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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. The weather seems to have changed again and we are now back to the normal British weather conditions. Therefore, please can you support me in ensuring that your child comes to school in full uniform again. Blazers (jackets for staff) are being worn in and around the building again please. However, it is still essential that your child remains hydrated and therefore, we recommend that everyone brings a water bottle with them to school.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to pass to share with you some of our fantastic successes of the past week alone.

We won a LA Commendation for all our work we do on inclusion in school. I was presenting at a Headteacher's Conference on Monday and I was delighted to receive the award on behalf of the school. A huge thank all the staff and especially Miss Power and the SEND Team.

Our rowers performed brilliantly at the Regatta last week and we had some fantastic wins; the Year 8 girls in particular being the top in Warrington. Mr Kinsey and I went down to the riverside to support and cheer them on. Thanks to Mrs Graham for going week in week out with all the rowers and to Mr Johnson for taking them to the Regatta.

Our Year 9 STEM Ambassadors won the 'Teamwork' award from EDT Industrial Cadets at Liverpool University and they were competing with some very high performing independent schools from across the entire North West. They also had a nomination for Project of the Year too. This is an amazing achievement. Many thanks to Miss Stalmach for taking and supporting them.

We had the wonderful TCAT Performs Concert on Wednesday night, which was an amazing spectacle of talent from across all the TCAT Schools, Academies and Colleges. The atmosphere was electric. Mrs Graham did a fabulous job pulling the whole event together and comparing the evening. Huge thanks and well done also to Mrs Butcher who assisted with all the logistics and stage management. There were over 1000 people there and it was incredible. We had some of our amazing dancers performing and they were just superb. The Senior Leadership Team all went to watch and support and it was a privilege to be there.

The Transition events are going really well. I had 'An Audience with the Head' for Year 5 parents and Carers on Monday and we received overwhelmingly positive feedback. This event was so they could get to know me and the school as a precursor to our Open Evening in September.

The calendar is very busy in these last few weeks so please keep checking the Arbor App and our social media pages for updates. Thank you for your continued support as always.

Events information and you are welcome to come and support

- Dance Explosion Tuesday 2nd July 2024 18.00
- Temi Ambimbola Testimonial Football Match Wednesday 3rd July 15.45 at CNCHS
- Academy Sports+ Awards Evening Priestley College Wednesday 3rd July 2024
- Rugby 9s Finals at Victoria Park 17.15 Thursday 4th July 2024

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverley Scott-Herron'. The signature is stylized and cursive, with the first name 'Beverley' and the last name 'Herron' clearly visible.

Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

Awards Evening - Wednesday 10th July 2024

We will be celebrating the successes of our students for the academic year 2023/24 on Wednesday 10th July. Having held the celebration for the previous academic year in September, we are reverting back to hosting this prestigious event in the final weeks of the summer term.

There is much to celebrate, with us looking forward to coming together in recognition of the many successes, including the outstanding performance of the overall winners within a range of categories. We have extremely High Expectations, High Aspirations and High Standards at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School and we wish to formally recognise the performance of our wonderful students.

Overall winners will this week be informed of their success, receiving their invitation to the evening. If your child has won an award, please engage with the communication and send your replies in at the earliest convenience, and before the deadline of Monday 8th July 2024.

If your child has not won an award this year, next year could well be theirs. We will be celebrating further student successes before the end of the school term during assemblies and during the school day.

Personal Development

Reminder that Year 11 should be attending their college taster days at this time. Please support them in doing so. Remind them to keep checking their emails to see if the colleges have contacted them.

On results day I will be in school with Kim Dickson our careers advisor to ensure all students know what to do next and how to enrol into college.

If your child has still not secured a place at college, on an apprenticeship or a job please contact me urgently. Your child must be in Education or training until they are 18.

Year 10

Year 10 students have an exciting few weeks ahead of them visiting the colleges and preparing/researching the courses they would like to study once they leave us in a year.

Year 9

The Year 9 ambassadors have been incredible over the last few weeks supporting the Year 6 transition events. They have offered support in both the classroom, the students and the parent/carers.

EDT Industrial Cadet Celebration

On Wednesday 26th June our team of 6 year 9 students (Emmerson Smythe, Amy Bold, Bobby Buckley, Connie Ng, Jayden Yeung and Hinson Lau) attended the EDT Industrial Cadet Celebration event with Miss Stalmach and Mr Corrigan where they all graduated with their bronze award!

Over the last 12 weeks the students have worked with Miss Stalmach after school and at lunch times to create a community garden design; they worked as a team to build a model of the garden, research innovative engineering solutions to potential issues as well as writing a project report.

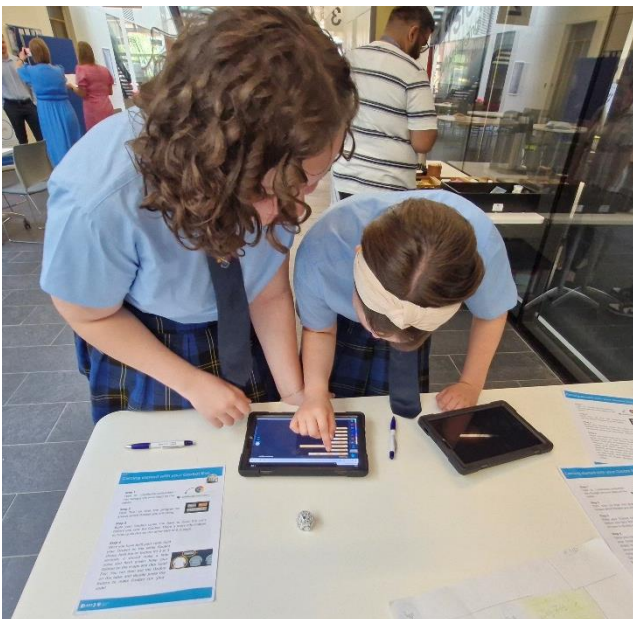
We worked alongside our engineering mentor Sam from Jacobs (an engineering company) and were also interviewed by EDT. The students presented their findings to a panel of industry experts on the 3rd June who assessed their project and provided excellent feedback!

The graduation event was held at the University of Liverpool. When we arrived, we were so pleased that a quote from our student Connie was used in the EDT celebration event leaflet! First the students presented their project to all of the other teams at the event (over 50 teams took part from a variety of different schools including independent and grammar schools). Our team were confident and eloquent when presenting their project!

We then took part in some fun STEM activities including coding a robot to move, dance and even display emotions! We then went on a tour of the University where we saw a flight simulator in the department of engineering as well as the student union, lecture theatres and an onsite gym.

Finally, at the awards presentation, in the afternoon our team's hard work and communication skills were recognised as we won the **'Teamwork Award'** where they received a trophy, beating over 50 teams from all over the Northwest, to the prize! Our amazing team were also nominated for project of the year, making the shortlist of 4 teams!

We are so proud of their achievements, well done everyone!



Year 10 Certificate in Marine Biology Awards

Since November 2023 a selection of extremely hard working Y10 students have taken part in an extensive course studying the life beneath our oceans. This is not a course for the faint hearted as it requires dedication and lot of hard work in their own time after school for an hour every week.

Just to give you a feel for what they have achieved. The students have studied the following: -

How the oceans were formed, what they look like today, how they differ with depth, the differences different the areas and what this means to the life within it, the phytoplankton and zooplankton.

The polar seas and the life that has evolved to make this their home, the physical environment, the competition that exists and the arctic food web.

The Rocky shore, how animals can live out of water, the zonation of animals and algae as we look up the shore, the competition between species.

Coral reefs, the 4 major types and how they form, why are they the shape they are? The sea level rise 6,000 years ago, how the reefs sustain such biodiversity, the dangers they face.

Hydrothermal vents, their discovery in 1977, how they form and quickly disappear, the different types, the animals that can only live around them, how delicate they are and is this where life on earth first emerged?

Marine toxins and venoms. We look at the most potent toxins, where they originate from and how they get into you, then their effects.

In-between all these we examine the major animal types found within the oceans. We look at their body structure, how they move, reproduction both sexually and asexually, their evolution, feeding strategies, defence strategies, larval life histories and settlement. We examine, sponges, corals, jellyfish, anemones, hydroids, shellfish both sessile and mobile, nudibranchs (sea slugs), squids, octopus, crabs, shrimps, lobsters, barnacles, urchins, starfish, brittlestars, sea cucumbers, fish and the sharks.

Further to celebrate their achievements, in September when they are Year 11, we will take them for a day at The School of Ocean Science, Bangor University. Here they will perform marine field work and analysis in the labs, getting a taste of what it's like to study at University and work in the field of ocean science.

It was unfortunate that some could not make the official presentation, however a huge congratulations to all 25, from myself and the whole of the science department.

Year 9 expedition into STEM with Priestly College and Solvay

Year 9 students had the exciting opportunity to visit Priestley College for a day with one of Warrington's largest employers - Solvay. Students along with Mr White, had the chance to work with Priestley teachers examining specialised plant cells from tissues they extracted themselves. Cell observed included xylem cells, guard cells and trichome cells, with excellent practical skills displayed.

Students then worked with individuals from Mako Create, where they were tasked with creating pieces of coding for drone flights. Students competed in a game of Noughts and Crosses where they programmed the flight path. After a convincing 2-0 showing, the winning team was Lexie Whyte, Ella Withington, Camelia Prajescu, Ariana Marinos and Amy Bold.

To end the day, students attended a Higher Education event, getting to speak to different companies in a variety of fields featuring apprentices, as well as people from universities up and down the country.

The Year 9 students were an absolute credit to Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School, and should all be very proud of themselves. A great day had by all!



Two weeks until Sports Day 2024!

Thursday 11th July

All Year groups have had an assembly this week about the aims of Sports Day, how the day will work and the role that every student can play in making the day a real success. 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. **Other sports clothing is not permitted** so please ask students to check they have the **full and correct** PE kit this week.
- 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**
 - If the weather continues to be warm, please ensure sun cream is applied before school and/or sun cream is brought to school.
- A positive attitude to embrace the day – normal school systems apply.

PE Kit 'what ifs'

- If your child is feeling unwell but in school please bring PE kit and we will adapt the lesson accordingly.
- If your child is injured or cannot take part in a PE lesson, please bring PE kit and we will ensure they still have a role within the lesson such as a referee or scorer or coach.
- If students have long hair, bobbles are compulsory and they will need to borrow if forgotten.
- If students choose to wear a skirt or shorts, navy blue sports socks must be worn.
- If a student has out grown their PE kit at this time of the year there is a uniform and PE kit 'swap shop' UP IN Art students can trade items free of charge.

Consistent high standards of PE is needed to ensure students access the full PE curriculum and are ready to learn. Having PE kit every lesson also ensures students can change into dry, clean uniform after the lesson.

What can you do to help?

- Have conversations with your young person about when their PE lesson is and check their timetable (which will be in their ISP).
- Ensure students pack their equipment the night before.

Many thanks for your support.

The PE Department.

Our Rowing Crews compete at the North West Schools Regatta

Our Year 8 Rowing Crews competed in their final competition (Regatta) on Wednesday at Warrington Rowing Club. This is our 6th year working in partnership with British Rowing and Warrington Rowing Club to offer 'All Aboard Youth Rowing'.

Our crews did exceptionally well winning all of our Races by some distance and we now await our time trail results to see our final finishing position. We saw off strong competition from Bridgewater High School and Lymm High School to win every race. Congratulations to all our Rowers and to Mrs Graham for their dedication to the Gym or out on the Mersey every week since September.

The initiative based at Warrington Rowing Club wanted to "smash" people's perceptions of the sport as being the sole preserve of elite universities and the privileged few.

Warrington Youth Rowing Club was set up in 2016 to widen access to the sport for young people in the town. Co-founder Richard Sinnott said participants gained and honed many new skills through rowing, including team working, dedication and discipline.

"Teamwork is the obvious big one," he said, "but they learn respect - respect for their crew mates, for the teachers and the coaches.

"And we are very keen on the fact that they should learn respect for nature and wildlife, and be in the outdoors."

Mr Sinnott added: "We wanted to smash the elitist image of the sport and to bring it back to the grassroots and to show the world that you don't have to be an Oxbridge graduate to take part in a truly wonderful sport." He said students looked "forward to this session every week because it's just something totally different".

We are looking for our new Year 8 crews for next Year so any Year 7 students who is interested, please speak to the PE Department.



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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



Community Foundation



Warrington Carers Hub



WARRINGTON



An OnSide Youth Zone

Party in the Park

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

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
- STRAWBERRIES
- 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

