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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. We are at the end of another busy but wonderful week.

Open Evening

WOW what a success Open Evening was. We had over 600 visitors and 235 prospective students. The Open Evening feedback has been fantastic and I really want to thank all of our students who gave up their evening to help out on the night, we couldn't have done this without them and I feel incredibly lucky to have you. The Boteler Family really is something special. If you know of any families that were unable to attend Open Evening please ask them to call the office to arrange a school tour.

Macmillan Cancer Support

The school council will be holding a cake sale on Friday 7th October at lunch in the hall in aid of Macmillan Cancer support. Please donate cakes and send your child in with some pennies to support.

Standards

As previously shared, equipment is vital in terms of a student's preparedness for learning. One piece of this equipment is a purple pen. In class students use their purple pens to identify any fragilities in their learning. For example, if a student doesn't know the answer in one of their Recall 5 questions at the start of the lesson, the answer is eventually provided after deep thought and written into their book in purple pen. Students also use purple pens when a teacher calls a 'reteach'. This means the teacher has identified that there is some uncertainty around learning on a certain aspect. They will therefore provide a very clear model for the students to copy into their books in purple pen. When a student or teacher flicks through a work book they can identify via purple pen which areas of learning are fragile and need to be revisited.

Personal Development - Careers/Post 16 - Year 9/10 and 11

Apprenticeships

Please take time to look at the following websites around apprenticeship and learn what they are all about:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>

<https://apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/>

Apprenticeships and Traineeships go to [find an apprenticeship](#) or [find a traineeship](#)

For more opportunities go to: <https://www.candwopportunities.co.uk/apprenticeships/>

Careers Fair

Save the date 'Your Future, Your Choice, Move on 2022 is back live' This annual event provides young people (Year 9 upwards) with the opportunity to talk directly to colleges, universities, training providers and local employers about education, training, apprenticeships and traineeships, guiding them through the available options and hopefully finding one which will best suit career aspirations. Young people will also be able to speak to other organisations to gain a broader understanding of the career opportunities and other activities available in the local area, such as volunteering, work experience etc.

Date: Wednesday 12th October 2022

Venue: Warrington Youth Zone

Time: 4pm to 7.30pm

Book your place now! [Your Future, Your Choice, Move On - Careers and Opportunities Fair Tickets, Wed 12 Oct 2022 at 16:00 | Eventbrite](#)

<https://bit.ly/3rhsus1>

Year 7 STEM Day

Year 7 STEM day on Tuesday 4th October - Some students will be involved in this day working with outside speakers.

World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health day Monday 10th October. We will be raising awareness over the week about mental health and on Wednesday 19th October Year 8/9/10 will have a workshop and live performance from the singer "Bronnie" followed on with a talk on Mental Health, Body Image / LGBTQ+ & a live Q&A.

Collective Worship - Project Hope

Hope is our first Christian Value at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School. It's a simple, but powerful word. It gives people courage. It offers people direction and motivation and it changes people's lives. The term for origami paper cranes in Japanese is Orizuru. In many Asian cultures, the crane is a symbol of hope.

In Collective Worship, students have studied the inspiring story of Sadako Sasaki from Japan. Sadako was only 12 years old when she discovered she had radiation induced leukemia. It was 1955 and only 10 years since the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. The cancer spread quickly and within a month she was hospitalized. Perhaps to bring his daughter hope, Sadako's father shared the story of 1,000 paper cranes. It is Japanese tradition that when someone folds 1,000 paper cranes their wish will come true. Sadako began folding cranes, openly wishing to survive her cancer. Around 1500 cranes later, she died a year after her diagnosis.

Sadako's passion and hope for her survival drove her to create. And her passion and story spread. Sadako became a symbol of hope and desire for peace worldwide.

In Collective Worship this half term, students and staff are taking part in Project Hope. Every student and staff member at Sir Thomas Boteler is challenged to make their own origami paper crane. Inspired by Sadako's story, our hope is that if we work together as a school community, we can make 1000 cranes and display them in our school as a reminder of our own hopes and aspirations for the future.

If you would like to have a go at making the cranes at home, here is the link to our tutorial video: https://stboteler-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/jbaggaley_boteler_org_uk/EQoOtHnPbFxAo9b0IuCrv5sBV16-B2z1yOpWYvtLoZXL2A?e=CvHUPF

Please drop them at reception and they will be added to our display.





With very best wishes

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