

# head'sherald

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## VOLUME 3 | DATE 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. Just a reminder that students must be on time for school. Year 11 need to be here by 8:10 and all other students at 8:25. Punctuality is key as we do not want any lost learning. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Awards Evening**

Last Thursday we had the pleasure in hosting our Annual Awards Evening here at school, celebrating student successes from last academic year. It was a wonderful evening that was well attended, where students were recognised for their outstanding performance in a range of categories. We welcomed James Gresty, the Principal at Priestley College, who shared a few words and joined us in congratulating the winners. We are very proud of all of our students, and their academic achievements.

### **Teaching and Learning**

As you will know from previous correspondence, we follow the principles of cognitive science when delivering our lesson content. Each teacher does this with consistency. Part of this process means teachers plan their lessons, and specifically certain knowledge, in a certain sequence. This sees knowledge re-appear both on more than one occasion, and, in a different context. This process helps embed knowledge into the long-term memory. Another part of this process is the importance of students being asked to regularly 'retrieve' this information from their long-term memory. Please feel free to join in with this process by asking your child to select a certain topic and tell you up to 5 key points about it. Every bit of retrieval helps!

### **Inauguration Evening**

We had the pleasure of formally welcoming our new Year 7 students into the Boteler Family this week. The service of Inauguration took place at St Elphins Church. It was really inspiring to hear from their Primary teachers about their individual strengths and achievements which make them special and unique. The Year 7 students and their parents and carers had a wonderful experience and listened to the Head Students recount on what makes Boteler such an amazing place to be. There was also fabulous musical interludes, readings and prayers. Chris Penn Director of Education of Chester was our guest speaker.

### **International Dot Day**

H. Reynolds inspired International Dot Day. The book is about a caring teacher who encourages a student named Vashti to "make her mark." Vashti couldn't draw, so she simply made a single dot on a piece of paper. This little dot was just the beginning of Vashti's journey

of self-discovery. Our students created individual pieces of art to form a large collaborative piece of work. This now is displayed in the schools Dining Hall.



### **Swap Shop**

The Autumn stock is now in the Swap Shop which will re open on Monday lunchtimes. Remember to bring in unwanted, clean nearly new clothing, shoes and bags to swap for something else.

### **Sporting Fixtures**

Please see below for the upcoming sporting fixtures for all year groups:

#### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Warrington Schools Cross Country Competition at Walton Hall and Gardens - Year 7, 8 and 9.  
9am-12.

#### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Warrington Schools Football Year 9 @ Birchwood High School 3-5.30pm  
Warrington Schools Football Year 10 @ Padgate Academy 3-5.30pm  
Warrington Schools Netball Year 9 @ The Ball Hall 3-5pm

#### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Year 7 Rugby Champion Schools Qualifiers @ Kings Leadership Academy 3-5.30pm

### **Year 11**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September Year 11 are visiting Warrington Vale Royal College for their subject taster day. The day will give them insight into what courses are available to them post 16.

Career interviews will start for Year 11 on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> with Kim Dickson our Independent career advisor from Careers connect

**Ambassadors**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> it is our Open Evening, Ambassadors need to be in school for 5:45pm please and collected at 8pm.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverley Scott-Herron'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Beverley Scott –Herron  
**Headteacher**