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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Monday 13th 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**. Mr Koltan has written to parents separately with specifics about booking appointments. 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.

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. Hard copies of the Options Form will be handed out to students during registration on Monday. The **deadline for the Options Form to be submitted to Year 9 form Tutors is Monday 27th February.**

Year 11 Mock 2 Exams

Year 11 Mock Exams start on Monday 27th 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.

Personal Development

Next week is **National Apprenticeship week**, here in school students will be learning about apprenticeships. Please support your child at home by looking at the National Apprenticeship website and completing the activities, listen to the parent podcasts and watch employers and apprentices talk about their journeys. You may need to register for some evening online events.

click on the links: <https://nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk/>
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/>

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

Apprenticeship's and Job fair at Warrington Youth Zone Wednesday 8th February 5pm – 7:30pm Book your place: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/news/warrington-apprenticeships-and-jobs-fair-back-2023>



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

School Production

We are in the final rehearsals for the school production 'That's Entertainment'. I am writing to inform you of the logistics for next week:

Monday 6th February:

All day tech and dress rehearsal – all Students involved in Acting/Music/Dance/Stage Management

Tuesday 7th February:

All Students will attend lessons p1 to p3 and then go to the Music Room at 12:15pm for an early lunch.

Wednesday 8th February:

All Students will attend lessons p1 to p3 and then go to the Music Room at 12:15pm for an early lunch.

The Matinee performances start at 1:30pm and will be finished by 3pm. If your child is going home before the Evening performance, on both days, please can I ask that they are back in school for 5pm at the latest to give them time to change into costume and warm-up. Staff will be staying in school if it is more convenient for your child to stay. If this is the case, please provide them with a further packed dinner. If students go off-site for hot food they are unable to bring it into the school building.

Doors open for the Evening performances on Tuesday and Wednesday next week at 6pm and the performance commences at 6.30pm, finishing at 8pm

We are excited for next week and for the students to show off their talents. Tickets are still available from school reception. £3.50 for Adults and £2.50 for Concessions.

Children's Mental Health Week

Students will be following a timetabled programme during Tutor time. This years theme is 'Lets Connect'

When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverley Scott-Herron'. The signature is stylized with large, flowing letters.

Beverley Scott –Herron
Headteacher