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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. Please can I just remind you that we cannot just let a child leave school during the day. If your child is needed to attend a medical or dentist appointment then you need to physically come into school and sign them out. An email and or phone call will not suffice. Again, if we phone you and tell you that your child is unwell then you will need to collect them please from school and sign them out. We would never call you unless we felt they were so unwell they could not stay in school. I appreciate this may be an inconvenience, however we have to ensure the students are safe whilst they are in school or school hours. Some children are on specialist timetables and it is on a contract when they leave, that is different and can still happen without collection.

I also wanted to brief you on a change we are going to make to Year 10 and Year 11 regarding where they line up. On reflection the lines at the back of school are not working and it is having a negative impact on punctuality and standards. Therefore, we are going to move Year 10 and Year 11 back to the front of school only this time the Tutors are going to have to go out the front and stand with them. The whistle will still be blown to ensure they are quiet at 08.25 for an orderly and calm entrance. We will continue to provide hot bagels in the lines as we do at the back of the school.

The students will come in to school by the doors near the KS3 toilets at 08.25. Due to Health and Safety however, the main drive to school will NOT be accessible to anyone between 08.15 and 08.30. The only exception being is for the DP bus and the taxis that bring our most vulnerable students. I am looking to implement this before the end of term, so the current Year 9 and Year 10 will move to get used to the system before September. However, this will probably be the last two weeks of term, but I will confirm I just wanted to give you a heads up.

I said I would review the parking situation and the use of the Ball Hall car park. I am pleased to say that the system at present is working and I wanted to thank you for your support and patience of not entering at 15.00 and waiting until 15.10 to leave. Thank you for working with me as the solution we came up with worked and most importantly keeps out young people safe.

We are set for a heatwave next week and I am sure I will be inundated with requests to wear PE kit. I will adapt the uniform if necessary and the directive will come from me regarding any changes. I am sensible and I will keep my eye on the temperatures and I will always give you a rationale for my decisions. I do my best and work within the parameters and information I have. As it stands it is full uniform on Monday. However, please ensure your child has a water bottle and sun cream with them just in case.

I really hope you have a lovely weekend and that I have now not jinxed the weather.

Kind regards



Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

Year 11 Examinations

Congratulations to all our Year 11 students who have now completed all their GCSE exams. The duration of the exam season this year has been very long indeed. Some students have had exams for seven weeks! On Thursday, Year 11 students were invited into school for shirt signing and a Pizza lunch before we walked across together as a year group to Latchford Methodist Church for our Year 11 leavers' service. The service was the final opportunity for students to join together as a year group and a celebration of their time together which I'm sure will be a very memorable experience for them.

Year 10 Mock Exams

Year 10 have completed the first week of their Mock Exams. I have been really impressed by their attitudes and conduct in their first set of Mocks. Year 10 Mocks continue next week with the results of these being sent out to parents in the last week of term.

KS3 Working At (WA) Assessments

KS3 students have now completed their Working At (WA) two assessments. The results of these assessments will be sent out to parents on Wednesday 10th July.

Food hamper support for families

MCKS Charitable Foundation UK (MCKS) 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 must note, we do have a significant amount of stock that will need to go before we reach the summer break.

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 your child's Head of Year or Mr Leonard (jleonard@boteler.org.uk). All requests for support will be treated sensitively.

A big thank you to MCKS.

Behaviour and Standards

As we approach the end of the academic year, we will not be letting up in our drive for the highest possible standards and expectations for all of our students. There is much to look forward to in the final weeks of the term, where every day offers new opportunities and experiences. Please work through the below with your child/ren, so that there are no wasted opportunities and we achieve the best possible educational outcomes for all students.

School rules – Ready, Respectful and Safe

School rules play a crucial role in maintaining a safe, structured, and conducive learning environment. Here at school, we aim to keep the rules simple and easy to understand, therefore, we ask students to be **READY**, **RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE** at all times. We work hard on the consistent application of these school rules because we know that they serve several important purposes, including:

Safety: School rules are designed to ensure the safety of students, staff, and visitors. Rules about behaviour, dress code, and the use of equipment help prevent accidents and injuries.

Order and Discipline: School rules provide a framework for maintaining order and discipline within the school. They help establish a structured and predictable environment where students can focus on learning without disruptions. Rules related to classroom behaviour, respect for authority, and consequences for misconduct help create a positive learning atmosphere.

Promoting Respect and Responsibility: School rules emphasise values such as respect, responsibility, and fairness. By adhering to these rules, students learn important life skills and values that are essential for their personal and social development.

Academic Focus: School rules can support academic excellence by minimising distractions and ensuring that classroom time is used effectively. Rules related to punctuality, attendance, and the use of electronic devices help create an environment conducive to learning.

Preparation for the Future: Following school rules teaches students about the importance of adhering to rules and regulations, which is a valuable skill in both their academic and future professional lives. Learning to respect deadlines, follow instructions, and work within established guidelines prepares students for success in the real world.

Inclusivity: School rules can also play a role in promoting inclusivity and equity. Rules that prevent discrimination, harassment, or exclusion based on factors like race, gender, or disability contribute to a more diverse and inclusive school community.

Parent and carer support in ensuring their children understand and follow rules is crucial to them reaching their full potential, and we very much appreciate the partnerships we have with all of our families.



OUR SCHOOL RULES

AT SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL YOU MUST BE:

READY
RESPECTFUL
SAFE

Warrington Food Pantry

The Warrington Food Pantry at Fearnhead Youth and Community Centre has now re-opened

- **Opening hours are Wednesday & Thursday 10.00am – 1.00pm**

Warrington Food Pantry is the first of its kind in Warrington and is a joint venture between the council, local housing providers Clarion Futures of Clarion Housing Group, Torus and Warrington Foodbank.

The pilot project has been set up at Fearnhead Youth and Community Centre to support residents to improve their health and wellbeing.

People can be referred to the pantry by the council and local partners, including the Warrington Wellbeing service, Torus, Clarion, Citizens Advice Bureau and local GPs. Once registered, service users can pay a weekly £3.50 membership fee, which entitles them to choose a basket of 10 items of food worth up to £20.

Who to contact

Contact Name	Lyn Mullen
Contact Position	Senior Administration
Telephone	01925 443057
E-mail	lmullen@warrington.gov.uk

Where to go

Name	Fearnhead Community Centre
Address	Insall Road Fearnhead Warrington Cheshire

Time / date details

When is it on	Wednesday & Thursday
Time of day	Morning
Session Information	Sessions are drop-in from 10.00am to 2.00pm

WARRINGTON FOODBANK WE ARE HERE FOR YOU...

Read here...



 **184,248**
meals provided to Warrington families
in 2023

 **1962**
People fed in December 2023
1,175 adults
787 children
Equating to 17,658 meals

 **90%**
of low-income households on
Universal Credit are currently going
without essentials

<https://warrington.foodbank.org.uk/>

Ways to support a child or young person



Be there to listen

Regularly ask your child how they're doing, to help them get used to talking about their feelings, and know there's always someone there to listen. You can get tips on [Young Minds: How to talk to your child about mental health](#).



Support them through difficulties

Pay attention to how your child is feeling or behaving and try to help them work through difficulties. It may not be easy facing challenging behaviour, but try to help them understand what they're feeling and why. Learn more from [the Maudsley Charity on difficult behaviour](#).



Stay involved in their life

Show interest in their life and what's important to them. It not only helps them value who they are but also makes it easier for you to spot problems and support them.



Encourage their interests

Support and encourage your child to explore their interests. Being active or creative, learning new things and being a part of a team helps connect us and boost our mental wellbeing.



Take what they say seriously

Listening to and valuing what they say makes them feel valued. Consider how to help them work through their emotions in constructive ways. [Anna Freud Centre's guide on ways to support children and young people](#) has



Build positive routines

Try to have structure around regular routines, especially around healthy eating and exercise. A good night's sleep is also important, so have a fixed time for going to bed and getting up. The [Sleep Charity has relaxation sleep tips for children](#).

Support for parents and carers

If you're concerned about a child or young person's mental health, you can get free, confidential advice via phone, email or webchat from the [Young Minds Parents Helpline](#).

[Action for Children](#) has lots of tips to help you spot signs of mental health issues in children and advice on the action you can take to help.

Barnardo's has also set up the [See, Hear, Respond support hub](#) – a dedicated service to help children, young people and their families or carers with problems caused by the coronavirus outbreak.

Experiencing the loss of a friend or loved one can be extremely difficult. The [Childhood Bereavement Network](#) has information and links to national and local organisations you or the child you look after might find helpful.

Any professional that works with children and young people should be able to help you get support. You could talk to a teacher, school nurse, social worker or GP.

You can find more information about [NHS children and young people's mental health services \(CYPMHS\)](#) on the NHS website. You can also look at [your local Clinical Commissioning Group](#) website, and most services also have their own website with information about access, referrals (including whether you can "self-refer") and contact details – try searching in your area for "CYPMHS" or "CAMHS" (children and adolescent mental health services, an older term used for some CYPMHS).

If you are worried about a child or young person who has or may have an eating disorder, check if your local Children and Young People's Community Eating Disorder Team accepts self-referrals and contact them as soon as possible. You can also speak to your GP. [Beat](#) has lots more useful advice for children, young people and adults.

If you look after a child that has additional needs, [Mencap](#), the [Mental Health Foundation](#) and [the National Autistic Society](#) all have excellent resources and support for parents or carers of children with learning disabilities or autism.

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, including their mental health, you can contact the [NSPCC Helpline](#) 7 days a week, via the website or by emailing help@nspcc.org.uk or calling 0808 800 5000. It does not have to be an emergency – you might be looking for guidance and support. Dedicated NSPCC child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

Personal Development

Transition

It has been lovely welcoming our Year 6 students into school these past two weeks. Year 9 Ambassadors have been true role models for the students. Our Year 9 ambassadors have supported the taster sessions by helping in the classrooms, meeting and greeting, speaking with parents/carers, tour guides and answering any questions that the Year 6 students may have.

We have another week to go and then the Year 9 ambassadors will be supporting Year 6 on the transition days.

TCAT Parliament

This week saw the last of the years TCAT Parliament meeting at the TCAT training centre. We were joined by Warrington Youth Council and the Public Health team.

The students from across the TCAT schools took part in shaping the feedback for the RSE framework as well as designing the logo for the public Health team.



Year 11

Please support your child in attending their college taster days and ensuring that they have secured their next steps at college.

Warrington Refugee Week 2024 Celebration Event

The theme is 'Our Home'



Free cultural & information event. Come and tell us what 'Home' means to you and celebrate Warrington's diversity.

**Friday 21 June, 2 - 4.30pm at the Gateway,
Sankey Street, Warrington, WA1 1SR**



**Refugee
Week**

Leavers Hoodies

The deadline for payment for the leavers' hoodies has now passed. All hoodies will be handed out on GCSE results day (22nd of August).

If there are any questions please get in contact with Mr Horne or Mrs Allen.

Boteler Tonics

Boteler Tonics rehearsals have now settled on a **MONDAY lunchtime** and **WEDNESDAY after school**.

'Be your true you' Day

This week, as part of Pride Month, our LGBTQ+ Council held a 'be your true you' day. For a 50p donation, staff and students could wear an accessory to school which expressed themselves, and at lunchtime a cake and clothes sale was held. This was a huge success, resulting in over £100 being raised for the LGBTQ+ Council's charity of choice: Peace & Mind. Peace & Mind is a charity dedicated to improving mental health in today's society, by promoting mindfulness to create a more compassionate and supportive community for all.

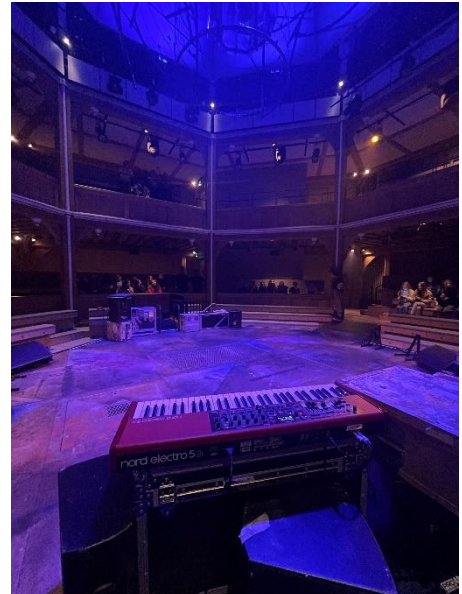
If any student would like to join our LGBTQ+ Council, however they identify, come along to the fortnightly meetings on Week 1 Friday lunchtimes in room 26.



'Twelfth Night'

"On 13th June, the English department had the pleasure of accompanying Year 9 and 10 students to see a production of 'Twelfth Night' at Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescot. The students were fully immersed in the performance and enjoyed themselves greatly.

They were particularly fond of Les Dennis' Malvolio and his yellow crosses!"





Community Foundation



Warrington
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Warrington
Disability
Partnership

WARRINGTON



An OnSide Youth Zone

Party in the Park

EXCLUSIVE DAY SESSION FOR SCHOOLS & GROUPS

FOR DISABLED CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE,
YOUNG & YOUNG ADULT CARERS

FEATURING

SILENT DISCO - INFLATABLES - FACE
PAINTING & GLITTER - SENSORY AREA -
ARCHERY - WATER GUN PAINTING - DJ &
ENTERTAINER - GAMES - CRAFTS

July, 11 2024
AT WALTON GARDENS

12PM - 2PM



BOOK YOUR
SCHOOL OR GROUP
A PLACE NOW!

TURN OVER
FOR THE FULL
SCHEDULE



Party in the Park

EXCLUSIVE DAY SESSION FOR SCHOOLS & GROUPS

WHAT'S ON, WHEN?

 12PM - 1PM	 SILENT DISCO	 ARCHERY	 FACE PAINT & GLITTER	 WATER GUN PAINTING	 INFLATABLES	 SIT DOWN VOLLEY BALL	 SENSORY ZONE	 MASK MAKING
 1PM - 2PM	 SILENT DISCO	 BOCCIA	 FACE PAINT & GLITTER	 FLAG MAKING	 INFLATABLES	 RUGBY	 SENSORY ZONE	 BRACELET MAKING

PICNIC AREA AVAILABLE FOR PACKED LUNCHES



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Free
Entry

July, 11 2024

AT WALTON GARDENS

5PM - 8PM



HELP US PLAN THE
PARTY BY
REGISTERING YOUR
ATTENDANCE

TURN OVER
FOR THE FULL
SCHEDULE
AND MENU



Party in the Park

WHAT'S ON, WHEN?



5PM - 6PM



SILENT DISCO



ARCHERY



FACE PAINT & GLITTER



WATER GUN PAINTING



INFLATABLES



SIT DOWN VOLLEY BALL



SENSORY ZONE



MASK MAKING



6PM - 7PM



SILENT DISCO



ARCHERY



FACE PAINT & GLITTER



PICK & MIX PARTY FOOD



INFLATABLES



RUGBY



SENSORY ZONE



BISCUIT DECORATING



7PM - 8PM



SILENT DISCO



BOCCIA



FACE PAINT & GLITTER



FLAG MAKING



INFLATABLES



RUGBY



SENSORY ZONE



BRACELET MAKING

SANDWICHES

- HAM
- CHEESE
- TUNA
- AND MORE!

FRUIT

- MELON
- STAWBERRIES
- BANANA
- AND MORE!

PICK & MIX PARTY FOOD MENU

- CRISPS
- CAKES
- TREAT BAGS
- AND MORE!

DRINKS

- FRUIT SHOOT
- WATER
- AND MORE!

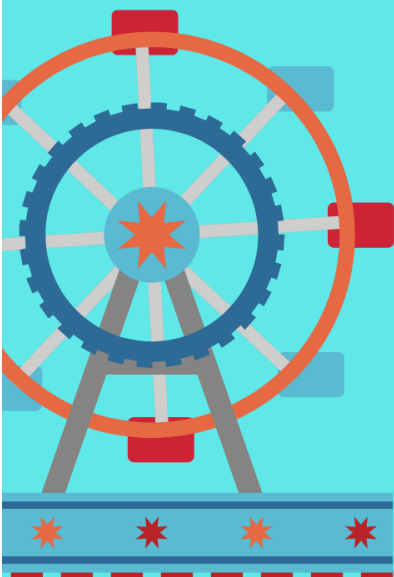
SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday 28th July
12noon to 3pm
WESTY PARK,
BRIDGEWATER AVENUE,
LATCHFORD

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN FOR THE FAMILY!

RADIO WARRINGTON
PAINT WITH PAUL EXHIBITION
STALLS
FUN GAMES
ACTIVITIES
REFRESHMENTS
CIRCUS SKILLS
RIDES





**SIR THOMAS
BOTELER**
CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL
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