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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. It is lovely to be back in school, seeing my wonderful young people and this week has been as busy as always.

The Naples Geography trip returned safe and sound on Wednesday. I am sure you will have seen in all the social media posts, just what a fantastic time they had. Our students were an absolute credit to you and to the school. We had so many compliments about their outstanding behaviour and manners. Huge thanks to Mrs Leatherbarrow and all the staff who enabled the trip to go ahead. There will be a full write up in the next Head's Herald.

I am excited about the next residential in June when the Year 7 will be travelling to Wales. I am looking forward to this in particular as I get to go. It is always a pleasure to be able to spend time out of the working school environment with my students and to get to know them that bit better. I just need to prepare myself for all the activities and the anti-gravity swing.

We had the results of the TCAT Parent/Carer survey this week and I was overwhelmed by all the positive responses from you. I cannot thank you enough for your support of the work I do and for the school. I am very grateful for the relationship I have with you and I do value your comments and feedback. However, please can I ask that you do not wait for a survey to address any worries or concerns you may have and that you email me or the relevant member of staff. We are always here to help, advise and support and will do our best with an issue you may have. We need to know about something in order to address it and if we do not know then we cannot be effective in helping you.

Please can I also ask that you respect the school rules and reinforce these with your child. Of course, you and your child are entitled to your opinions and I really respect them; however, I am not going to enter into any negotiations regarding the rules I set out, especially on uniform and standards. I am incredibly clear on my expectations and by choosing to be a member of the Boteler Family you are signing up to our rules and expectations. We want to put our time and effort into our young people and their learning and not to spend time entering into discussions around what is and is not allowed and why. The rules are very clear and communicated before the start of the academic year and regularly throughout the year as a reminder. Your help and support with this is very much appreciated.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and that the sun shines, rather than all the wet weather we have been having.



Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

The Power of Yet

During assemblies this week, Mr Leonard has delivered key messages regarding the importance of 'mindset' and the power of 'yet'. In essence, 'yet' serves as a reminder that our current circumstances or limitations do not define our potential. It encourages us to adopt a growth mindset, embrace challenges, and persist in the pursuit of our goals, knowing that success is achievable with time, effort, and perseverance. This very much links to the 'High Aspirations' of our school mantra.

Mr Leonard shared the concept of a growth mindset, popularised by psychologist Carol Dweck, emphasising the belief that abilities and intelligence can be developed through dedication and hard work, with a fixed mindset assuming that abilities are innate and unchangeable. We ask parents to reinforce this key message to their children, with such an approach benefiting the present and their futures. Some key points include:

- When your child says they can't do it, add 'yet'. Help them find another way or learn from the process
- Mistakes are sign off effort and not failure
- Challenges and setbacks offer an opportunity to develop resilience
- Mastery requires practice, to practice requires effort
- Watch out for those who avoid challenges due to a fear of failure, challenge young people to step outside their comfort zone
- A growth mindset encourages adaptability by promoting a willingness to embrace change and take on new challenges, crucial for this rapidly changing world we find ourselves in.

Personal Development

Year 10 students are taking part in a Mock Interview on Tuesday. We have over 20 employers in school. Students have prepared for this event by researching the company interviewing them and developing their answers to questions that they will be asked.

On 30th of April we are holding an information evening with the local colleges to inform parent/carers about what courses are on offer and how to apply. It is essential that you attend. The event is in the main hall starting at 6pm.

Please complete the attached link to book your place <https://forms.office.com/e/JwMn8nadEW>

Year 10 students have attended Andy Carters Careers fair at Parr Hall this week. This will give them an insight into post 16 opportunities.

As part of the Explore programme some students are visiting the company Buddha on Monday and Gulliver's World on Thursday. This will give our students an insight into the world of work, skills needed and jobs available in the local area and in these industries.

Post 16

With the news that Warrington Vale Royal are no longer offering Beauty Therapy, I just wanted to make you aware that St Helens College applications are still open should you have any students that wish to apply.

We also offer all our students aged 16-18 a free bus pass making it easy to travel into us and all students receive a free breakfast. [Financial Support \(sthelens.ac.uk\)](http://sthelens.ac.uk)

[Level 1 Certificate in Beauty Therapy \(sthelens.ac.uk\)](http://sthelens.ac.uk)

[Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy Studies \(sthelens.ac.uk\)](http://sthelens.ac.uk)

[Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy Treatments \(sthelens.ac.uk\)](http://sthelens.ac.uk)

[Level 2 Diploma in Nail Technology \(sthelens.ac.uk\)](http://sthelens.ac.uk)

[Level 3 Diploma in Nail Technology \(sthelens.ac.uk\)](http://sthelens.ac.uk)

[Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Makeup \(sthelens.ac.uk\)](http://sthelens.ac.uk)

[Level 2 Diploma in Hair and Makeup Artistry \(sthelens.ac.uk\)](http://sthelens.ac.uk)

If anyone is interested in applying please see Kim Dickson or Mrs Mawby urgently.

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 8th May and 15th May.

<https://t.ly/dy3vh>

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

WVR Young Artist of the Year

Year 10 student Marlies Woo featured on the front page of The Cheshire Times, with an article about the Warrington & Vale Young Artist of the Year Award on page 13. You can read the article here:

<https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&pubid=3a38be36-0b4e-4e25-b9f0-9dd97713dd8b>

Collective Worship

As we begin a new term we are focusing on our Christian value of Compassion. This week as part of Collective worship, students have been focusing on what compassion means and how they can show compassion in their lives. When we think about compassion, we are reminded of our school's Christian Vision as we are encouraged to follow the example of compassion shown by Jesus Christ. We have looked at scripture from Colossians (3:12) to discuss ways we can show compassion:

"clothe yourself with compassion and kindness."

This scripture reminds us of our duty to show compassion in our daily lives. Compassion is not about feeling sorry for people, rather understanding our differences and supporting each other to be the best that we can.

We ended last term with a wonderful celebration of our Easter Service, we celebrated our talents and I was pleased to say over 20 students were involved delivering our message 'I passed on to you as of first importance'.

Please keep up to date with our weekly prayer and scripture via social media.



DANCE EXPLOSION



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

2nd July 2024 ★ 6pm

At Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School

£2 per ticket

Tickets available from the main school office
