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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well.

The Year 11 students can now see the light at the end of the tunnel. They have been amazing throughout this examination period and we are very proud of them. We are very much looking forward to celebrating with them at the Leavers' Service next week and at Prom.

The weeks are flying by and I just want to ensure that you are fully in the loop with any changes we are proposing for the next academic year.

As you are aware each Year group has a Head of Year. In the past, the Head of Year has stayed static. This decision was taken due to changes in personnel and how we were recruiting to the different positions. However, now we are fully staffed and have an effective system we have decided that the Head of Year will stay with their Year throughout their time at school. The relationship between the Head of Year and you as Parents/Carers is so crucial, we feel that by you having consistency and being able to deal with a person who knows your child really well, will only enable your child to flourish further.

Year 11 for the time being, however, will remain static due to the expertise around examinations from Mr Horne. He will remain Head of Year 11 and he is also the Senior Pastoral Lead. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience, which the Year 11 cohort benefit from.

Therefore, from September the head of Year staffing will be as follows:

Mrs Brown is currently Head of Year 7 and therefore will be Head of Year 8

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Mr Gwinnett is currently Head of Year 8 and therefore will be Head of Year 9

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Mr Wilcock is currently Head of Year 9 and therefore will be Head of Year 10

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Mrs Ashwin is currently Head of Year 10 and therefore will go to become Head of Year 7, because Mr Horne remains static at Head of Year 11.

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These changes will obviously take place from September apart from Mrs Ashwin's move. Mrs Ashwin and Mr Horne will work together on a handover from the Monday 17th June 2024 and then from Monday 24th June 2024 Mr Horne will pick up the Year 10 in a transition period so he can get to know them. Mrs Ashwin will then move to work with Mrs Mawby and the Year 6 Transition Team. She will be involved in visiting the Primary Schools and all the many Transition events that are planned for this half term.


In summary, if you are a Parent/Carer of a Year 7, 8 and 9 child nothing changes for you in terms of your point of contact for your Head of Year. If you are a Year 10 Parent/Carer then your Head of Year from Monday 24th June 2024 is Mr Horne.

We do always try and ensure that the Form Tutors remain with the same Form group throughout the 5 years at school. However, sometimes there are staffing changes and therefore unfortunately, the Tutor would have to change. Where at all possible, they remain with the group they have had from Year 7.

We are always reviewing our systems and practices to make sure they benefit the young person as they always remain my priority.

I am very much looking forward to the weekend as I am working/performing with Mrs Graham and the Boteler Dance Group on Saturday at the 'Bawming of the Thorn' in Appleton Thorn Village. Appleton Thorn village is the only village in England where the 'Bawming the Thorn' ceremony takes place. This ceremony take place on the 3rd Saturday of June every year. The thorn tree, which stands beside the church, is believed to be an offshoot of the Glastonbury thorn, which grew from the staff of Joseph of Arimathea. Adam de Dutton, a knight of the Crusades and local landowner, brought it to Appleton. Therefore, if you are around near Appleton, please drop by. We are performing around 15.00. I am just praying for nice weather.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverley Scott-Herron'. The signature is stylized with large, flowing letters.

Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

Year 11 Exam update

The last main exam that all students sat was the Science exam on Friday 14th June. Only students still to sit remaining exams in GCSE DT, Hospitality, Music or Further Maths are required to come into school following Friday 14th June for revision lessons as scheduled on the Exam Revision Timetable. This will conclude what has been a very long exam window for our Year 11 students. I would like to congratulate them on their conduct, punctuality and resilience during the six-week period of exams. I'm sure results day on Thursday 22nd August will be a very rewarding day for them. More details to follow from Mr Koltan about this next week.

Details of which exams and revision sessions are taking place next week are below:

	Date	Period One	Period Two	Period Three	Period Four	Period Five	Subjects Complete
WEEK 2	Mon 17 June	DT Revision	DT Revision Music Revision	Hospitality Revision Music Revision	Music Exam (1Hr 15)		Music
	Tue 18 June	Design and Technology Exam (2 Hours)			Hospitality Revision	Further Maths Revision	Design and Technology
	Wed 19 June	Further Maths: Paper 2 Exam (1Hr 45) Hospitality Revision	Hospitality Revision				Further Maths
	Thu 20 June	Hospitality and Catering Exam (1Hr 20)			Year 11 Leavers Service 13.30 Latchford Methodist church		

KS3 WA2 Assessments

KS3 students will be continuing into their second week of Working At assessments which started on Monday 16th June.

Year 10 Mock Exams

Year 10 will be sitting their Mock Exams starting on Monday 17th June and run for two weeks. Students will be sitting these exams in our real exam venues which we have been using for Year 11. This is to help prepare students for the conditions and environment they will need to work in during the Year 11 Mock Exams and the real GCSEs at the end of next year. These exams will assess all of the work covered since September and will be based on past exam papers and questions.

Morning Exams: start at 09:00. Students must arrive at school at 08.30 and go to form as usual. They will then be sent to the canteen at 08.45, where they will be escorted by invigilators to their exam venue.

Afternoon Exams: start at 13:00. Students must wait in the canteen at the end of lunch, where they will be escorted to the exam venue.

Please note it will be an early lunch for the mock exams (12.15 – 13.00).

Students **MUST** bring all the necessary equipment required (**including a scientific calculator**) for each subject. **Full uniform is to be worn for the exams.**

YEAR 10– MOCK EXAMS TIMETABLE JUNE 2024

WEEK	Date	Period 1 8.55	Period 2 9.55	Period 3 11.15	Period 4 12.15	Lunch 13.15	Period 5 14.00
1	Mon 10 June	MUSIC PERFORMANCE A 20 minute slot will be allocated by your teacher					
	Tues 11 June	MUSIC PERFORMANCE A 20 minute slot will be allocated by your teacher					

WEEK	Date	Morning 8.55	Break 10.55	Morning 11.15am	Lunch 12.15	Afternoon 13.00
2	Mon 17 June	RELIGIOUS STUDIES (Christianity and Judaism) 1 hour 45				
	Tues 18 June					OPTION B SUBJECTS History 1 Hour 15 Geography 1 hour 30 French Reading 1 hour/ 45 mins
	Weds 19 June					MATHS Paper 1 (Non-Calc) 1 hour
	Thurs 20 June					BIOLOGY 1 hour 15/ 1 hour 45
		Morning 08.55	Break 11.10	Morning 11.25	Lunch 12.25	Afternoon 13.00
	Fri 21 June	OPTION D Hospitality 1 hour 30 Sport Science 2 hours Design Tech 1 hour 30				ENGLISH LITERATURE 1 hour

WEEK	Date	Morning 08.55	Break 10.55	Morning 11.15am	Lunch 12.15	Afternoon 13.00
1	Mon 24 June	OPTION C Sport Science 2 hours Computer Science 1 hour 30 Geography 1 hour 30 Design Tech 1 hour 30 Dance 2 hours (with teacher)				CHEMISTRY 1 hour 45/ 1 hour 15
	Tues 25 June	ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1 hour 45				OPTION A SUBJECTS French Reading 1 hour/ 45 mins. Spanish Reading 1 hour/ 45 mins. Sport 2 hours Geography 1 hour 30 Hospitality 1 hour 30
	Weds 26 June	MATHS PAPER 2 (Calculator) 1 hour				FRENCH LISTENING 35/45 mins
	Thurs 27 June	PHYSICS 1 hour 45/ 1 hour 15				SPANISH LISTENING 35/45 mins
		Morning 08.55	Break 11.10	Morning 11.25	Lunch 12.25	Afternoon 13.00
	Fri 28 June	WARRINGTON WALKING DAY				

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2	Mon 1 July	ART ALL DAY					

Mobile phones

Further to the previous communications, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school rules relating to mobile phones.

Mobile phones, iPods and headphones are not allowed to be used or seen in the school building or on site during the school day.

- On entry to the school building, mobile phones, headphones or other electronic devices must be switched off and put in a school bag.
- Mobile phones and headphones should not be visible on a student. They are to remain in bags.
- Mobile phones will not be allowed to be used in lessons for research, or as a calculator or for telling the time. Students are not allowed to use mobiles as calculators in examinations and they need to have their own scientific calculator for this purpose.
- Mobile phones and headphones are not allowed to be switched on/used until students have left the school site at the end of the school day.
- In an emergency, please contact the school office and we will send a message to your child.
- Mobile phones or headphones seen in the building or outside during school time will be confiscated.
- Students will be able to collect the item at the end of the school day from the C3 room.

Where there are on-going concerns regarding the use of mobile phones, we will be escalating the sanctions. **If a student has their phone confiscated from them on more than one occasion, arrangements will be made for the student to hand their mobile phone in to staff upon their arrival, each day, for one week.** If this is to be the case for your child, we will contact you prior to ensure they are fully aware of plans, with your support needed in ensuring that your child knows and understands the rules.

Cheshire Police Drug Warning for communities:

We have received the below message from Cheshire Police and have been asked to ensure families and the community are aware of the concerns and findings.

Tests have been conducted on recovered drugs from bars in Manchester, before the festival season begins. Specifically, Park Life. Two samples have been found to contain Ketamine and Xylazine.

Xylazine is a sedative used by vets on large animals and has been found as an adulterant in heroin and other drugs. The use of this drug can cause extreme sedation and can be fatal. Mixing this combination of drug and alcohol at the same time can increase this risk.

We continue to educate our students in relation to keeping themselves safe and have sensitively referred to this new information.

Shirt Signing/Leavers Service

At 12 noon on 20th June 2024, we would like to invite all Year 11 students into the Hall to have Pizza (Dominos/Pizza Hut on us) and then at lunchtime you will be able to go around school to get your shirts signed from staff before the Leavers' Service. Students are then to congregate back in the hall at 13.00 and we will walk across together to the Methodist Church for the final time. The service will start at 13.30 and students will be dismissed from the church when it has concluded.

Therefore, for the Leavers' Service if you could please wear:

- Your blue school shirt – no tie. If you wish to wear a black top (not cropped) under your shirt with your shirt open that is fine.
- School skirt or school trousers.
- Black knee socks or tights if you are wearing a skirt.
- Black ankle socks if you are wearing trousers.
- School shoes or trainers are fine.
- Jewellery is fine.

Leavers Hoodies

If you wish to purchase a leavers hoodie you can do this via iPAY under School shop, Uniform, Yr11 2024 hoodies. The deadline for payment is the 20th of June and your child needs to inform Mr Horne of the size and colour (black, navy or grey) they wish to purchase. The hoodies will be handed out on GCSE results day (22nd of August) and if there are any questions please get in contact with Mr Horne or Mrs Allen.

Personal Development

Next week we have the last TCAT Parliament meeting for the school year. This is where all the TCAT schools come together to work on projects that the students feel need covering in our schools. In the last meeting Warrington Youth Council presented on their recent targets and we got involved in their Affirmation Bookmarks.

A selection of our Year 10 students will complete their ROAR course with Priestley College and then have time to prepare and write a university level essay to be marked in the coming weeks. A celebration assembly will take place this term to celebrate their hard work and perseverance.

Year 10 need to continue their research into which college, course, apprenticeship they would like to do once they leave school. The more time they spend researching this the better the outcome next year. Applications for college need to be in come September.

Wellbeing Council Leaders

The wellbeing council are sadly losing their Year 11 members, which means we are recruiting new additions to our team.

We are a welcoming, kind and attentive community with the mission to help, educate and support wellbeing and mental health within our school. We aim to create a safe space to make sure every student's voice is heard, as well as creating positive changes within our Boteler family.

If this sounds like the council for you, please pop into room 22 on Thursday lunch time, or speak to our council staff leads: Miss Giebka, Mrs Chilton and Mrs Horton.

Warrington Vale Royal College New Student Welcome Day

Has your child applied to go to WVR, if so they must attend and complete this registration today.

New Student Welcome Day, held at **Warrington campus** on **Tuesday 9th July 2024, 9.45 am – 1.00 pm**, is the final opportunity for applicants to try their chosen course ahead of starting in September. Applicants will sample a 2-hour session of their chosen course, alongside their future tutor and classmates, followed by a tasty free lunch and the opportunity to chat with our various Support teams, Transport team and Apprenticeships team.

Places are given on a first-come first-served basis, so it is really important that those who wish to attend register now to claim their ticket.

To register, applicants must visit <https://wvr.ac.uk/events-news/nswd>

Collective Worship

As we begin a new term we are focusing on our Christian value of Friendship. This week as part of Collective worship, students have been focusing on celebrating our differences and accepting each other. When we think about friendship, we are reminded of our school's Christian Vision as we are encouraged to follow the example shown by Jesus Christ who treated everyone equally. We have looked at scripture from Genesis (1:27):

“God created man in his own image.”

This scripture reminds us that each person is created by God, our lives are sacred and we should treat each other with respect and care. Life is a gift given by God, each human is created special. As June is Pride Month, we are invited to treat everyone as equal and celebrate our uniqueness.

The Worship Ambassadors are busy planning some exciting activities to celebrate 'Friendship' this term. We will re-launch the successful 'Pay it forward' initiative in July so we can celebrate the important friendships we have in our Boteler family. They are also busy planning for an exciting Summer Service on the theme 'Being Spiritual'. Please keep up to date with our weekly prayer and scripture via social media.

Year 7 Residential to Colomendy

On Monday 3rd June – Wednesday 5th June, 100 Year 7 students and 10 staff enjoyed a fun- packed few days of outdoor challenges and adventures on their Year 7 Residential to Colomendy, North Wales. Located in the picturesque countryside, the trip aimed to provide students with a unique learning experience and foster their personal development.

It was an action packed 72 hours with students challenging themselves to take part in activities that were designed to enhance their physical, mental and social skills.



Activities included Caving where students not only faced their fears of enclosed spaces but those who were scared of spiders proved to be extremely brave as the odd one appeared within the cave.

Students and staff eagerly took on challenges that pushed them out of their comfort zones, conquering the Jacobs Ladder, Tree climb and the Leap of Faith.



During the evening we enjoyed a relaxing night walk and an entertaining camp fire where the students had the opportunity to toast marshmallows. These moments fostered a sense of camaraderie and provided a platform for the students to bond with their peers.

All though there was not much sleep, there was lots of laughter and memories created to last a life time. Overall it was a really enjoyable time away spent with friends.



Well done to Team Lotus!

Well done to team Lotus! The amazing industrial cadets in Year 9 completed their industrial cadets STEM assessment on Thursday morning. They presented to a panel of judges online and talked very eloquently about how they worked as a team to build a scale model of a community garden, embedding STEM throughout. They presented the research they had done and how their ideas impacted the environment. They have attended weekly after school sessions and have even worked through lunches to complete the project! We are so proud of them, and the judges commented on how professional they were and how confidently they presented! Well done everyone.

DO YOU WANT TO PERFORM HERE DURING HALF TIME OF THE WARRINGTON WOLVES V HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS GAME ON THE 5TH JULY 2024?



FREE ticket to a Wolves match?

We are inviting you to take part in an exciting opportunity on Friday 5th July at the Halliwell Jones Stadium, where Warrington Wolves take on Huddersfield Giants. Warrington dance groups and our school have been invited to perform on the pitch at the half time. This could be you! This is a fantastic opportunity to perform alongside hundreds of other dancers and support the Warrington Wolves!

A set routine will be choreographed to be performed on mass. The choreography will be completely inclusive of all ability levels and suitable for a range of ages. Each performer and one group leader per team will receive a **free ticket** to watch the Warrington vs Huddersfield fixture and there will be a **discounted ticket offer available for family and friends as part of our "Kid for a Quid" offer** in the West Stand of the stadium. Adult tickets are also discounted at £5 per ticket.

Student who are interested need to attend a short meeting in the Ball Hall on Monday at break time with Mr Burbidge.

Girls Rugby League 9s Competitions

On Thursday morning Year 7 and Year 8 Rugby teams competed in the Warrington Wolves schools 9s competition at Victoria Park. Incredible effort and great to see some new faces trying out the game! It was then the turn of our KS4 girls who came 2nd overall. Punching above our weight again for the size of our school!



National School Sports Week 2024 – Monster Kickabout!

This year's theme, **powered by** Sports Direct's Monster Kickabout, brings a special one-off Euro 2024 event that emphasises football as a means to engage young people **in 60 minutes a day of PE, sport and play**. We will be organising the following 5 a side tournaments at lunch starting on Tuesday 18th June. No need to sign up - just head to the school field when it is your year groups day:

Tuesday 18th June: Year 7

Wednesday 19th June: Year 8

Thursday 20th June: Year 9

Friday 21st June: Year 10



Sports Day 2024

Students - save the date! Excitement is building amongst both staff and students about Sports Day this year. One of the main principles of our House system is engagement. On sports day this is recognised through participation and competition. All students will score points for their House for being part of their team. Further points will also be awarded depending on the position achieved by the team in each event. As always, we look forward to witnessing some intense rivalry between the Houses.

It is an all day event, with students off timetable offering a wide variety of sporting activities including Football, Tag Rugby, Dodgeball and a 'Challenge Zone'. There will also be traditional track events taking place in the morning. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate Parents/Carers spectating at this event.

What the students need for the day:

- Students are to come in full PE kit with their blazer on
- Students will need their equipment for the day (school bag, ISP and pencil case) in the event of cancellation due to bad weather
- There will be a refreshments tent to buy drinks and snacks so feel free to bring some small change however bringing your own water bottle is advised
- A positive attitude to embrace the day – normal school systems apply.

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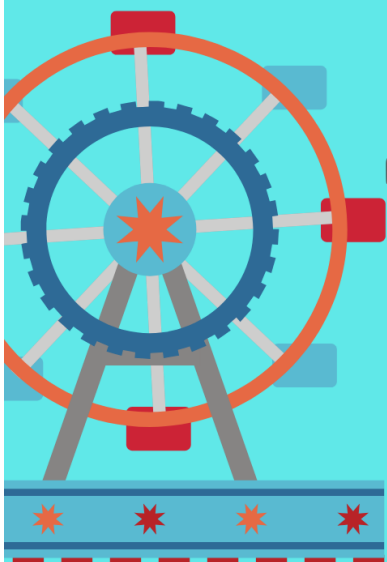
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DANCE EXPLOSION

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