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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well. I know I have sent all the information out already but I just wanted to remind you that Ofsted will be in on Monday. They asked us if we would help them with their research into Geography. Nationally, there are 50 schools that have been selected to support with this. We always see things like this as a great opportunity and like to support where we can.

## **Persistent Absence**

Persistent Absence is classed as any absence that equates to over 10% of the academic year at any given time.

Any student who is persistently absent will be monitored by school and the Local Authorities Attendance Team. It is important that parents/carers and school, work together to reduce absence and prevent legal action being taken as a result of persistent absence.

The thresholds are set out below:

- 1<sup>st</sup> half-term: 3.5 days equals 15.5 hours of missed learning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> half-term: 7 days equals 35 hours of missed learning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> half-term: 10 days equals 50 hours of missed learning
- 4<sup>th</sup> half-term: 12.5 days equals 60.5 hours of missed learning
- 5<sup>th</sup> half-term: 15.5 days equals 75.5 hours of missed learning
- 6<sup>th</sup> half-term: 19 days equals 95 hours of missed learning

## **Personal Development**

Some Year 10 Art students are attending a private viewing of the Warrington Contemporary Arts Fringe Festival at the New Art Space, Sankey Street on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. This exciting exhibition is taking place in partnership with Warrington

and Vale Royal College, and will give students the opportunity to see various artworks, as well as listen to talks given by the artists.

On 19<sup>th</sup> October, Year 10 Performing Arts - Acting Students attended a performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the newly opened Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescot. It was an amazing production, fast and furious with incredible performances, lights, sound and music. The Students were truly inspired by what they saw and were impressed with the beauty of The Cockpit Theatre space.

The show was created by 'Not too Tame' a Warrington based theatre company who are firmly founded on the belief of ' Theatre for All'. On November 4<sup>th</sup> the Students had a Zoom Q & A with the Artistic Director Jimmy Fairhurst to discuss the production.

They discussed production values, directing, auditions, the importance of audience participation, the challenges they faced during the development of the show, and all aspects of how the design and performance was put together. It was an invaluable experience for our Students and helped them understand the whole process of creating a production.

We look forward to working with Jimmy and 'Not too Tame' in the future and would like to thank them for giving their time to enhance the Students learning.

### **United Utilities**

This Monday, 15 year 9 students took part in an Engineer masterclass with United utilities. From this session they will take part in a 12 week project facilitated by an industry Engineer. They will be working towards presenting their ideas back in a showcase with the other partner TCAT schools.

### **Oxplore STEM**

This week students across key stage three will be taking part in STEM morning in conjunction with the University of Oxford. Students from the University will be coming into school throughout the year to develop a project which will develop their foundation knowledge of science as well as giving insight I to University life.

On Tuesday and Wednesday some students from Year 7, 8, and 9 will take part in the MFL OXplore programme in conjunction with the University of Oxford.

### **Careers**

Students skill development for post 16 education and beyond is essential. The Skills Builder Partnership has identified 8 essential skills: Listening, Speaking, Problem Solving, Creativity, Staying positive, Aiming High, Leadership and Teamwork. These skills are used and developed everyday in lessons and through our wider curriculum programme preparing our students for a successful future.

Please find your child's careers platform here:

<https://careers.startprofile.com/identity/Login>

The following site is another good career platform, go to the resources page and take a look. <https://cheshireandwarringtonpledge.com/resources/>

### **Change of date**

The Student Christmas Fayre will be on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** from 3pm – 5pm. If you would like to donate chocolate coins, Christmas chocolates, pamper things for our hampers for the raffle please drop off at reception. We are also looking for unused toys which could be recycled to another family this Christmas, these will go on the toy stall. Everything at the fayre will be 50p and under.

### **Sports Fixtures week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 7 Football in the Warrington schools League at Padgate Academy 3pm - 5pm

Year 8 Football in the Warrington cahoots League at Beamont Collegiate Academy 3pm - 5pm

#### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 7 Girls Football in the Warrington Schools League. Students need to see Mrs Hughes for the team.

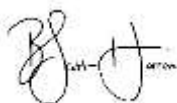
#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Year 9 Indoor Touch Rugby Tournament with the Warrington Wolves in the Ball Hall 3.30 - 5pm.

**Watch out!** The Boteler Sports Social is back in January! Every student welcome. Come and play sport with your friends in the Ball Hall, just turn up, play and have fun. More information to follow on our social media platforms and through form tutors.

Please find our wider curricular programme here: <https://www.boteler.org.uk/bwc/>

With very best wishes



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