside a number of other local schools, our choir performed at the Vibrant Voices concert at Chelmsford Theatre. It was a fantastic experience, and they truly excelled. As the final act of the evening, they delivered a memorable performance and were rewarded with a well-deserved standing ovation.



EDUCATE CHALLENGE PREPARE

Open Mic Night

Our annual Open Mic Night was, once again, a truly special evening and a perfect reflection of everything Thriftwood stands for. Our students amazed us with their confidence, talent and willingness to step out of their comfort zones — whether singing, dancing, telling jokes or compering the event. The atmosphere in the room was filled with encouragement, pride and joy, as families, staff and students came together to celebrate each other's successes. Events like this don't happen without a huge amount of preparation and dedication, and I would like to thank our staff for their hard work and commitment, as well as our parents for their continued support. Most importantly, well done to our incredible students, who showed resilience, perseverance and teamwork throughout — we could not be prouder of you.



We are very grateful to Rotary Billerica Mayflower for their most recent generous donation. This has enabled us to update our technical equipment to support Open Mic night and our Performing Arts curriculum.

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Notices

Dress Code

When the warmer weather finally arrives please remember:

- KS4 may wear smart black or grey shorts e.g. Chino style (not tracksuit type)
- KS5 still need to wear appropriate dress. No short shorts, no midriffs showing or low cut tops. Skirts and dresses should be a modest length

Student Absence

If your child is absent from college, please contact the college office on the morning of their absence to inform us of the reason.

We kindly ask that routine medical and dental appointments are arranged outside of college hours wherever possible. If this cannot be avoided, your child should attend college for as much of the day as they are able.

For absences due to appointments, you will be asked to provide evidence. If this is not received, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Staff Leaver

We say goodbye to Mr. Wasuki Upadhyaya. Wasuki is leaving to dedicate time to further studies. We wish him all the best.

Diary Dates

Rogers Parents Assembly 17th April

PGL Residential 8th-10th June

Leavers Assembly (parents/carers invited) 18th June

Leavers Day 19th June

DofE hike and camp 25th-26th June

Transition Day 7th July

Last day of term (1pm finish) 16th July

