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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well.

This is the last edition before the Summer Holidays and I am really not sure where the time has gone, it does not seem 2 minutes since I was welcoming you to the start of a new school year.

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks and I am sure that you are keeping up to speed via our social media channels. This is definitely the best way to 'keep current' of the wonderful things our amazing young people are doing and achieving.

[Facebook.com/thomasboteler](https://www.facebook.com/thomasboteler)

twitter.com/thomasboteler

[Instagram.com/thomasboteler](https://www.instagram.com/thomasboteler)

I want to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support throughout the year. You are every bit a part of the Boteler Family and I often think about you all as I know how hard it is being a parent /carer of young people. I know we always strive to 'do the right thing' but it is hard and there is no manual in how to do this and we do our best because we love our children unconditionally.

The summer is an opportunity for a well-earned rest for the young people who have worked so hard throughout the year. I appreciate you may not get time off, but I hope you have an opportunity to spend some time with your families.


I continue to be proud of my entire Boteler Family who always have the resilience and determination to get through any obstacle in their way and to do so with compassion and kindness. Kindness is underrated in my view as it is the one thing that is priceless and has the most positive impact on a person. We never forget those people that made a difference to us.

I am blessed with the people I work with and most importantly the young people who arrive every day ready to learn. It is a privilege to be their Headteacher and I really do love my job. I love the relationship I have with them and how they have a positive impact on me and my well-being.

As we reflect on the achievements of the year, I am also excited about the future. We continue to be held in high regard for all we do as a school and I really want us to be the best we can be, providing outstanding educational opportunities for our young people.

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Best wishes



Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is a scheme funded by the Department for Education. It gives children who are eligible for free school meals the opportunity to take part in fun, enriching activities and receive a healthy meal.

Follow the link to find out more, view the full programme and to book onto activities:
www.warrington.gov.uk/haf.

If you aren't sure if you eligible for FSM, please follow this link:

www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



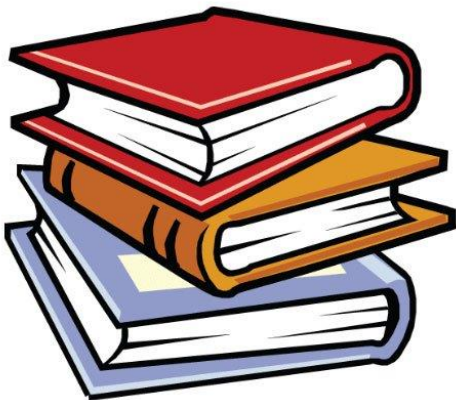
In Warrington we're running a
free holiday club programme
for children on free school meals.
#HAF2023

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD PROGRAMME

Department
for Education

Library Books return

Reminder for any students that have borrowed a book from the school library to please return it before school breaks up for the summer holidays.



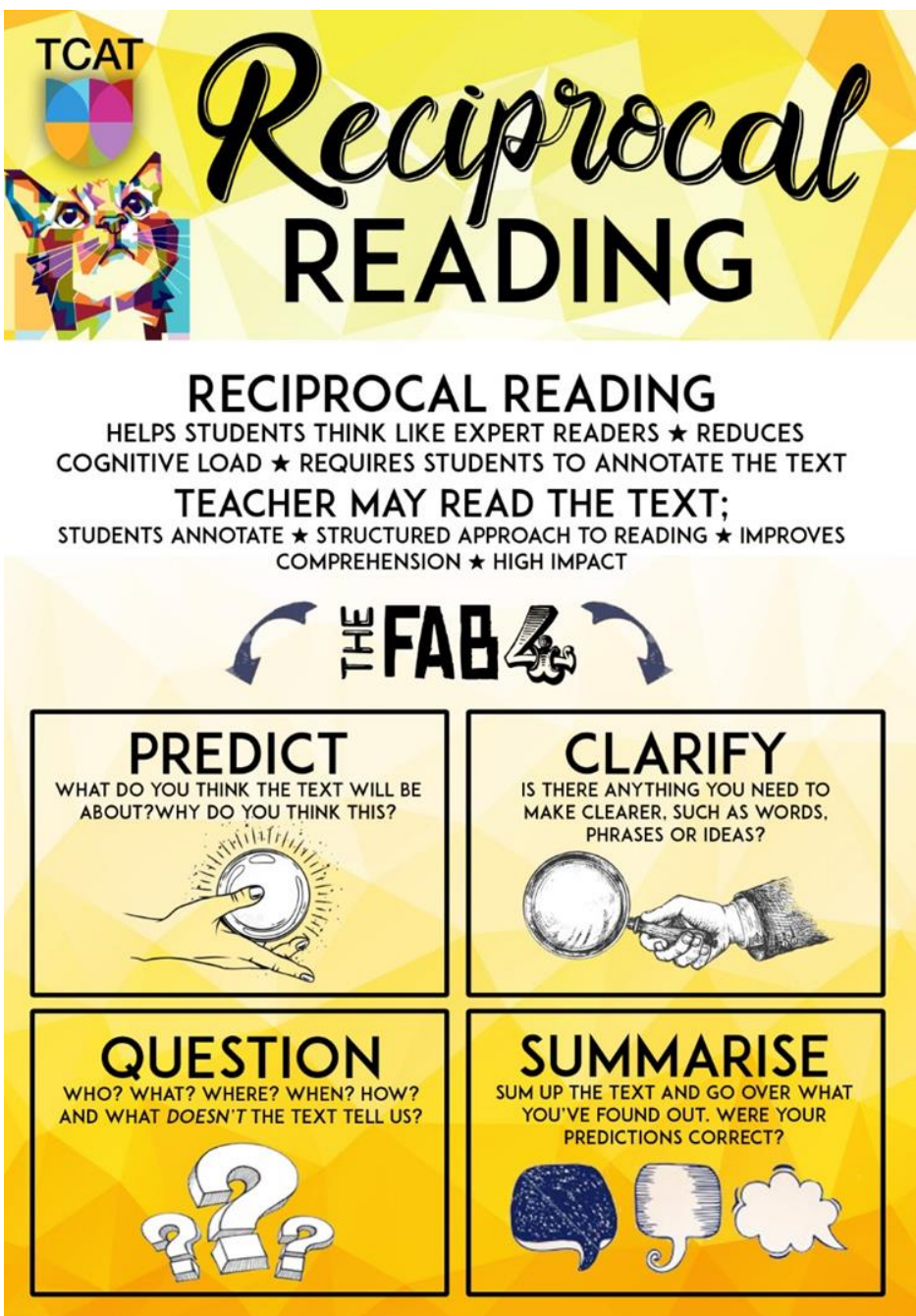
'Reciprocal Reading' champions

The English Department held a tea party this week to celebrate our 'Reciprocal Reading' champions. As part of their English curriculum, students develop their independent reading and annotation skills through Reciprocal Reading or using the 'Fab Four' reading skills, achieving awards along the way. These reading skills are transferable across all subjects so incredibly important for achievement. You can see how Reciprocal Reading works by viewing this TCAT flyer.

At our school, hundreds of books have been earned by our fabulous students so far up to Gold award so for the champions, (30 tasks), so nothing less than tea, cake and book-talk would do!

Well done, everyone, and keep on using these valuable RR skills in other subjects too.

Mrs Woodcock and Mr Vallender



The flyer features a yellow background with a geometric pattern. At the top left is the TCAT logo, which includes a shield with four colored quadrants and a colorful cat's face. The main title 'Reciprocal READING' is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below this, the text 'RECIPROCAL READING' is repeated in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath, a list of benefits is provided: 'HELPS STUDENTS THINK LIKE EXPERT READERS ★ REDUCES COGNITIVE LOAD ★ REQUIRES STUDENTS TO ANNOTATE THE TEXT'. A central instruction reads 'TEACHER MAY READ THE TEXT; STUDENTS ANNOTATE ★ STRUCTURED APPROACH TO READING ★ IMPROVES COMPREHENSION ★ HIGH IMPACT'. Below this is the 'THE FAB FOUR' logo, which consists of the words 'THE FAB FOUR' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with a stylized '4' and 'F' and two curved arrows pointing outwards. The bottom section is divided into four boxes, each with a title and an illustration. The first box is titled 'PREDICT' and contains the question 'WHAT DO YOU THINK THE TEXT WILL BE ABOUT? WHY DO YOU THINK THIS?' and an illustration of a hand holding a glowing sphere. The second box is titled 'CLARIFY' and contains the question 'IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NEED TO MAKE CLEARER, SUCH AS WORDS, PHRASES OR IDEAS?' and an illustration of a hand holding a magnifying glass. The third box is titled 'QUESTION' and contains the question 'WHO? WHAT? WHERE? WHEN? HOW? AND WHAT DOESN'T THE TEXT TELL US?' and an illustration of three question marks. The fourth box is titled 'SUMMARISE' and contains the question 'SUM UP THE TEXT AND GO OVER WHAT YOU'VE FOUND OUT. WERE YOUR PREDICTIONS CORRECT?' and an illustration of three speech bubbles.





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Warrington Youth Rowing Regatta – Wednesday 12th July 2023

Our crews arrived early raring to go. After we checked in at race control each crew was having a team talk and getting warmed up for their race. The Year 9 crew did not have a cox, and we were lucky enough to be given Iffy Marinos (Ex- Sir Thomas Boteler student) to lead the crew!

A little bit of rain did not dampen anyone's spirits and each crew gave their all. The students were cheering loudly from the side lines showing great sportsmanship supporting all students taking part, not just our own. There were students from Warrington Youth Rowing, Mersey Youth Rowing, Northwich Youth Rowing and Greater Manchester Youth Rowing.

All three of our crews won their side-by-side races against the other boats, however we had to wait until the end of the day when all participants had competed to see where we placed.

Results: -

Warrington category – Boys and girls came 2nd out of 8 schools.

Whole category – Y9 crew came 1st, Y8 Boys came 5th and Y8 Girls came 7th out of 20 schools.

This year our Y8 students have been coached by Gill and Jen, they have given our students a brilliant write up: -

Jen and I are enormously proud of the group of children from Sir Thomas Boteler High School. We have loved coaching them this year. We can honestly say they are the best school we coach and look forward to seeing them every week. And this is why:-

- *They always have a super positive attitude*
- *They work very well together as a team, supporting each other and helping us*
- *They have actively engaged with us whether it's a water or land session*
- *They have embraced the learnings of Communication, Teamwork, Problem Solving and Leadership*

- *They have become largely independent in sessions now, and get themselves sorted as soon as they arrive, confidently getting all equipment out, using the above skills to help them. They even clear the landing stage of duck poop! Given the fact that they haven't had many water sessions due to the weir situation, we have been very impressed with how they conduct themselves in this way and are far more independent than any other school we coach*

- *Their school lead is also brilliant and works with us to help the young people. She also chats to them in the van on the way there and back to reinforce things we have been working on in sessions.*

We have just finished the regatta and the way the children worked as a team, on the water, in the race situation, calmly and thoughtfully, really impressed the umpires. Both crews showed they had clearly listened to all the things we have been coaching and put them into practice. They were also great at supporting each other.

It has been a joy to watch them develop into confident, young people over the year and we will miss them.

A huge well done to all students involved!

WARRINGTON ROWING CLUB





'Our Day Out'

A huge congratulations to the cast and crew for the wonderful performances in 'Our Day Out'. We performed to two packed audiences on Tuesday 4th July and then entertained our new Year 7 Students, with three performances on Thursday 6th July. Hopefully inspiring them to sign up for the next school production.

I would like to thank the cast for their commitment and hard work over the last two months, they worked incredibly hard during Form, lunch and after school. Also, many thanks to the staff who supported during the performances.

Ms Armstrong
Leader of Drama & School Productions





MP Visit to School

On Monday 10th July, students from School Council and Year 10 interested in a career in politics had the opportunity to attend a talk with Andy Carter MP, who walked them through the mechanisms of the UK government, how laws are made and the skills needed to work in politics.

The students enjoyed learning about the intricacies of law making and the challenges with representing such large constituencies, asking excellent questions along the way.



Personal Development

We would like to thank the NHS (Bridgewater Trust) and Hays for delivering 'An experience of the work place' event to Year 10 students. Students gained an insight into the world of work ready for when they leave school.

Careers connect delivered a session on 'An insight into Post 16' to Year 10 students. This enabled our students to deepen their knowledge of careers and what course and qualifications they need to succeed in this area.

This week we look forward to our Year 10 ROAR programme students collecting their certificates from Priestley College having completed their 1000 word essay on 'Are humans destroying the planet?'

We welcome Alderman Bolton and look forward to watching the Year 6 show on our stage.

The final Boteler Union will take place with a workshop from Councillor Hans Mundry and we have our final Year 5 taster day.

Schools in Mind

As the summer holidays are fast approaching, I have attached the 'self-care booklet' for students created by Schools in mind.

[Self Care Plan](#)

Schools in Mind are holding three free webinars over the summer holidays to support young people with the milestones and transitions that happen at this time of year. Two of the webinars will be for parents and carers, sharing tips and advice to help them support their children with important milestones.

The first webinar will be for parents/carers with children waiting for their exam results, and the second will be for those with children about to start Year 7. The third webinar will be for young people themselves, helping them look after their own wellbeing as they start at university. Each webinar will be run by Anna Freud education and mental health experts, sharing practical tips and advice for supporting wellbeing and dealing with potentially stressful situations.

[Supporting young people with anxiety before results day](#) - 8th August, 2pm

[Transition to secondary school: supporting your Year 7 child](#) - 9th August, 2pm

[Managing your wellbeing when transitioning to university](#) - 22nd August, 2pm

Dance Explosion

On Tuesday 11th July we held a dance show that showcased a variety of styles of dance to music from across the years. The students took part in group pieces choreographed by myself and Mrs Graham but also pieces that the students have choreographed themselves.

We are so proud of the following students who took part:

Year 7

Chloe Herridge,
Madison Chisnall,
Isabelle Barker,
Sara Drissi,
Annabelle Roberts,
Gracie Hegg

Year 8

Evie Little,
Ella Withington,
Gabby Thompson,
Isobelle Kelly,
Grace Dean,
Chloe Porter,
Bea Fox



They have worked extremely hard over the past few months and have been an absolute pleasure to work with.

Thank you to everyone who attended to watch and support these amazing dancers and to everyone who helped us make the night possible.

We cannot wait to work with you all again and see what they can produce next year!

Mrs Hughes & Mrs Graham



TCAT Performs

TCAT Performs took place at the Parr Hall on the 28th June. This was a celebration of the Performing Arts across TCAT and was held at the Parr Hall for the second consecutive year. The performances were extremely varied which made the evening very entertaining. We had excerpts of West End shows like Lion King and We Will Rock You to pop songs by Rudimental and James Bay, to a Year 10 BTEC Performing Arts performance about Freedom. Everyone performed superbly and the extra special element was the way all the students support each other, cheering and clapping for every performance.

The evening culminated in a TCAT Joint performance of 'Proud' by Heather Small. This was an extremely special moment when everyone sings together with students from each academy on stage. Everyone stood up singing on the balcony, creating a feast of sound. Head of Music Mrs Clarke said "When I looked around the Parr Hall I could see people waving their arms, torch lights moving with the music and the singing was phenomenal.

Once again TCAT Performs was a wonderful joint effort of a huge team of staff and students and the feedback was outstanding. The performances for next year are already booked, so watch out for the November date for the next one."





Holiday Club



AGES 7-12

£20

8am-6pm



WARRINGTON



An **OnSide** Youth Zone

Choose between
Sports Club or
Arts Club

Breakfast, Lunch
and Snacks Included

ART CLUB ARTS, CRAFTS & FASHION

DANCE & DRAMA SINGING **BOXING**

SPORTS CLUB COOKING **GYM**

JEWELLERY MAKING **MUSIC** **FOOTBALL**

PODCAST STUDIO **INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING**



HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Young people can sign up to become a member through our online membership form. Our annual membership fee is £5, and only 50p every time you come after that! The Youth Zone is open to all young people from across Warrington – 52 weeks a year.

YOOF



When school closes for holidays, Warrington Youth Zone is here to provide lots of fun activities and trips out for young people aged 7-12.



warringtonyouthzone.org

