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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are keeping well.

Please can I take this opportunity again to ask you for your support regarding our high standards, especially with uniform.

Our lovely young people on the whole conform but there are a few occasions where they disagree with the rules. Whilst I respect their opinion, by coming to Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High it is a given that they abide by the rules that are in place. We want our amazing students to have pride in their appearance and to represent the school positively at all times.

Therefore, just a reminder that leggings as a replacement for skirt or trousers or as a substitute for tights are not permitted under any circumstances. If there is an issue with skirt or trousers let us know and we will help and support as we have a supply of brand-new ones.

Skirts should be knee length and to be honest this is becoming an issue as many are wearing them too short. Some because they have bought the wrong length and some because they are being rolled up. I am therefore looking at possibly changing the uniform to eradicate this issue so rolling them up is no longer an option. I appreciate this may be an unpopular decision but it is important that they look smart. If however, the students are able to ensure that skirts are worn to the knee, then we can leave things as they are, which would be the ideal solution. I would therefore welcome you having a conversation with your child regarding this issue. I want to work with my young people however, they need to abide by the rules please.

Shoes must be worn and trainers are not permitted. If there is a medical concern please do let us know. Jewellery is not negotiable and despite my many communications, students are still arriving with piercings. This is not acceptable, as it is really clear in the policy.

I appreciate all this may feel like a moan, but we are relentless in our pursuit of excellence and the very foundation of this is getting the basics right day in day out. Taking pride in our appearance, wearing our uniform correctly and being prepared for learning is the first thing that we all can get right. However, if you feel there are barriers due to financial constraints then please just talk to us and we of course will help.

Kind regards



Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

Year 11 Supervised Study (Year 11 Mock Exams start Monday 27th November)

The school Library is now open (Tuesday – Thursday) to Year 11 students as a place for them to revise and prepare for the Mock Exams.

Well done to those students who have attended so far and taken this opportunity to work independently. The atmosphere has been excellent and very focused.

The times the library will be open will be from 15.00 – 17.00.

The dates the library will be open to Year 11 for supervised, independent revision is:

W.B. 20th November

- (1) Tuesday 15.00 – 17.00
- (1) Wednesday 15.00 – 17.00
- (1) Thursday 15.00 – 17.00

W.B. 27th November Mock Exam Fortnight

- (2) Tuesday 15.00 – 17.00
- (2) Wednesday 15.00 – 17.00
- (2) Thursday 15.00 – 17.00

W.B. 4th December Mock Exam Fortnight

- (1) Tuesday 15.00 – 17.00
- (1) Wednesday 15.00 – 17.00
- (1) Thursday 15.00 – 17.00

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Our next Parents' Evening is Year 8 on Monday 20th November. Thank you to those parents that have made a booking so far. Currently 70% of parents/carers have confirmed they will be attending on Monday. If you have not made a booking so far, I would encourage you to do so asap so you are informed about the progress your child is making in their subjects.

Personal Development



Following on from a successful Careers Fair this week students now need to be using our Careers Platform, Start profile which will help them to continue their research on the opportunities available to them when they leave school.

The website is <https://careers.startprofile.com> and they login using the Microsoft button and their school email/network password.

The webpage can also be found on our school website here: <https://www.boteler.org.uk/pathways/>

Year 7 will be introduced to this on Monday in their form time session.

Please actively support your child's awareness of what is available for them when they leave school.

There is information on here to support Year 9 choosing their options, KS4 options for when they leave school as well as developing your child's awareness of the work of work, their strengths and how to find the right career for them.

All students need to complete their profile by clicking on the black 'Go to my startprofile button'

This platform is theirs to use daily/weekly please support them in doing so.

Work Experience – Cheshire Fire and Rescue

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's 2024 Year 10 work experience programme application stage is now OPEN. Please click on the link below for further details and information on how to apply.

[Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service - Work experience](#)

Year 11 College Applications

If your child has not yet applied for college next year, they can come to room 13 on Monday and Tuesday lunchtime. WVR will be available for questions and support at Tuesday lunchtime. If they need a careers interview see Mr Horne.

If your year 11 child has applied for college already do not miss their course discussion, this is a really important meeting where they get offered their place.

Behaviour Points

We have had an extremely positive week here in school, with the delivery of all the Recognition and Reward assemblies to all year groups. There has been much to celebrate from half term one, with reflections taking place and challenges set for half term two.

Students have been fully informed regarding our new approach to recording conduct here in school, with many students already achieving a significant number of house points.

Please ensure you engage fully with Mr Leonard's correspondence, as it provides the details of how you can track your child's performance on a daily basis.

Please click here for a reminder <https://rb.gy/ans3ss>

Careers Fair



On Tuesday we welcomed 24 companies, colleges and universities into school for our annual Careers Fair.

Students from Year 8 through to Year 11 all had the opportunity to meet the employers and ask questions about their industry, careers available and what qualifications and skills are needed.

The feedback from our students was very positive.

Cara said "It gave me a clear understanding of what I want to do in the future".

Ibiah said "It really helped me decide what college I want to go to, it was amazing." Kayden said "I learnt that I need graphics and technology to become an engineer".

Exhibitors were pleased with how our students engaged with them. Exhibitors said that the students clearly wanted to know about the different industries, as well as having clear visions of what they wanted to do in the future.



November's Student Book Recommendation

November's book recommendation comes from Year 8 student Sara Drissi. Sara recommends Children of Eden by Joey Graceffa.

This is a book set in a post-apocalyptic world. After the Ecofail, only a few plants survived. Due to this, each family is only allowed one child in order to preserve the little amount of food that is left.

Sara says "I like this book as it is futuristic and highlights what life would be like under challenging circumstances".



The Year 7 Bookbuzz 2023 reading books are in school!

Because everyone in our school loves reading for pleasure, we enrolled all of our students in Year 7 in the Book Trust's BookBuzz scheme where each student gets to choose their book to take home and keep!

The choosing and ordering was completed in October and the books are now in school. Shortly they will be winging their way home.

Parents can support our love of reading by asking their children about their chosen book. More information can be found below:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/bookbuzz-books/>

SEND Coffee Morning

The SEND department are inviting parents and carers to an informal coffee morning 09:00–11:00 on Friday December 1st to learn more about ASD.

Chrissy Skermer from the Local Authority will be here to deliver some free training, and answer any questions.

There will also be an opportunity to meet with other parents.



Years 7 – 11 Childhood Flu Immunisations

Please click on the following links to view letters from the School Immunisations Team regarding the upcoming Flu Immunisations

Year 7 – 10 <https://t.ly/mK1m4>

Year 11 – <https://rb.gy/ox0wq6>

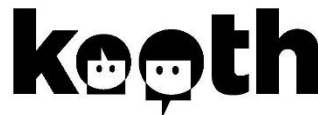
If you have any questions, please contact the School-aged Immunisation Team on 01925 946808

Finding support for your mental health

NHS
Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust



Bespoke support for LGBT+ young people and their adults
theproudtrust.org



Online mental wellbeing community for free, safe, anonymous support
kooth.com



here for you 24/7
giveusashout.org



Whatever you're going through 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
samaritans.org | 116 123



Online, on the phone, anytime
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111



Essential support for under 25s
Free information and support for under 25s in the UK
themix.org.uk



Giving hope to grieving children
Helping young people navigate grief
winstonswish.org



0800 068 41 41

Helping you focus on staying safe from suicide
papyrus-uk.org/papyrus-hopeline247



Discrete emotional wellbeing drop-in service for young people aged 7-19 (25 if additional needs)
warringtonyouthzone.org/youth-in-mind



Teenager and Gender Sexuality Youth Support group
warrington.gov.uk/youth-service



Youth group for young people aged 13-18 who self-identify as Black, Asian or other ethnic minority
warrington.gov.uk/youth-service



A referral can be made to Warrington CYPMHS or schools can have a consultation with the Mental Health Support Team



Do you need urgent help with your mental health?
Call our 24/7 mental health crisis line FREE

0800 051 3253 if you live in Wigan
0800 051 1508 if you live in Halton, Knowsley, St Helens and Warrington

Cook on a Budget

Warrington & Vale College are running a course for anyone aged over 19 called 'Feed the Family on a Fiver!'

Are you on a tight budget and wanting to find out clever ways to shop for a bargain and reduce your food bills? Are you wanting to create wholesome meals for the family without breaking the bank? If so, then look no further as this is the perfect course for you!

On this exciting new course, you will learn all about how to shop for a bargain, with a focus on getting the best offers and being careful with the ingredients you select. You will also learn how to create beautiful meals for the whole family using a slow cooker.

If you attend all of the sessions, you will even receive a fantastic new slow cooker as a gift, enabling you to put into practice all you have learned on the course! For further details and how to apply, please visit: <https://wvr.ac.uk/study/feed-the-family-for-a-fiver>

GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE

WE ARE RECRUITING FOR THE 2024 SEASON

COME DOWN TO A TRAINING SESSION - BRING A FRIEND

Victoria Park/Padgate Campus - Warrington



MONDAY 13TH NOV (VICTORIA PARK)

UNDER 15'S AND UNDER 16'S
8PM TILL 9PM

FRIDAY 17TH NOV (VICTORIA PARK)

UNDER 11'S AND UNDER 12'S
6PM TILL 7PM

UNDER 13'S AND UNDER 14'S
7PM TIL 8PM

SUNDAY 19TH NOV (PADGATE CAMPUS)

OPEN AGE
12PM TIL 1PM



Get in touch to find out more warringtongirlsrl@gmail.com

NOW OFFERING,

Level 3 Applied Diploma in FOOD SCIENCE & NUTRITION

Here are Barrow Hall College, we pride ourselves in being 'big enough to offer choice and small enough to care'. We are fortunate to be offering this course and are the only college in the area to be offering an A-level equivalent in Food Science & Nutrition.

Year 12

Unit 1: Meeting Nutritional Needs

Internal Assessment: 3 ½ cooking exam on a brief. Students will develop a menu and make 3 dishes suitable to client specifications. Like the NEAZ at GCSE

Unit 2: Ensuring food is safe to eat.

External assessment: 8-hour assessment applying understanding of HACCP and Risk Assessments to ensure food is prepared safely in various food-based settings.

External exam: 1hr 30 written exam with 15 minutes reading time for Case Study. Exam is worth 90 marks. **Can be resat twice – highest mark going forward.**

Unit 3: Experimenting to solve Food Production.
Unit 4: Current issues in Food Science and Nutrition.

You will choose either Unit 3 or 4
Unit 3: Like the NEA1 at GCSE you will look at a food product and experiment with the functional and chemical properties outlined in the set brief given. The goal is to make the perfect product e.g., ice cream.

Unit 4: Students will research an issue in Food, Science and Nutrition. Students. e.g., The effects of nutritious foods in relation to the inflation of cost for ingredients.

Year 13

Why Should I Apply?

- Caring, passionate and supportive staff promoting good student outcomes in newly refurbished kitchens with outstanding resources.
- Small class sized at Barrow Hall College in general – average class size is 12.
- Small class provides more access to 1:1 students/teacher time.
- A wide range of super curricular opportunities.
- Strong family/community vibe – you are very well looked after.

Course offered from consistently excellent GCSE results:

- 2019 (62.5 % 9-4) *New GCSE-Specifications National Av. 62.3%
- 2022 post-covid (91.18% 9-4) National Av. 72.6%
- 2023 (85.2% 9-4) National Av. 66.1%



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Continuing your studies at Undergraduate level you could study:

- BSc Food and Nutrition
- BSc (Hons) Public Health Nutrition
- BSc (Hons) Food Science & Technology
- BSc (Hons) Sports, Conditioning and Sports Nutrition

There are multiple apprenticeship opportunities also indicated on the UCAS website.

I haven't done Food Preparation & Nutrition/Hospitality or Catering at GCSE can I do the course?

Of Course! Cooking is involved, so a passion to cook, prepare and present high quality dishes is important. We strongly advise practicing your culinary skills at home prior to the course. If you've an interest in nutrition and have knowledge via other subjects i.e., Sports, Health and Social and Science and Psychology these will make connections that you can bring into learning this course.

To be successful on this course is there anything I can do prior to starting, to prepare?

Yes! I admire those who want to build confidence in their studies. I recommend Seneca learning and watching the videos for Food Preparation & Nutrition as well as Hospitality & Catering or reading through a revision guide. My recommendation is the 'PG Online Clear Revise AQA Food Preparation & Nutrition Revision Guide'. It's neatly laid out and not over facing!



Studying Food Science and Nutrition can be a standalone course, in amongst the other courses the college offer; however, if your career aspirations are in sport science, nursing, nutrition, sports/clinical psychologist, then the following courses make particularly good connections:

- BTEC Extended Certificate in Health and Social
- BTEC Extended Certificate in Applied Science
- BTEC Extended Certificate in Sport
- A-Level Psychology

For more information on all the courses we have on offer at Barrow Hall College, check out our prospectus using the QR Code.



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Barrow Hall Lane
Great Sankey
Warrington
WA5 3AA

Breakfast with Santa

TICKETS £15

WARRINGTON **YZ**
An OnSide Youth Zone

Saturday 9th | 16th | 23rd December
Join us at Warrington Youth Zone for breakfast with Santa and some fun activities
Event open to non members too

£15 Per Person

Elf Dash

Sunday 19th November
Gulliver's World, Warrington

WARRINGTON **YZ**
An OnSide Youth Zone

Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals Charity
An NHS CHARITY



THIS CHRISTMAS WE ARE GOING TO BE SUPPORTING FAMILIES WHO AREN'T AS FORTUNATE, MAKING SURE THAT THE MOST MAGICAL TIME OF YEAR IS FILLED WITH JOY AND FULL TUMMIES.

2023 FAMILY CHRISTMAS APPEAL LIST

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BREAKFAST CEREALS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLUTEN FREE ITEMS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BISCUITS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JAM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAKES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LONG LIFE MILK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHOCOLATES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MINCE PIES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHRISTMAS CRACKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOODLES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHRISTMAS PUDDING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PART BAKED BREAD ROLLS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COFFEE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PORRIDGE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONDIMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RICE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COOKING SAUCES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SANITARY PRODUCTS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CORDIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOUP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRACKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUGAR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRISP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWEETS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CURRY PASTES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TEA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CUSTARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TINNED BEANS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAIRY FREE ITEMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TINNED MEATS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRIED PASTA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TINNED VEGETABLES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FRUIT JUICES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOILETRIES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VEGETARIAN ITEMS