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## VOLUME 19 DATE 10TH FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 3:30-7pm.**

This Parents' Evening will be face to face in school and all teachers are looking forward to having conversations in person. Bookings need to be made on SchoolCloud. The platform for the evening is now live so bookings can be made immediately. Appointments will be available from 3:30pm-7pm. This is an important evening where you can discuss your child's progress in their Working At (WA1) assessments which gives a good indicator of how they have transitioned to their GCSE/BTEC qualifications. Some parents have still not made a booking. I would encourage you to support the progress your child is making at KS4 by booking and attending the evening.

### **Year 9 Options Process**

The Year 9 Options process is now well underway. Heads of Department are continuing to deliver subject assemblies to the year group. Mr Robinson delivered presentations to Year 9 about Design and Technology, Graphics and Hospitality on Wednesday. Hard copies of the Options Form have been handed out to students during registration this week. The deadline for the Options Form to be submitted to Year 9 form Tutors is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

### **MEM Maths Challenge 2023**

MEM has been running Challenge and Senior Challenge take-home competitions in February half term since the late 1970s. Together, these competitions attract about 2,000 entries annually, with Challenge aimed at Years 7 and 8, and Senior Challenge aimed at Years 9 and 10. Both competitions consist of about 8 questions usually centred around a particular theme, with illustrations provided by Theo Chaddock and Peter Ackerley. The theme for 2023 is Ancient Egyptians. The best entrants will be invited, along with family or friends, to prize-giving evenings at the University of Liverpool on 9<sup>th</sup> May (Senior Challenge) and 16<sup>th</sup> May (Challenge). The challenges are on Satchel:One, along with instructions on how to complete them. Hand in to Miss Jones by Friday 3 March, who will then post the entries to the University of Liverpool to be marked. You may win a certificate or a prize, even if you don't answer all questions, so attempt as much as you can and hand it in!

### **Year 11 Mock 2 Exams**

Year 11 Mock Exams start on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February which is the first Monday back after half term. It is so important that students are working independently at home each evening and that students engage with all the revision material and resources that will be provided over half term. A reminder that for students in Year 11, the national average is between 3-4 hours of revision each evening. Students' revision should be well under way by now especially given the proximity of the next set of Mock exams. On return from half term, there will be only 9 school weeks left until the summer examinations start. Every lesson counts.

**YEAR 11– MOCK TIMETABLE MARCH 2023**

WEEK	Date	Morning 8.55am	Break 10.55	Morning 11.15am	Lunch 12.15pm	Afternoon 1pm
2	Mon 27 Feb	Science (Biology) 1 hour 45 (triple) 1 hour 15 (combined)				English Language Paper 1 1 hour 45
	Tues 28 Feb	Maths paper 1 1 hour 30				OPTION B History Paper 1 1 hour 15, Geography Paper 1 1 hour 30
	Weds 1 Mar	OPTION C Design Tech 2 hours Computer Sci 1 hour 30 Geography 1 hour 30 Dance and Acting (Old Gym) (4 hours total)		Dance and Acting (cont'd) (Old Gym)		Religious Studies Paper 1 1 hour 45
	Thurs 2 Mar	OPTION A Design Tech 2 hours Spanish Writing 1 hour/1 hour 15		Dance and Acting (cont'd) (Old Gym)		Science (Chemistry) 1 hour 45 (triple) 1 hour 15 (combined)
		Morning 8.55am	Break 11.10	Morning 11.25am	Lunch 12.25	Afternoon 1pm
	Fri 3 Mar	ART ALL DAY				
		Further Maths paper 1 1 hour 45 (NH, KY)				

WEEK	Date	Morning 8.55am	Break 10.55	Morning 11.15am	Lunch 12.15	Afternoon 1pm
1	Mon 6 Mar	Maths Paper 2 1 hour 30				SPANISH Reading (Higher 1 hour) Foundation 45 mins
	Tues 7 Mar	Religious Studies Paper 2 1 hour 45				History Paper 2 1 hour 45  Geography Paper 2 1 hour 15
	Weds 8 Mar	English Literature 1 hour				Geography Paper 2 1 hour 15 (4 students)  Computer Science Paper 2 (1 hour 30)  Further Maths Paper 1 1 hour 45 (GW only)
	Thurs 9 Mar	Maths Paper 3 1 hour 30		Spanish Listening Higher 45 mins Foundation 35 mins		Science (Physics) 1 hour 45 (triple) 1 hour 15 (combined)
		Morning 8.55am	Break 11.10	Morning 11.25am	Lunch 12.25	Afternoon 1pm
	Fri 10 March	English Language Paper 2 1 hour 45				Further Maths Paper 2 1 hour 45 (3 Students only)

### **'That's Entertainment'**

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of our school production 'That's Entertainment' for their amazing run of Matinees and Evening performances this week. Many thanks to all of those who came to watch, our performers act, sing and dance their socks off in front of hundreds. Many thanks to the support of all our staff and to St Rocco's for their donation of costumes.

### **Personal Development**

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February a group of Year 10 students visited Chester University's Warrington campus to learn about the criminology and policing qualifications on offer. Students received a degree level style lecture, had a go at crime scene investigation skills and tested the latest Virtual Reality (VR) technology used to reconstruct crime scenes. Students learnt about the different routes and roles into the police force and gained a better understanding of the qualifications needed to get there. We would like to thank Higher Horizons and the team at Chester University for such an engaging and immersive day.

This week we held a 'Meet the Employers day' for Years 9, 10 and 11. Please ask your child to complete the evaluation form on their year group teams. Year 8 had a work shop from the Department for Work and Pensions, please can they also complete the evaluation on their teams year group.

Each week on our social media we promote a 'Career of the Week' with the aim of inspiring our students to start thinking about their post 16 pathway. Please watch these clips with your children and discuss their future job/ career.

**Year 11/ 10** – Warrington Vale Royal Open Evening Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, click here to register <https://wvr.ac.uk/events-news/openevenings>

### **Apprenticeship opportunity for Year 11**

Base Hairdressing Training Academy, the sister salon to Jakata and Paul Kemp Hairdressing in Warrington are an academy for training up the next generation of hairstylists and they are currently recruiting for new apprentices. Their open evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 4.30pm - 8.00pm. Please see the link for more details: [www.basehairdressing.com/open-evening](http://www.basehairdressing.com/open-evening)

### **Project Zone at the Youth Zone**

Our senior sessions are for young people age 12-19 years and we have some fabulous sessions, they are small groups so the young people get some great targeted work in their chosen subject.

Our projects run on a Sunday evening in 6-week blocks and are still only 50p per session (£3 for the block)

The next one starts on **19<sup>th</sup> February** and consists of:

Art - 6-7:30pm – Textiles & Mural Painting

Choir – 5-7pm

Cooking - 6:30-7:30pm - Pasta Dishes

Dungeons & Dragons 6-8pm -FULL

Martial Arts – 7-8pm

Music - 6:30-8pm Senior Music Production

Rock Climbing – 7-8pm

**\*Starting March 5<sup>th</sup> (bookable now)**

Dance Squad – 4-5pm

Performing Arts – Easter Show - 5- 7pm

Students will need a membership which is a one of £5 payment which lasts for 12 months and then the project zone is bookable on the Warrington Youth Zone website or they can ring/call into the Youth Zone. For further information, they can email [dawn.dean@wyz.org.uk](mailto:dawn.dean@wyz.org.uk)

Please use our website to support your child in their future pathway.

<https://www.boteler.org.uk/careers/>

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Beverley Scott –Herron

**Headteacher**