

# head'sherald

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another fabulous, but busy week here at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School.

Firstly I would like to thank the students and staff for all their patience with the building work that has been going on. As you can appreciate it is not always easy with the disruption and noise but they have been amazing. It is for the greater good to ensure we are more energy efficient, which will reduce costs and mean I have a larger budget to spend on the young people.

Secondly, I want to apologise for some alterations to some timetables I have had to make. There have been some staffing changes in Science and Geography and I appreciate that change half way through a year is absolutely not ideal for learners. However, myself and the team are managing these as best we can, but also understand that I have to focus on Year 11. All my young people are important but with only a few weeks until the GCSE examination the Year 11 students have to have stability. I also know that some of my students find change difficult and I am working with staff on ensuring they are supported. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me directly [bscott-herron@boteler.org.uk](mailto:bscott-herron@boteler.org.uk). I feel it is appropriate to keep you up to date with everything.

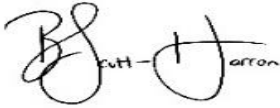
Congratulations to our Year 10 students, who have been on Work Experience this week. It has been quite logistically complex but really worthwhile. I have even had a few of students on my staff team this week! Thank you to the staff and you as parents/carers for your support with this. The feedback from employers has been so positive and I am really proud of my young people.

We have had a lot of visitors in school of late and all of them have commented on how impressed they are with the Boteler Family and most of all the young people. I know we have incredibly high expectations of them, but we are immensely proud of them. I am very humbled by the feedback and as you know I love my job.

We have had our Easter Services all this week, which have been led by our Ethos Champion, our Worship Ambassadors and wider student body. Mrs Hoey our Director of Collective Worship and Mike Wildsmith our Chaplin have been working with the students. It is always hard leading your peers and our students have grown in confidence. It was just a delight to see and be a part of.

There will be no Head's Herald next week due to it being Good Friday, therefore I would like to extend Easter Blessings to you and your families. We break up on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 15.00 and we will welcome the students back on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 08.25.

"May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear. And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide".

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'B' followed by 'Scott-Herron' and a stylized 'H' followed by 'Herron'.

Beverley Scott-Herron  
**Headteacher**

## Year 11 Easter school

As we approach the last term for Year 11, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your ongoing support and cooperation. The approaching Easter holiday is a crucial time for student's exam preparation where sufficient revision can make a significant difference to the overall grades a student achieves in the summer. On returning from Easter, there will only be 15 school days until the first GCSE written exams start.

It is so important that students are working independently at home each evening and that students engage with all the revision material and resources that have been provided. A reminder that for students in Year 11, the national average is between 3-4 hours of revision each evening.

In addition to the revision that students should be carrying out at home, revision sessions are also taking place during the Easter holidays. Below is the timetable of the sessions that are being delivered over the Easter break. These sessions are to supplement and support the revision that students should be doing at home and not a replacement for it.

### Easter School Timetable 2024

Students must be on time for sessions to gain entrance to the building through the main entrance.  
**Students to remain in the school building and bring a packed lunch.**

| Monday<br>1 <sup>st</sup> April   | Tuesday<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> April  | Wednesday<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | Thursday<br>4 <sup>th</sup> April  | Friday<br>5 <sup>th</sup> April  |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Easter Monday<br/>Bank Holiday</b>   | <b>Hospitality (SCA)</b><br>(R17)<br>9am-12pm<br><br><b>Computer Science (BGO)</b><br>(R12)<br>9am-12pm<br><br><b>Business Enterprise (DSU)</b><br>(R11) 9am-2pm<br><br><b>Drama (AAR) (DS)</b> 10am-12pm | <b>French (OWA)</b><br>(R6)<br>French Higher Speaking 9am-11am<br>Foundation French Speaking 12pm-2pm   | <b>Art (JGU/SJO)</b><br>(R26)<br>9am-2pm<br><br><b>Sport (CBU)</b><br>(R29)<br>9am-2pm   | <b>Science (ADS) Lab 3</b><br>9am-11am<br><br><b>Science (SWH) Lab 3</b><br>11am-1pm                           |
| Monday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> April   | Tuesday<br>9 <sup>th</sup> April  | Wednesday<br>10 <sup>th</sup> April   | Thursday<br>11 <sup>th</sup> April   | Friday<br>12 <sup>th</sup> April   |
| <b>English (NVA)</b><br>(R22)<br>9am-10am (C-Band)<br>10am-11am (H-Band)<br><br><b>RE (JBA)</b> (R19)<br>12pm-2pm | <b>GCSE DT (ARN)</b><br>(R15)<br>9am-2pm  | <b>Music (ACL/LBU)</b><br>(R4)<br>9am-2pm<br><br><b>History (NHO) (JJS)</b> (R10, R11)<br>9am-11am<br>12pm-2pm<br><br><b>Geography (HBA) (CLE)</b> (R8, R9)<br>9am-12pm | <b>Spanish (RCL/HPO)</b> (R5)<br>Spanish Higher Speaking 9am-11am<br>Spanish Foundation Speaking 9am-11am<br><br><b>Graphic Design (JPE)</b> (R16)<br>10am-2pm<br><br><b>Sport (JJO) (R29)</b><br>9am-12pm | <b>Maths Higher Tier (FJO/HMA)</b> 9am-11am (R1, R2)<br><br><b>Foundation Tier (DIS/FMA)</b> 12pm-2pm (R1, R2) |

## What is CAMHS and how do I access support for my child?

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services - also known as CAMHS - support children and young people up to age 18 with their emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

When we talk about your mental health, we mean how you feel and how you cope with the things going on in your life. This could be connected to anything from school, your friends or even your family life. If you feel you aren't coping too well with the ups and downs of life, it may be that you need some support to help you manage them better.

If you do need help, CAMHS will work together with you and your family to decide what support you need to have good mental health and wellbeing. Our aim is to help young people get the support they need to tackle any problems early on before they get worse, and to act quickly if they do.

Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, Warrington Council, local schools, school nurses, social services and other local organisations including Kooth and St Joseph's Family Centre, all work closely together to provide CAMHS services across Warrington, to make sure you can access the right support, in the right place and at the right time.

## How to access the service and the support available for young people

If you have any worries about your mental health and wellbeing, you can come along to our weekly Mind Works drop-in clinics so you can speak to a mental health professional about any concerns you have.

No matter how big or small, our staff will talk to you and ask questions about your difficulties, then offer advice and signpost you to other local services that can help if needed.

It's an informal drop-in session, so you don't need to make an appointment – you can just turn up.

| Day       | Venue   | Time             |
|-----------|---|------------------|
| Tuesday   | Orford Youth Base, Orford Youth Centre, Capesthorpe Road, Warrington, WA2 0JF   | 3.30pm - 5.00pm  |
| Tuesday   | Warrington Youth Cafe, New Town House, Buttermarket Street, Warrington, WA1 2NH | 12.00pm - 1.00pm |
| Wednesday | Orford Youth Base, Orford Youth Centre, Capesthorpe Road, Warrington, WA2 0JF   | 3.00pm - 5.00pm  |

| Day       | Venue   | Time            |
|-----------|---|-----------------|
| Wednesday | Warrington Youth Cafe, New Town House, Buttermarket Street, Warrington, WA1 2NH | 4.00pm - 6.00pm |

If you have any questions you can call CAMHS directly on [01925 575 904](tel:01925575904). Your parents or carers can also call us too if they'd like to speak to someone. You can call this number between 9am and 5pm, from Monday to Friday.

If you need support outside these hours, you can contact the CAMHS Response Team every day until 9pm, on [01744 627 618](tel:01744627618). If you need immediate medical attention, you should visit your local A&E department.

We also accept referrals from other professionals, such as GPs, school nurses or social workers. If you are a professional and would like to make a referral for a young person you are working with, visit the health professionals section of our website to download the referral form.

## Attendance and academic performance

As Year 11 approach the GCSE examinations, we would like to remind all about the importance of high levels of attendance to school. Good attendance and academic performance often go hand in hand. Consistently attending classes provides students with the opportunity to engage with course materials, participate in discussions, and receive instruction from teachers or professors. Here's how good attendance can contribute to academic success:

- Access to Instruction:** Regular attendance ensures that students have access to the information and instruction provided in class. Missing classes can result in gaps in understanding and knowledge, including key exam tips.
- Participation:** Attending classes allows students to actively participate in discussions, group activities, and other learning experiences that can enhance comprehension and retention of course material.
- Teacher Interaction:** Attending classes allows students to interact with their teachers or professors, ask questions, seek clarification, and receive feedback on their work. This interaction is invaluable for understanding complex topics and refining academic skills.
- Peer Learning:** Classroom interactions also provide opportunities for peer learning and collaboration. Students can learn from their classmates, share perspectives, and work together to solve problems, reinforcing their understanding of the material.
- Routine and Discipline:** Regular attendance helps students establish a routine and develop discipline, both of which are essential for academic success. By consistently attending classes, students cultivate habits that contribute to their overall productivity and performance.
- Opportunity to Stay Updated:** In many cases, important announcements, changes to assignments, and additional resources are provided during class time. Attending regularly ensures students stay informed and can take advantage of these opportunities.

Overall, good attendance sets the foundation for academic success by ensuring that students have access to instruction, opportunities for participation, and valuable interactions with teachers and peers. It is an essential component of effective learning and achievement in academic settings.

A few further points to consider and question your child on.

- Is your child above the school target of 96%?
- 90% is good as an exam result or test result, but not in the attendance world. A student with 90% at the end of this week will have missed around 64 hours of learning.
- Below 90% means that your child falls into the category of persistent absenteeism and triggers a formal stage of attendance intervention.
- 95% attendance at the end of this week still means that a student will have missed 32 hours of learning.
- Remember, if your child is off school, they are missing out.

### **MCKS Charitable Foundation**

Another half term down, and another half term of support from MCKS Charitable Foundation UK (MCKS). The registered charity continues to provide schools across the country with support for their most vulnerable students and families, by donating food, toiletries, and much needed sanitary supplies.

Due to their amazing sponsors and donations, we have continued to receive a fortnightly delivery, where we have been supporting a number of families. We recognise that times are tough at the moment, and with the support of MCKS, we have gone a small way to help families at this challenging time.

We know that it can be hard to ask for support at times, however, we really encourage those who are in need of support at this time, to contact Mr Leonard ([jleonard@boteler.org.uk](mailto:jleonard@boteler.org.uk)). All requests for support will be treated sensitively.

A big thank you to MCKS.



## Personal Development

We have some online courses coming up created by doctors for students interested in careers in medicine.

Are you interested in a career in the medical Industry? These courses are for Year 9 and above. There may be a fee for some.

All include a certificate for use in med school applications and are ideal preparation for students applying for university degrees in medicine and those younger students too who may be considering the profession.

1) Emergency Medicine Live on Sunday 24th March. You can expect to learn about the treatment and management of major trauma and medical emergencies. With insights into pre-hospital and emergency medicine. [Students can see more information here.](#)

2) Medicine Career Day Live Saturday 30th March. An ideal day for students wanting to know all about the medical profession, learn about the personal statement for medicine, UCAT examinations and gain some work experience in the afternoon by helping to treat and diagnose patients. [Students can see more information here.](#)

3) Medical Ethics Live, on Sunday the 7th April 2024. It's vital to understand medical ethics when applying to med school and how to understand moral dilemmas and ethical questions doctors face everyday. It's highly likely that you'll be asked ethics questions or face an MMI station designed to test your understanding of medical ethics so it's really important you understand some of the questions you will face at medical school interviews. [Students just need to register here.](#)

4) Surgery Work experience Live taking place on Sunday 21st April 2024. This interactive day is designed to give students a meaningful insight into careers in medicine and surgery. Students join a patient on their journey from initial presentation to diagnosis and treatment. The doctors will guide you through how they would conduct a surgical consultation, interpret signs and manage patients. [All the details available here.](#)

5) Suture Like A Surgeon online Course. Sunday 12th May 2024. Join our suturing masterclass where you will learn how surgeons effectively manage and assess acute wounds with suture closure. You will be sent our suture kit in the mail before the course starts so you can suture along with the doctors, learning first-hand the various techniques needed to be a surgeon. [You can view all the course info here.](#)

All courses have been created by doctors and provide outstanding work experience for you to use in your applications to medicine.



## **Work Experience**

Year 10 have taken part in Work experience week this week and over 90 students have been out either in primary schools, nurseries and businesses. Their resilience has shone through this week and the feedback from their experience has been excellent.

The students who have been in school have taken part in a digital workshop and an army workshop highlighting the pathways for these professions.

Year 10 students now need to complete the CVS and hand them into their form tutor next week. This is in preparation for the 'Interview with an employer day' when we return after Easter.

## **Year 10 Post 16 Information Evening**

Year 10 parent and carers are invited to a Post 16 information Evening on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 6pm in the main hall. The local colleges will be here to inform you about the different pathways available to your child.

Please follow the link to confirm your attendance <https://forms.office.com/e/JwMn8nadEW>

## **Odd Socks Day**

Many of our staff wore odd socks on Thursday to show their support for World Down Syndrome Day. Here are just a few!





## Red Nose Day

'Red Nose Day 2024' was a huge success at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School!

The Boteler family raised over £400 for the charity Comic Relief charity and I am so proud of the effort, passion and sportsmanship shown by our students. On the Thursday an event was held in the hall where cakes were sold, raffle tickets, pin the red nose on the teacher, an affirmation station, rainbow ping pong and more!

On the Friday we had the Boteler Cyclone where Will Kenwright, Ellie Barker and Ariana Marinos went up against Miss Matthews, Mr White and Mr Johnson. The event was heavily attended by the school body and it was great to see us all coming together to raise money for such a brilliant cause.



I am very proud of all the students and very grateful for all the staff who put themselves forward to 'do something funny for money'. There is still time to donate by following the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-sir-thomas-boteler-church-of-england-high-school-bff447fb-f0ac-4111-b7a3-7896310c14cf>

Miss Riddell





## The Periodicals – School Production

Members of Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School's StageCraft group performed in front of over 200 people across 3 performances this week.

The school production, *The Periodicals*, is part of the National Theatre Connections Festival 2024. Leader of Drama and School Productions Ms Armstrong commented: "I am so proud of the students for their commitment. We had wonderful feedback from the audiences, including Phoebe Kemp, our Mentor Director from the National Theatre, and Gemma Evans, our Festival Coordinator from the Lowry. They were blown away by the ensemble piece and the standard of talent displayed on stage. We are now looking forward to performing the show at the Lowry, Salford on the 19th April 2024."

Headteacher Mrs Scott-Herron commented: "There are real complexities in a play like *The Periodicals* and our young people were highly engaged, maintaining a strong level of professionalism. This was really something special."

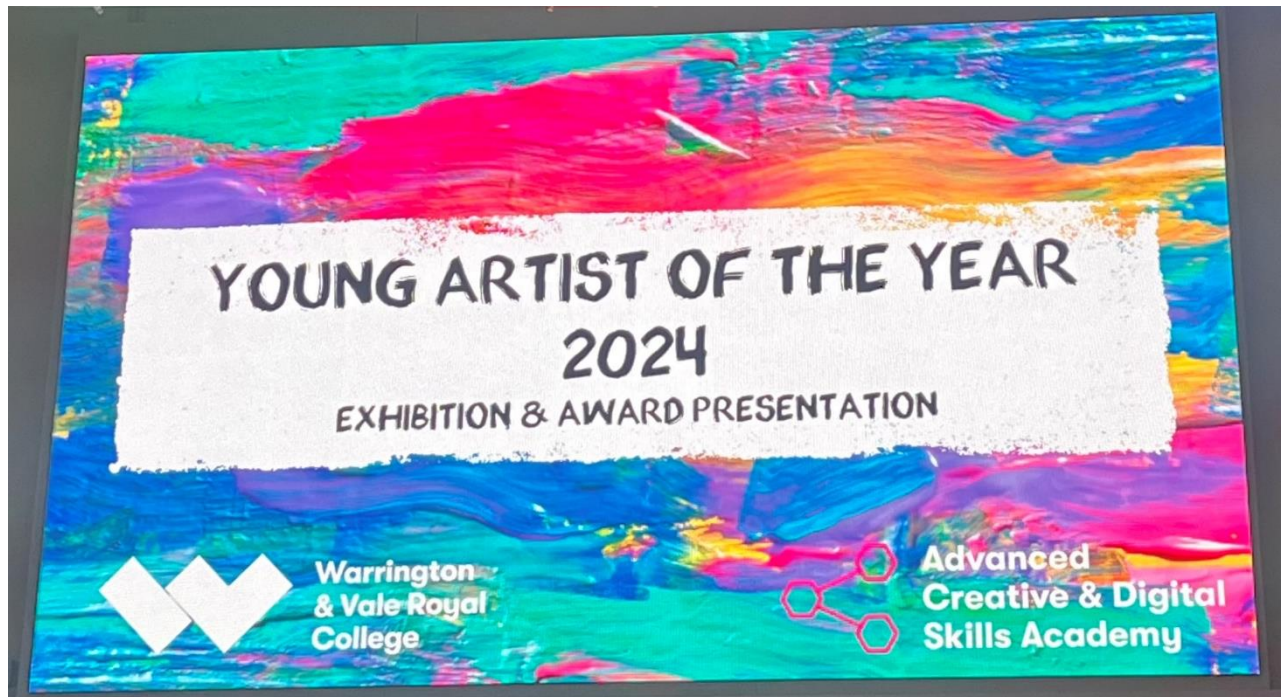




## Young Artist of the Year Award

On 20th March, Mrs Guttridge & Miss McGann were fortunate enough to attend the Warrington & Vale Royal College's Young Artist of the Year Award. Our school had four fantastic entries, from Marlies Woo, Cara Ng, Joy Pon and Abigail Campher.

We were delighted to see Marlies Woo win the Digital Artist category. Congratulations to all of our brilliant entrants. The Art Department are so proud of you.



## **Year 9 Immunisations**

Reminder that the School Immunisations Team will be in school again on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March for session 2 of the Year 9 Td/IPV (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio) and MenACWY (Meningitis ACWY) vaccinations.

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

## **Year 8 Immunisations**

Please click on the link to view a letter from the School Immunisations Team regarding the HPV vaccinations which are being offered to Year 8 students in school on 8<sup>th</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> May.

<https://t.ly/dy3vh>

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

## **Collective Worship**

This week as part of Collective Worship, students have been focusing on how they include others. We used the scripture from Samuel (16:7) to discuss the importance of recognising people as equal:

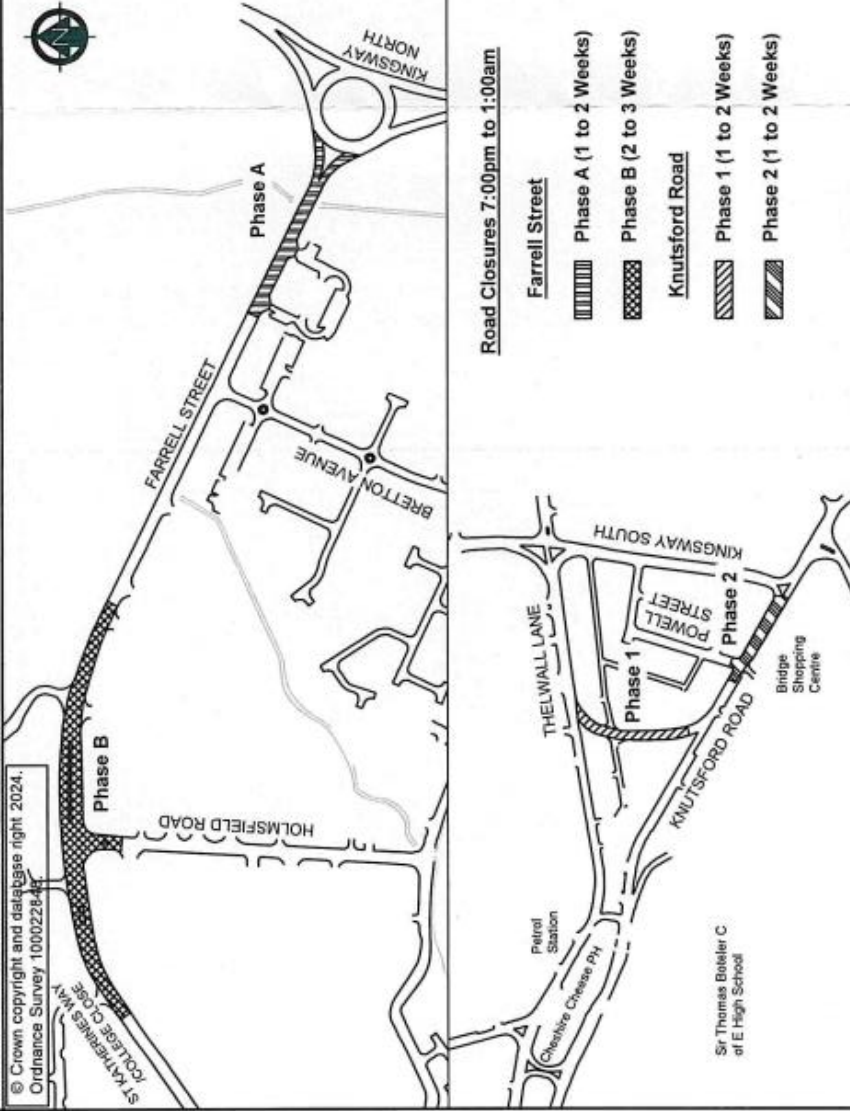
***"People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."***

This scripture also reminds us of our Christian value for this term, *humility*. We are all equal in the eyes of God, none of us better than the other and we should include each other. This is something that we are focusing on during our Easter services with all students this week. The Worship Ambassadors have worked hard on this service and the theme 'I passed on to you as of first importance', as Christians we are 'Easter People' and it is now our role to share the joy of the resurrection with others. Palm Sunday (24<sup>th</sup> March) reminds us that Easter is nearly upon us, we wish all of you a happy and blessed Easter season when it arrives on Easter Sunday. Please keep up to date with our weekly prayer and scripture via social media.



# Essential Roadworks

## Farrell Street & Knutsford Road Structural Maintenance Starting 18 March 2024 for 7 Weeks



Motorists, Residents and Businesses are advised that major works to resurface sections of FARRELL STREET and KNUTSFORD ROAD are programmed to commence on 18 March 2024, and will take up to 6 weeks to complete.

The works will take place with phased road closures between 7:00pm and 1:00am. All roads will be fully open to traffic outside the working times.

Additional information, including the signed diversion routes will be available at [www.warrington.gov.uk/roadworks](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/roadworks).

Information on affected bus services will be posted at stops prior to the start of the scheme.

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times during the works.

Vehicular access will be under the control of the contractor as directed on site. Vehicles parked on the road, verge or footway obstructing the works may be removed.

**Cones, barriers and signs are there for a reason - to protect our workers from danger and to keep the public safe. We urge drivers to pay close attention to safety when driving near roadworks.**

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[www.warrington.gov.uk/roadworks](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/roadworks)  
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## Wolfie's Holiday Club!

Warrington Wolves holiday camps are back! Running from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, we will be hosting a multi-activity camp for children of all abilities ages 6-11 at Great Sankey Primary School.

This half-term will be a HAF-backed camp, which allows us to support pupil premium students to participate completely free of charge!

Across the camp, children will have a huge variety of activities to participate in, from rugby to football to rounders and beyond as well as arts and crafts activities throughout the week! It is the perfect way for your child to spend half term, full of fun and activity! In addition to this, a healthy lunch will be provided to the children completely free of charge!

The camp runs from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, there is also an early drop-off available from 8:30 am at an additional cost.

Please follow the link below where you can register your child for the upcoming holiday club!

We hope that your child can join us this half-term!

<http://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/HolidayCamps2024/EntryForm?id=119458&mode=null>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by mobile or email.

Kind Regards,

Kyle Webster

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Please scan the QR code, or follow the link below, to be redirected to Enthuse where passes for the camp can be purchased!

Please use code: **SCHOOL15** for a 15% discount on your booking.



<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/HolidayCamps2024>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by mobile or email.

Kind Regards,

Kyle Webster

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# FULLY FUNDED EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP!

Date: 7<sup>TH</sup> March 2024



**STRIKER ACADEMY**

Dear Parent / Carer

Striker Academy have teamed up with your school to offer this amazing Holiday Camp this Easter for FREE for **children in receipt of free school meals**. The camp will take place on the days below. There are only 40 places and it will be first-come-first-served. You must be able to attend most / all of the four days. Your child MUST be in either Year 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7.

**Camp dates are: April 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm each day**

The Holiday Camp will consist of fun sports activities like Archery, Dance, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Handball with Arts and Crafts, Leadership Training, Wellbeing activities and more! And best of all, this camp is **FREE** to attend and is fully funded by the Government.

Every child will also get a **FREE** tasty, healthy meal included each day but they can of course bring in a healthy packed lunch from home if preferred.

As you can imagine it's going to be really popular so please make sure you book your child in online at the website below BEFORE March 22nd.

[www.strikeracademy.co.uk/haf](http://www.strikeracademy.co.uk/haf)

Step 1. Choose your school. Step 2. Book each child individually. 3. Check you email/junk for the confirmation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself at [info@strikeracademy.co.uk](mailto:info@strikeracademy.co.uk).

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Imtiaz Jamil', written in a cursive style.

Imtiaz Jamil  
Founder & Head Coach  
Striker Academy