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Dear Parents/Carers

We have finally made it to half term. The Year 11 students are now about half way through their exams and are doing really well, as it very definitely is a marathon and not a sprint. The Year 11 students need to ensure they use the half term break to recharge, but also it gives them a bit of space for their own independent study building on the techniques and advice we have been sharing with them. Breaks are important and if they have a good routine of what works best for them in terms of how and when to study then they have a clear structure and plan. This then alleviates stress and pressure points and helps them to remain calm. There are a few sessions over half term and the students are aware of these. There is no pressure to attend but some students welcome the extra support and help.

I just wanted to let you know that we have secured a new catering contract and wanted to thank you for your patience regarding the food in the canteen. I appreciate there have been some issues this year and the new provider will start in September. It is really important my young people have access to good quality nutritious food and that the cost is appropriate for the quality they receive.

I have listened to student voice and the feedback from parents/carers regarding concerns and I have now been able to source a long-term solution. As you will be aware these things often take time but we have persevered because of its importance. I will let the new company settle in the new academic year and I will then speak to students and gather their feedback. The new company are really keen to listen to student voice and I have an initial meeting with them next half term, so I can share my vision and expectations regarding the offer I want them to provide.

Just a polite reminder about standards and punctuality as we head into our final term. It is so important that students are on time and ready for learning. We look forward to welcoming all our students back on Monday 3rd June 2024 at 08.20 in full uniform including school shoes. If there is any item of uniform a child is missing at present please ensure it is rectified over the half term break. If you need help with this, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a lovely half term

Kind regards



Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

Year 11 Exam Revision Timetable

I would like to congratulate our Year 11 students on completing three full weeks of exams. They have been excellent in the way they have approached the exams so far.

After the half-term break the exams continue, with two further full weeks of exams. All students are required to attend school up to and including Tuesday 11th June.

From Wednesday 12th June, students are only required to attend school for the revision sessions and exams outlined in the Year 11 Exam and Revision timetable.

A reminder that on Friday 31 May, during the half-term holiday, there will be Maths and English revision sessions. Foundation Maths students will have Maths with Mr Koltan 10:00 - 11:30 and English with Mr Vallender 11:30 - 12:30. Higher Maths students will have English with Mr Vallender 10:30 - 11:30 and Maths with Miss Jones/Miss Matthews 11:30 - 13:00.

Details of which exams and revision sessions are taking place after half term are below:

Half Term - Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May

	Date	Period One	Period Two	Period Three	Period Four	Period Five	Subjects Complete
WEEK 2	Mon 3 June	H Band – Geography/History C Band – English Maths Paper 2 (Calculator) Exam (1hr 30)	Option D	H Band – French/Spanish/ Hospitality C Band - Maths	H Band – English C Band – French/Spanish/ Art	Option C	
	Tue 4 June	H Band – Maths C Band - English Spanish Listening Exam (35/45 mins) Spanish Reading Exam (35/45 mins)	H Band – Science C band - French/Spanish/ Art	Option C History Revision	Option D History (Paper 2) Exam (1Hr 45)	H Band - French/Spanish/ Hospitality C Band - Maths Geography Revision	
	Wed 5 June	H Band – Maths C Band - Science Geography Paper 2 (Human Environment) (1Hr 30)	H Band – English C Band – Science	H Band – RE C Band – English H Band English Revision	H Band – Core PE C Band - RE C Band English Revision	H Band – Geography/History C Band – Maths	
	Thu 6 June	H1 – English H2/H3 – RE C Band – Science English Language: Paper 2 Exam (1Hr 45)	H Band – Science C Band – French/Spanish/ Art	Option D	H Band – Maths C Band – Core PE C Band Science Revision	H Band – Science C Band – History/Geography	English Language

	Fri 7 June	Option C	H Band – Maths C Band – English	H Band – English C Band – Maths	H Band – Geography/History C Band – Science Combined Science: Bio 2 Exam (1Hr 15) Triple Science: Bio 2 Exam (1Hr 45)	H Band – Science C Band – History/Geography	
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The Ben Kinsella Trust launches Knife Crime Awareness Week – 20th - 26th May 2024

The Ben Kinsella Trust this week launched Knife Crime Awareness Week 2024. This week-long initiative aimed to shed light on the detrimental effects of knife crime while providing educational resources about its risks and consequences.

#KnifeCrimeAwarenessWeek underscores the intricate nature of the issue, emphasising its profound impact on families and communities, and the crucial message that knife crime is preventable. As a school, through Personal Development sessions and further assemblies to take place next half term, we will further reinforce the messages of the campaign



Summer water safety

Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment and here are our tips to staying safe in the water during the summer:

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

- **Enter slowly and carefully**
Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water. 49% of those who lost their life were classified as swimmers*. Are you really a good swimmer?
- **Stay within reach**
Don't go too far and stay within a standing depth.
- **Always be supervised**
Over 70% of fatal accidents occur in the absence of professional supervision. Seek life guarded areas and always make sure some one is available to raise the alarm.

Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents.

Rivers and Lakes/Lochs pose the greatest statistical risk as there are often hazards that the average person is equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision.

In an emergency...

- **Call 999**
Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.
- **If you're in trouble FLOAT and call for help**
Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



STOP AND THINK



STAY TOGETHER



CALL 999



FLOAT

Personal Development

Try the Buzz Quiz with your child to find out which kinds of jobs and careers would be a good match for them. Follow the link to try: <https://careerpilot.org.uk/information/buzz-quiz>



The Buzz Quiz will tell you:

- What personality type they and which animal their personality type connects to
- Strengths and attributes related to their personality type
- Links to job profiles and job sectors on Careerpilot that may suit their personality traits.

The Buzz Quiz is **open access** and is a great fun activity to support students to start exploring possible future careers this summer term!

Post 16

In Year 11 your child should be attending the college Open events. Please put these dates in your diary for WVR

In September there will be a link to apply to attend on their website.

Warrington Campus – 5:00pm – 8:00pm

- Wednesday 9th October 2024
- Wednesday 6th November 2024
- Wednesday 20th November 2024

Students will be going on the college taster days on the following dates after half term:

Wednesday 3rd July – All Year 10 students to WVR all day

Monday 8th July – All Year 10 students to Priestley in the afternoon

Friday 12th July - Some Year 10 students to Cronton and Riverside College

Ambassadors

Year 9 students have completed their ambassador training and were presented with their Ambassador badge this week. They will now support the Year 6 students in their transition to high school and will be volunteering to help at the subject taster events and the transition days.

If they would like to, they can also help at Summer Camp. Congratulations to all students who completed this.

The dates are as follows:

- Thursday 13th June 3pm - 5pm
- Thursday 20th June 3pm - 5pm
- Thursday 27th June 3pm - 5pm

- Summer Camp Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August 10 am - 3pm.

Colomendy Visit – Year 7

Reminder that the balance for the Year 7 Colomendy visit is now overdue. Please can any outstanding payments be made via iPay as soon as possible.

If you have any problems, please contact Mrs Brown, Head of Year 7. sbrown@boteler.org.uk

Leavers' Hoodies

Please click on the link to view a letter from Mr Horne regarding Year 11 leavers' hoodies
<https://forms.office.com/e/GbtKbkLbDK>

Science Department

Please see below a fantastic photograph taken by Riley Cotterill of 8 Indigo

Question:

Is this a photograph of Mars, human skin, holly leaf or bacteria?



Answer:

This is a picture of the underside of a holly leaf. Riley had to peel off nail varnish which was then mounted on a slide and put under the microscope. The thickness of the varnish had to be 'just right' to allow the correct amount of light through it and also get a detailed imprint. Such was the brilliance of this work we were able to observe the detail at X400 magnification. This sounds not a lot but to get this amount of detail at X400 is fantastic.

It shows stomata - holes in the underside of a leaf that allow gas exchange within the leaf for photosynthesis and also regulate water loss. The centre of the circles are the holes surrounded by 2 guard cells which open and close the holes as needed by the plant.

The Warrington Guardian Education Awards

The Warrington Guardian Education Awards are back for another year and promise to be the best yet!

Thirteen awards will celebrate schools, nurseries and colleges across the town, honouring pupils and students, teachers and teaching assistants, and classes and teams.

We want to highlight everything that's good about Warrington's educators, shining a spotlight on innovation and best practice across the town.

Who should win one of our 13 awards?

There's pupil of the year for primary and secondary, class or team of the year and headteacher of the year as well as awards for teachers and teaching assistants.

We will also be handing out an outstanding achievement award, an unsung hero honour and an innovation award.

Entries are invited from teachers, parents, governors, pupils and anyone with knowledge of a particular school or education establishment.

All schools are welcome to enter as long as they are based in the borough.

Individuals or institutions can enter more than one category, but this should be made clear on the entry form.

Make your nominations here using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/zn1STFw2YF>

We welcome nominations from and for your school, your staff, parents and carers, and pupils.

Attached is a QR code to the email, as it takes people straight to the nomination form.

We will be launching the awards in this week's Warrington Guardian (out on Thursday) and on our website but nominations are open from today (Monday).

The closing date for entries is Sunday, June 16.

The Warrington Guardian
Education Awards 2024



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THE LGBTQ+ COUNCIL ARE HOSTING A

CAKE & CLOTHES SALE

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ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO **PEACE IN MIND**



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SUPPORTING

PRIDE MONTH



**SIR THOMAS
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THROUGH GOD, WE CARE

DANCE EXPLOSION

SHOWCASING A VARIETY OF YEAR GROUPS
AND DANCE STYLES FROM ACROSS
THE DECADES



2ND JULY 2024 18:00

AT SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

£2 PER TICKET - TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE MAIN SCHOOL OFFICE