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Dear Parent/Carer

We are now a week into our main GCSE exam season. I have written personally to each of the Year 11 students to wish them well with their future. The behaviour, attitude and application has been impeccable this week and I am incredibly proud of them. We are so lucky to have been able to teach these amazing young people. It really is a privilege to be their Headteacher and I tell them daily just how well they are doing. The stress and anxiety that formal exams can cause is not to be overlooked and we are making sure we look after them holistically as well as academically. If they have put the effort in and worked hard then we can ask no more of them. We are always here to help and provide any support that is needed; from academic reassurance to tea, cake and TLC.

Year 7-10 are doing incredibly well and we are going to be having a transition period after May half term. This is where all Year groups will move up essentially to their new Head of Year. We have been able to put this in place as we now had 5 Heads of Year which we have not previously had. We also think it is incredibly important that the students start to form relationships with their Head of Year prior to the start of academic year in September. This then allows them to be able to be really focused and know exactly who to go to if they need any support.

Where possible (unless a teacher is leaving) the teacher will remain with their Form. So, the Form always stays the same and the Head of Year changes.

From Monday 5th June 2023

Mrs Brown will be working with all Primary schools and the Year 6 students who will be starting with us in September.

Current Year 7 will move to Mr Gwinnett (HOY 8)
Current Year 8 will move to Miss Bound (HOY 9)
Current Year 9 will move to Mrs Ashwin (HOY 10)
Current Year 10 will move to Miss K Dowling (HOY 11)

Current Year 9 – You will need to move to line up at the front of school in a morning on the Year 10 path. NOT at the KS3 entrance anymore.

Current Year 10 – You will move to line up on the Year 11 path.

Many thanks as always for your help and support.
Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes



Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

A message from Mr Koltan

I would like to congratulate Year 11 on how they have started their GCSE exams. Their punctuality and conduct has been excellent this week.

A reminder that the exams will continue to run for some time with the last full cohort exam (Science) taking place on Friday 16th June. It is very much a marathon, not a sprint. Students need to continue to revise for their subjects each evening and through half term. The reward on GCSE results day will be very much worth the short term sacrifice now.

Year 11 must continue to attend school in full school uniform and bring all the correct equipment including their scientific calculator every day. Miss Dowling has sent communication home regarding this also.

Mr Vallender will be holding an English revision session in school on Sunday at 10am. This session will finish at 11.30am. Mr Iqbal will then be holding a Science revision session that starts at 11.30am running up until 2pm. Separate text messages will be sent to parents as a reminder.

We wish you luck in your continued exams, Year 11. Keep up the positive start you have made.

Reward Trips:

This week, some students have received an invitation to a choice of reward trips in recognition of their efforts, behaviour and attitude to learning this academic year. There are two choices, one of which your child may attend:

- Chester Zoo - Thursday 20th July 2023 (at an estimated cost of £13 per student)
- Warrington Cineworld - Friday 21st July 2023 (at a cost of £4.50 per student, with optional additional costs for refreshments). There will be at least two films to choose from, with these to be determined shortly.

If your child has received an invite, we must ask that there is a quick turnaround in response, this to determine whether we have the required numbers to make the Chester Zoo trip viable. There is no obligation for your child to attend any trip, with alternative activities available for them to take part in on the final day of term here at school (Friday 21st July 2023).

Further information will follow regarding the details of the trips; however, replies are needed by Wednesday 24th May 2023 for those wishing to attend.

Please note, students who have remaining money from their Free School Meal £100 vouchers, can use it to purchase a ticket.

Please contact your child's Head of Year if you have any questions.

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week has been Mental Health Awareness week with the theme being Anxiety. This week we have been working with the students to ensure they understand that anxiety is a normal emotion in us all, with the awareness that sometimes it can get out of control and become a mental health problem.

The Mental Health Foundation state:

Lots of things can lead to feelings of anxiety, including exam pressures, relationships, starting a new job (or losing one) or other big life events. We can also get anxious when it comes to things to do with money and not being able to meet our basic needs, like heating our home or buying food. But anxiety can be made easier to manage.

Focusing on anxiety for this year's Mental Health Awareness Week will increase people's awareness and understanding of anxiety by providing information on the things that can help prevent it from becoming a problem. At the same time, we will keep up the pressure to demand change - making sure that improving mental health is a key priority for the government and society as a whole.

Our work towards supporting young people's mental health, is not only during the awareness weeks, but throughout the year. If you feel you need any advice or guidance regarding all matters to do with mental health, please contact your child's Head of Year or a member of the Safeguarding Team here at school.

Warrington Police Operations Sceptre Knife Awareness competition

Members of our School Council entered the Warrington Police Operations Sceptre Knife Awareness competition. They wrote an article raising people's awareness around knife crime and came out winners along with Cardinal Newman Catholic High School.

Last week, they went to Warrington Youth zone to film the report, and we are so proud of the result! [Click here](#) to view it, and [click here](#) for more information with behind the scenes footage from the filming day.



Operation Sceptre, is a national campaign which takes place twice a year, supporting the work Cheshire Police carry out all year round to ensure residents are safe from knife crime in their community. This campaign is supported together with Warrington Borough Council, Warrington Wolves Foundation and Warrington Youth Zone.

Pc Mel Marsh-Croft from Cheshire Police commented on the campaign: "We've worked closely this year with Dave Ditchfield at Warrington Youth Zone to create a digital support for our campaign and reached out to high schools to create a video that we will be sharing across our social media, including TikTok."

Mrs Anna Mawby, Assistant Headteacher said "This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to deliver a message around knife crime and the affects that it has on our communities. Spending the morning at Warrington Youth Zone was incredible. Students made a short video using fabulous technology, and also had a tour around an incredible building with amazing facilities for the young people of Warrington."

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

18 of our students are doing their practice expedition for their bronze award this weekend. It is only local (South of the Manchester Ship canal), so if you see any of them ... do not give them directions but do wish them well!

Warrington Youth Zone



Consultation Evening - Sunday May 21st 6-8pm

We would love anyone interested in joining to come along and discuss with Laurie any ideas you have for the group.

Drop in or stay for the full 2 hours!

See you there 😊

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE ART CLASS OF 2023 GCSE**

Showcase

23RD MAY 2023

3.30 - 5PM

