

# head'sherald

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well.

We have had a huge push on standards and behaviour this week and each year group (except Year 11) has had a dedicated assembly on this. I appreciate it is close to the end of term, but we have the highest expectations right up until our young people leave us for the Christmas holidays.

The reason for this is so that we are constantly improving and we can never be complacent. If standards are high and behaviour is good then this sets the climate for learning. We are oversubscribed currently which is a wonderful place to be, but it means we are a very busy school. The rules and expectations around our standards are there so that we operate in a safe, calm and happy environment.

We have revisited our expectations with staff and all our young people so that everyone is clear. There is nothing new, it has been about tightening up the policies and procedures we have in place to ensure there is consistency in approach.

Therefore, it would be really helpful if you chat to your child at home about the recent assemblies. Also, to remind them that they are to walk down the corridors calmly and on the left and not to run or make loud noises. Please ensure they are prepared for learning with their equipment, ISPs and bags every day. Uniform must be perfect and if there is an issue you must contact their Head of Year.

We really do want the best for every young person we have in our care and I will not apologise for having High Expectations, High Aspirations and High Standards for them every day.

Kind regards



Beverley Scott-Herron  
**Headteacher**

## **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended 7 Parents' Evening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Our next Parents' Evening will be for Year 11 on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Year 11 Mock Exams**

Many of our Year 11 students completed their last exams today (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December), with the final Mock (Art) taking place next Tuesday. Their conduct and effort has been excellent. Teachers will now be marking their exam papers but will not be able to disclose grades as students will be having a full Mock Exam results assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Students will receive their Mock results in the same way as students do for real in August.

Year 11 will be sitting a second and final set of Mock exams which start on 26<sup>th</sup> February. This is the opportunity for students to demonstrate they have built and improved on the identified areas for improvement from the December Mock exams.

## **KS3 Working At (WA) Assessments**

Students in Years 7-9 will be sitting their Working At (WA) Assessments starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

The results of these assessments which may take the form of an assessed piece of work or test will be reported home on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Mr Kinsey and Mr Koltan have delivered assemblies to Key Stage 3 students about how to revise and prepare for assessments such as these.

## **Cinema trip - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

Thank you for your support in meeting the deadline regarding the cinema trip on the last day of the term. We cannot now increase numbers, however, we do have a waiting list in operation should you wish for your child to be placed on it.

The final details regarding arrangements for the visit will follow shortly.

For students not going on the cinema trip, there will be festive activities taking place in school for them to enjoy.

The last day will be a non-uniform day and school will close to students at 12:00.



## Arbor Parent Portal

Thank you for your patience as we have been working with the Arbor team to overcome a glitch in our recently launched Behaviour Points section of the Arbor Parent Portal. We have had to make a number of changes in how we record points, however, we are pleased to report that you should now be able to see the live Behaviour Points for your child.

You can access this information by clicking on the 'Behaviour' tab in your Arbor app.

We have been working hard to raise standards even further, and with the new approach to rewarding students with House Points, we hope to be able to celebrate the success of our students even more.

Please discuss the importance of your child being ready for learning every single day, approaching all lessons with positivity and applying their best efforts at all times. If this happens, you should start to see many examples of the below House Points being recorded for your child.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Ambassador role</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Courtesy</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Excellent Piece of Homework</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Extra Curricular Club</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Form Time Recognition</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Good ATL</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Manners</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Pop Up Challenge</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Service to the School</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Services &amp; Concerts</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Sporting Representation</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Good ATL</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Outstanding Work: Literacy</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Respectful Boteler Citizen</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Star Chef</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Outstanding ATL/Work</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Outstanding ATL/Work: Completing challenge/extension work</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Outstanding ATL/Work: Excellent participation</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point - Outstanding ATL/Work: Project Work</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">House Point: Outstanding Work: Literacy</a>

## **Post 16**

All about Apprenticeships

For more information about apprenticeships please follow this link: [find an apprenticeship](#)

For more opportunities go to: <https://www.candwoopportunities.co.uk/apprenticeships/>

For more information on post-16 and post-18 choices, how they compare and where they can lead click here - [Get the Jump: explore your education and training choices | National Careers Service](#)

Understanding Apprenticeships –

Amazing Apprenticeships have released a brand new animated film explaining what apprenticeship are and their benefits, check it out here! <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/the-apprenticeship-assembly-film/>

## **Assemblies**

This week we welcomed Sellafield into assembly for the Year 9 and 10 students. They received a talk around engineering, what it is and what it can offer. Please chat with your child about this industry using the links below.

### **Why Choose Construction**

<https://www.goconstruct.org/why-choose-construction/>

### **What Career may be right for me?**

<https://www.goconstruct.org/construction-careers/what-jobs-are-right-for-me/#>

Young Enterprise presented to Year 10 with a great opportunity to take part in a real business project. Students are signing up next week if they want to participate.

Young Enterprise believe that every young person has the opportunity to learn the vital skills and enterprising mindset needed to earn and look after their money and make a positive contribution to their community. They help to empower young people to discover, develop and celebrate their skills and potential.

This project will be starting after Christmas.

## TCAT Parliament

TCAT Parliament was held this week at The TCAT training centre. We welcomed all of our schools to the session and worked together on various projects including how schools have helped to save energy over the past term and develop awareness around sustainability.

We also started to pitch ideas of what we need in our schools to support mental wellbeing.

We are delighted to be working with the Cheshire Community Foundation over the next year with the aim to support students in our community.



## Year 9

Your child will be choosing their options very soon. Please ask them to log onto START profile using their school email and password and start to work through the Options section. Link below.

[Start Access \(startprofile.com\)](https://startprofile.com)

## KoothTalks

Please click on the link for information on the KoothTalks webinar for parents and carers on 14<sup>th</sup> December. This webinar is around supporting young people experiencing anxiety or stress this winter

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcnGI4CsOUdCV05h91omLCe6fF0ZRnIN0sBmBoWSv51p\\_Fug/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcnGI4CsOUdCV05h91omLCe6fF0ZRnIN0sBmBoWSv51p_Fug/viewform)

## School pronoun badges

We are proud to announce the launch of our school pronoun badges. If students wish, they can wear one of these badges to easily inform others what their pronouns are. Anybody can wear a pronoun badge.

Badges can be collected from Miss Roberts in the Art Department.



## Attendance Rewards

### Attendance league winners

Each half term we run a competition with each form group.

Tutor groups will battle against other groups in their Year to have the highest attendance.

Each week the winners will be awarded points and the tutor groups with the highest points at the end of each half term will be rewarded with a form breakfast.

**Well done to 7JR, 8AD, 9JP, 10OW AND 11AG**



### Christmas Attendance Prize Raffle



There is less than 2 weeks to go before our attendance raffle is drawn. Each student who is above our school target of 96% will be entered into our raffle.

We are calculating this from the 6<sup>th</sup> of November to the end of the Christmas term.

This was a fresh start so each student has the opportunity to be entered no matter what their previous attendance was. Students can win a range of prizes.

Prizes include: Prom tickets (for Year 11), Amazon Fire Tablets, retail vouchers, sports goods, selection boxes and more.

To be entered into the prize draw, students need to be in school every day.

## Calling all dancers!

Dance club is on Thursday lunch and after school and rehearsals have already begun for our next dance show in February. Just turn up to the gym and speak to Mrs Hughes and Mrs Graham about how you can get involved. All styles and levels of ability welcome.

See you there.



# DANCE EXPLOSION



**Showcasing  
a variety  
of year  
groups  
and dance  
styles from  
across the  
decades**

**22nd February 2024 ★ 6pm**

**At Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School**

**£2 per ticket**

**Tickets available from the main school office**

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## Parents Supporting Boteler

Thank you to the parents/carers who have shown an interest in being part of our Parents Boteler Group.

If you would like to be involved and could help to set up our students Christmas Fayre on Monday 18th December from 10:00, please contact Mrs Mawby. Any help is much appreciated.



## Students' Christmas Fayre

On the 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our Christmas Fayre, this is for our students from 15:10 – 17:00. Everything will be £1 or under.

It's a chance for the students to buy Christmas presents, play Christmas games and enjoy the festive spirit. If you would like to donate any toys, books, toiletries, chocolate, please drop off at reception.

We will be selling raffle tickets for the following hampers starting the week of the 11<sup>th</sup> December:

- Dogs Hamper
- Cats Hamper
- Children's Hamper
- Chocolate Hamper
- Teddies Hamper
- Toiletries Hamper

Please send your child in with £1 to be in with a chance of winning! We are also selling raffle tickets to win an enormous Teddy, these will also be £1

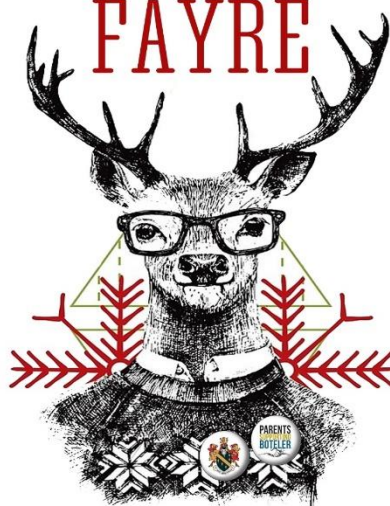
Please ensure your child attends.

At the Fayre there will be many stalls, including a face painting stall. If your child has an allergy to face paint, please contact the school.



SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL'S

# STUDENTS' Christmas FAYRE



MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER \* 3.10pm-5pm  
AT SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

★ DRINKS ★ FOOD ★ TOMBOLA ★ DISCO ★ CAROLS ★  
★ RAFFLES ★ COUNCIL & HOUSE STALLS ★ HAMPERS ★  
★ CHRISTMAS GIFT STALLS ★ FATHER CHRISTMAS ★

**CASH ONLY ❄️ EVERYTHING £1 & UNDER**





# WARRINGTON 英國人和你傾 CAFE CONVERSATION CLUB

*Meet new Friends*



多位英國義工  
將參與聚會!

DEC  
**06**  
2023  
Conversation  
Club Event  
英國人和你傾

星期三  
WED

DEC  
**13**  
2023  
Christmas  
Party  
和你傾聖誕派對

可全部參加  
或只參加個  
別日子

10:30AM - 11:30AM

10:30AM - 12:30PM

費用/ Fee : 免費 Free

地點/ Venue : Hood Manor Community Centre,  
1 Hood Manor Shopping Centre, Dorchester Rd,  
Warrington WA5 1UH

報名 REGISTRATION



Food provided for the Christmas party but welcome to bring  
your own food to share with others

聖誕派對將有美食提供，也歡迎大家自備佳餚一齊分享



Department for Levelling Up,  
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For further enquiry : lionel@chawrec.org.uk



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

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



*Breakfast with Santa*

TICKETS £15

WARRINGTON  
  
 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