







## headsherald

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another fabulous but busy week for the Boteler Family.

We had our wonderful Year 6 students in last week on our Transition programme. They had a fantastic time and it was lovely to see them already displaying our High Expectations, High Aspirations and High Standards in the lessons they participated in.

We had the 'Dance Explosion' performance as well as the TCAT Sports+ Awards Evening. Both events were a real success and a showcase for the talent we have in school. I am very proud of all involved.

Last weekend we saw our Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition team venture out into the Peak District; and this weekend our Bronze students went on their expedition more locally. Huge thanks to Miss Barnes, Mrs Williams, Mrs Guttridge and Mr Koltan for giving up their weekend to support them. We are really proud of all our Duke of Edinburgh students. The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is so worthwhile and the many skills the students gain from all the areas they participate in are really valuable to them. Employers and colleges do look at these extra qualifications favourably and these important life skills will remain with the students, whatever they decide to do going forward.

Our Dancers performed again this past Friday night at the Warrington Wolves game at half time, which was a great opportunity for them all.

It is our Awards Evening this week. Again, another chance to come together and celebrate. Sports Day is on Thursday and the build up is becoming very tense as all the Houses become more and more competitive - and that is just the staff. We are praying for good weather but as always, we have a plan B.

Many thanks as always for your continued support and if there is anything you need please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Beverley Scott-Herron

Headteacher

#### Rewards Day - Monday 15th July 2024

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July we have our school Rewards Day. We have invited students attending Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Chester Zoo but also have some activities running in school for those not attending the trips.

The day is a non-school uniform day for all students regardless of whether they are attending a trip or not. We ask that appropriate clothing and sensible footwear is worn for all activities and I would like to reinforce Mrs Scott-Herron's message as a reminder that cycling shorts and crop tops cannot be worn on non-school uniform days.

Further specific guidance will be sent to the parents and carers of students who are attending the trip.

We hope all students have a great day as we celebrate their hard work from across the academic year.

#### **Personal Development**

The Year 9 Ambassadors have been extremely busy these last 2 days supporting our Year 6 students on their transition days. The ambassadors have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and have sown compassion and endurance throughout. Over 60 Year 9 students have been involved. We are extremely proud of them.

Next week we will welcome Year 5 students into our school and Year 7 Ambassadors will be supporting their Taster days.





#### Mental Health Support Team



## WELLBEING WEBINARS

Your MHST is running a series of webinars one Friday a month on a number of topics relating to mental health and wellbeing.

#### **TOPICS AND DATES**

- · Neurodiversity 26 April
- Parent Skills for Behaviour 17 May
- LGBTQ+ 21 June
- Emotional Regulation 19 July



WHEN 4pm to 4:45pm



WHERE

Zoom

(link will be emailed)



To register please email which webinar you want to attend to events@merseycare.nhs.uk

> Webinars will be recorded. No chat function will be available for safety purposes.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/self-harm/

How to close our website quickly







If a young person in your life is self-harming it can be distressing and confusing. It may be difficult to start a conversation with them.

They might be doing it because they don't have the words to explain what they're experiencing. But it's important you know that you can support them. There are resources and advice for children and young people on Childline.

## Other ways to get help with your mental health

#### Free listening services

These services offer confidential support from trained volunteers. You can talk about anything that's troubling you, no matter how difficult:

- Call <u>116 123</u> to talk to <u>Samaritans</u>, or email: <u>jo@samaritans.org</u> for a reply within 24 hours
- Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the <u>Shout Crisis Text Line</u>, or text
   "YM" if you're under 19

If you're under 19, you can also call <u>0800 1111</u> to talk to <u>Childline</u>. The number will not appear on your phone bill.

These services will only share your information if they are very worried about you or think you are in immediate danger.

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

#### 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 Imullen@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



#### **Temi Ambimbola Memorial Football Match**

On Wednesday we had our Temi Ambimbola Memorial Football Match - Staff v Year 11 Students. It is 15 years since we lost Temi, but his sprit remains with us and was definitely with us on the football pitch that afternoon. It was so wonderful that the amazing Ambimbola family could be there with us too.

It was a very competitive match, which provided much entertainment. The final score was 4-4.

Many thanks to all those who came to support, also, thank you to our amazing referees Ollie and Elliott Barnett from Year 10.



#### **STEM at Priestley College**

15 Year 10 students attended an immersive STEM session at Priestley College, exploring the question 'Can we eradicate Disease?' joined by students from 2 other TCAT high schools. The presenters were medical researchers from Oxford University who gave a question and answer session on life in and around university.

Through a series of different tasks, the students researched different diseases that infect us on a regular basis. Students then learnt about vaccines and how they work, not only on an individual level, but how they can protect whole communities, countries, continents and indeed the world population as a whole. Students then investigated vaccine trials and the barriers that exist when rolling out a vaccine programme.

A brilliant STEM session that is so prevalent and created by the people researching the topic today. Thank you Oxplore!



#### **Collective Worship**

We continue to focus on our Christian value of Friendship. Last week some of our ambassadors and the Ethos Council walked to represent Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School for Warrington Walking Day. It was a wonderful celebration and the students were an absolute credit to us. It was brilliant to see so many of our students in the crowd, supporting those walking from our school, primary schools and the Parish churches.

This week as part of Collective worship, students have been focusing on celebrating Thank You Day which is celebrated on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Thank You Day was launched in 2000 as a way to give thanks for support from services during the pandemic. We are using it as an opportunity to thank each other for the kindness shown throughout the school year. Students are invited to nominate someone from our school community to receive a 'Thank You' award for their kind actions. We have looked at scripture from 1 Thessalonians (5:11):

### 'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.'

This scripture reminds us that each of us is special and needs to be encouraged. We can celebrate our successes by recognising the good in others. The Worship Ambassadors are busy planning for an exciting Summer Service on the theme 'Being Spiritual' next week. Please keep up to date with our weekly prayer and scripture via social media.







A COLLABORATION OF PERFORMING ARTS FROM OUR ACADEMIES





On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June we hosted TCAT Performs at The Parr Hall in Warrington. 13 of our academies were involved in this spectacular event showcasing the vast array of performing arts talent.

From Matilda to Blood Brothers, K-Pop to Contemporary dance, it was a night to remember. Our contribution was 'Dance Fusion' a K-pop/commercial mash up choreographed by Macy Tang and Indigo Chan in Year 10. They performed alongside 5 of our Year 9 students who will begin studying BTEC Dance in September (Bea Fox, Grace Dean, Evie Little, Lily-Mai Wells, Sophie Kirk). They opened the show and set the standard high for the other acts to follow.

It was a joyful and collaborative event that celebrated all the members of the TCAT community. We were so very proud of our young people.













#### ARE YOU READY FOR THE BIGGEST HOUSE BATTLE OF THE YEAR?

Sports Day is next week...

- Students come to school in full Boteler PE kit.
- Students register in form rooms as normal at 8.25am. Leave bags in form bases.
- Tutors bring form out to the field no later than 8.40am ready for the Opening Ceremony and sit in Year groups.
- Students to bring small change as there is a tuck shop selling refreshments and snacks.

8.45 – 9.00	Opening Ceremony
9.00 - 9.15	Staff House Tug of War
9.15 – 11.15	Track events (200m, 100m, 4x100m Relay)
11.15 - 11.30	Staff House Relay Race
11.30 - 12.15	Activity 1
12.15 - 13.00	Activity 2
13.00-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.15	Activity 3
14.15-15.00	Activity 4

Activities 1-4 will last 45 minutes. Students will compete in their House against all other Houses in a round robin or timed format and all scores collated. **There will be a central timing system**. Once an activity has been completed students will rotate to the next activity. **Students will remain in Year groups. The four activities this year are:** 

Dodgeball Tag Rugby

Football

Challenge Zone (climbing wall, tyre flip race and pull, 1000m team row)

#### OARSOME ROWERS EXCEL AT NORTH WEST SCHOOL REGATTA

Our Year 8 Rowing Crews competed in the North West Schools Rowing Regatta last week and performed incredibly well. We entered a girls crew, boys crew and an open crew. The time trials were a success with our students bringing home:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Girls race (Warrington Schools)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place in the girls County race (North West Schools)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place in the Open crews race (North West Schools)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Place in the Boys race (North West Schools)

From never stepping foot in a boat or even trying the sport previously our students have worked very hard to develop technique, rowing specific fitness and above all a determination to always improve and never give up!

Our thanks go to Mrs Graham and the coaches at Warrington Rowing Club for building relationships with our students what has been 9 months they will never forget.





#### **RUGBY 9S: RUNNERS UP MEDALS FOR OUR BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS**

Our Year 10 Boys Rugby 9s team and our Girls Year 9 and 10 9s team qualified for the schools finals at the Asics Stadium on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

We came up against two very talented and experienced Penketh High School sides which all play together outside of school at club level. The boys lost narrowly and the girls fought hard in a competitive fixture.

We are proud to announce that both teams were awarded with runners up medals. We will be back next year! Well done to all students who represented our school last night and especially those who are new to the sport.



#### **Prom**

Mr Horne would like to say a big thank you to all the staff and students involved at the Prom.

Everyone looked amazing and we had a wonderful night with lots of positive feedback.





You are invited to the

#### ADHD Support Group Meeting Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 7:30-9:00pm

St Oswald's Social Club, Padgate Lane, WA1 3LB

07486 124414

#### Our Aim

The aim of the group is to provide help and support to anyone affected by ADHD/ADD and associated conditions.

We don't claim to be experts, just families that have come together to support each other.

You do not need to have a confirmed diagnosis, and this is NOT something we can help with, but we are here to listen and share our experiences.

#### **Working Together**

The group is predominately led by parents. Members can be involved as little or as much as they would like.

Confidentiality is paramount so parents and carers can share their problems - this is sometimes half the battle. Being understood is the other.

We also encourage you to tell us what is missing within your support network.

#### Our July Meeting

This month a member of the Committee will talk to the group about

ND (neurodivergent)
and the power of emotions
'disentangling anxiety'

Have your questions ready.

#### Your friendly support group

Join the group and......

- Meet your Committee
- Meet new friends
- We can listen and support you
- Meet professionals and gain valuable knowledge



There is a small charge of £1 to cover the cost of refreshments.

Facebook: @AdhdWarrington

The ADHD Support Group is adults only (for now) and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings. If you would like to contact us, please call **07486 124414** 









Free

Entry

# 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

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



WHAT'S ON, WHEN?







5PM - 6PM



ARCHERY



**WATER GUN** PAINTING FACE PAINT & GLITTER





INFLATABLES















SENSORY ZONE

INFLATABLES

PARTY FOOD

PICK & MIX

FACE PAINT &

GUITTER

ARCHERY

SILENT DISCO

6PM - 7PM











SENSORY ZONE



























TREATS CRISPS CAKES

FRUIT SHOOT

 AND MORE! WATER

TREAT BAGS

AND MORE!



 STAWBERRIES • MELON · BANANA

AND MORE!

**FOOD MENU** 

PICK & MIX PARTY





**Stalls** Games Food Music Prizes!

Winwick Leisure Centre Myddleton Lane Winwick, WA2 8LQ



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Registered address: Petersfield, Sefton House, Bridle Way, Bootle, L30 4XR

For raffle tickets, please contact: Lynn Skilky 07880384727





FREE ENTRY FUN DAY: 13TH JULY 2024 (11AM SAM)

Warrington Wolves tickets Chill Factore Manchester voucher

Funny Boyz Liverpool meal, ticket & show for 10 Everton FC signed photograph

Family portrait experience worth £250

Everyman Playhouse Liverpool tickets

Junkyard Golf Manchester tickets & drinks voucher Freedome trampoline voucher

& more prizes!

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