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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well.

We have now completed our second week of examinations and I am pleased to say everything is still going well. We have seemed to have reached half term very quickly but the break is much needed by all.

Period 6 for Year 11 will not continue after half term as there are more bespoke sessions being put in place and individual support where necessary. A huge thank you to all the teachers is needed as they have been going above and beyond to support the young people.

We had a very successful D of E Bronze trip last weekend. The sun always seems to shine when our groups go out. However, saying that I now might have jinxed it for future expeditions - sorry. Again, a huge thanks to all the students and staff involved.

Neighbourhood Weekender is upon us and we support the event by being the 'car park'. We like to ensure we can do what we can for community events. Some of our students had some back stage passes to go and visit, which was just brilliant. If you are going, I hope you have a fabulous time.

There is a lot of building work going on in school at the moment and over the holiday period and our new state of the art Gym is nearly up and running, which is really exciting. More about this to follow.

Thanks as always for your support, it is much appreciated. Thank you also for dropping us an email when we do things well as this makes a huge difference to our day. We are always happy to help and support over anything. However, it is so nice to receive positive correspondence too. As parents and cares you are superb at doing this and I just want to let you know that it is appreciated and really does matter.

Have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you on the Monday 5th June 2023.

Best wishes



Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

GCSEs – second week complete

Year 11 have just completed their second week of GCSE exams. They have again demonstrated excellent conduct and clearly want to achieve the best grades possible. Unfortunately, the approaching half term should not be seen as 'down time' but a time where significant revision should take place. As I have told students after the exams are finished, Year 11, for many, will enjoy the longest holiday of their school careers. Reiterating what I said last week. It is worth making the short-term sacrifice now for the reward of strong exam results in the summer.

On **Friday 2nd June (Half Term)**, there will be **Year 11 Maths and English Revision Sessions** taking place.

10am -11.30am Foundation Maths - Mr Koltan

10am - 11.30am English Language (Higher Tier Maths students) - Mr Vallender

11.45am - 1.15pm Higher Tier Maths - Miss Jones

11.45 - 1.15pm - English Language (Foundation Tier Maths students) - Mr Vallender.

Important dates of GCSE exams on return from Half Term:

Monday 5th June (am) - English Language

Tuesday 6th June (am) - Spanish Listening/Reading

Wednesday 7th June (am) - Maths Paper 2 (**Calculator exam**)

Wednesday 7th June (pm) - History Paper 2

Thursday 8th June (am) - Further Maths Paper 1

Friday 9th June (am) - Geography Paper 2

Friday 9th June (pm) - Combined Science Paper 2 (Biology)/Triple Biology Paper 2

Working in partnership to achieve attendance goals

We continue to advise students regarding the importance of good attendance and as a school, we continue to push for the highest possible standards for all students. We believe working in partnership with parents is key.

Where parents/carers decide to have their child registered at our school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly. This means your child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill.

We believe that parents/carers have the power to make the biggest difference, and here is a reminder of a few key strategies:

- Talk to your child about school and what goes on here. Take a positive interest in your child's work and educational progress
- Instil the value of education and regular school attendance within the home environment
- Contact the school if your child is absent to let them know the reason why and the expected date of return
- Try to avoid unnecessary absences. Wherever possible make any medical or dental appointments outside of school hours
- Ask the school for help if their child is experiencing difficulties
- Inform the school of any change in circumstances that may impact on your child's attendance
- Support the school: take every opportunity to get involved in their child's education, form a positive relationship with school and acknowledge the importance of children receiving the same messages from both school and home

- Avoid taking your child on holiday during term time, where this is unavoidable, send a written leave request to the head teacher in advance of booking the holiday.

Year 10 English Literature taster day

On Friday 19th May, a group of year 10 students visited Liverpool John Moores University, with students from four other TCAT secondary schools, to participate in an English Literature taster day. Students attended an English Literature lecture and seminar; they then met with University students who discussed campus life and then students were given a guided tour. Year 10 student Zaid Muzafar said 'The student union building stood out for me. The different resources at your disposal such as free temporary laptops really pushed the idea of LJMU caring for its students and I am very excited for whatever entails when I finally make it to university.'



Personal Development

On the 12th June Andy Carter the Conservative MP for Warrington South will be in school talking to students who would like a career in politics or have an interest in politics. Please email amawby@boteler.org.uk if you would like your child to be involved.

Year 10 : the ROAR programme will continue after the half term break on Monday 5th June
Year 10 students please start researching which courses you would like to take at college as in September you will be applying.

Year 10

Below is the link to complete your taster day options at Priestley College. This needs to be done before half term. If you haven't completed this in school, then please do so at home. <https://tinyurl.com/2bnya7ta>. All year 10s are expected to attend in uniform, so that they can be easily identified on campus and their subject tasters during the day that they will be taking part in with year 10s from other high schools.

Behind the scenes at Neighbourhood Weekender

Year 9 and 10 Music students were lucky enough to have a "behind the scenes" tour of the neighbourhood weekender. They got to see the stage being set up and had an insight into the many careers available in the music industry.



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PE & SPORT UPDATE

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR THIS WEEK'S PE & SPORT UPDATE.



Be on a Show: Style It Out

Lion TV are searching for the style icons and fashion designers of the future to star in a brand-new challenge show on CBBC & BBC iPlayer. If you're between 10 and 14 years old and think you have what it takes to design fabulous outfits, they'd love to hear about you!

They'll challenge contestants to upcycle and rework preloved clothes, use sustainable materials or stock destined for landfill, and come up with amazing ideas - whether that be to showcase individual style, design an outfit for a guest or create a stand-out look for a celebrity.

You don't have to be able to make the outfits all by yourself as experts will be on hand to bring your designs to life.

The series winner will even have the chance to showcase designs at an exciting fashion event!

How to apply

- They must have permission from your parent/guardian before sending your details or application, and the form must be signed by them.
- All contact numbers that you give must be for a parent or guardian aged 18 or over.
- You must be a UK resident (including residents of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man)
- You must let us know if you are a close relative of any Lion TV or BBC employee.
- You must be no younger than 11 and no older than 14 years old on 1st September 2023.

What to do next

- Answer the questions below to tell them about yourself and your love of design.
- Get your parent or guardian to fill out their details and to email your answers, along with a recent photo and/or video of you and up to 3 examples of your style credentials. For example: a favourite outfit you have styled; clothing pieces you have made or customised; fashion designs or sketches.
- All work submitted must be your own.

The application deadline is 8pm Monday 19th June 2023 but please apply ASAP. They will be looking at applications as soon as they come in, so do submit as soon as you are able.

Ready to apply? [Fill in the online application form with your parent or guardian now.](#)

If you would rather download the application form [click here.](#)

Refugee Week celebration and information event

This year's theme is

COMPASSION

19-25 June 2023

#RefugeeWeek2023

Friday 23 June 2023

1pm to 4pm

The Gateway, 85 Sankey Street, WA1 1SR
(opposite the Town Hall)

Come along to find out more about:

- Youth services
- Police
- Volunteering
- Health services - when and how to use them
- Learning English
- Fire service
- Colleges

We're proud to be taking part in this year's Refugee Week, the world's largest arts and culture festival celebrating the contributions, resilience and creativity of refugees and people seeking sanctuary.



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