

HEAD'S HERALD

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well.

We have had a wonderful but busy week and I am not sure where the time has gone.

On Thursday 26th September, we had our Open Evening. This was our biggest Open Evening success ever with 340 families (1250 people) through the doors. Each department provided engaging activities – from recording the news with Mix56 radio station in the English department, the Maths Grand National, fire bubbles in the Science labs and popcorn popping in Food Technology. Plus, many, many more. The Hall was at full capacity for my welcome speech and there has been much positive feedback from the visiting families. Thank you so much for all your support in encouraging your families and friends to come and visit us, it is really appreciated.

It feels like we have entered a new era. We are proud to have an excellent reputation and are very grateful for the support of the local community, who recognise the holistic care and academic excellence we aim to provide for all our young people. Our vision of High Expectations, High Aspirations and High Standards is visible in everything we do and all our students believe and know they can and will succeed. It's really important that no child gets left behind or becomes a statistic or number. All our young people need to know how valued and precious they are. I am very blessed with incredibly talented staff, who firmly believe in our school vision. They take their role really seriously and this is a vocation, not just a job. They embody the importance of being responsible for children's lives and the pathways that students take, because of their interactions.

I'm really proud of everybody and really grateful to you all for all your support. Together we are achieving what Sir Thomas Boteler set out as his goal half a millennium ago, which is to provide the highest quality education to the young people of Warrington.

Kind regards

Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher



SAM Learning

As part of our SAM learning introduction you will notice that the number of homeworks will now start to increase as we gradually engage with the system more and more. It is important that students, as part of our focus on student agency, manage their own homework demand i.e. checking SAM learning regularly and ensuring they meet deadlines.

In addition to 'tasks set' on SAM learning, there are also 'challenges' which are accessible for students to test themselves in the core subjects. This will reinforce their knowledge and will also tailor their learning to address any fragilities.

If you have any queries or concerns re SAM learning please do not hesitate to contact Mr Kinsey – ckinsey@boteler.org.uk

The Inspire Programme at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School

Tutor time is a vital part of the school day and helps us to develop the 'whole child'. Each student is placed in a tutor group with students of the same age group, led by an assigned member of staff. Below is the overview of tutor time provision which is known as the 'Inspire Programme'. We encourage you to talk to your child about the sessions they receive during tutor time and ensure that they arrive to school on time, so they do not miss out on the vital personal development and growth opportunities.

Week1

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Mentoring/RFP	Collective Worship	Literacy	Personal Development	Collective Worship (Hall)
8	Personal Development	Collective Worship	Literacy	Collective Worship (Hall)	Mentoring/RFP
9	Personal Development	Collective Worship	Collective Worship (Hall)	Literacy	Mentoring/RFP
10	Personal Development	Collective Worship (Hall)	Collective Worship	Literacy	Mentoring/RFP
11	Collective Worship (Hall)	Collective Worship	Post-16 Pathways	Personal Development	Revision/Study Skills

Week 2

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Essential Skills	Collective Worship	Literacy	Post-16 Pathways	Collective Worship (Hall)
8	Post-16 Pathways	Collective Worship	Literacy	Collective Worship (Hall)	Essential Skills
9	Post-16 Pathways	Collective Worship	Collective Worship (Hall)	Literacy	Essential Skills
10	Post-16 Pathways	Collective Worship (Hall)	Collective Worship	Literacy	Revision/Study Skills
11	Collective Worship (Hall)	Collective Worship	Post-16 Pathways	Mentoring	Revision/Study Skills

- 1) Personal Development /Post-16 pathways** - Year group specific sessions designed to support students to become confident, healthy, resilient and respectful citizens, who are fully prepared for life and work and are ready to tackle the challenges and opportunities of today and tomorrow. Careers education will be a key feature of the programme as well as tailored intervention sessions.
- 2) Collective Worship** – Collective worship takes place both in the classroom on a daily basis and also joining together in the school Hall. Collective Worship is a high-quality experience, supporting our school’s mission statement and Christian Values.
- 3) Reading for Pleasure (RfP)** – A literacy initiative to promote a love for reading, with students required to bring their own reading material and enjoy a period of silent reading.
- 4) Mentoring** – support for students, both formally and informally, allowing for student growth, promoting reflection and looking at areas for improvement.
- 5) Literacy** – a range of activities will take place to develop the student’s reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- 6) Revision/study skills at KS4** – Dedicated time for students to practice evidence-based revision techniques and strategies.

Attendance

Huge congratulations to 555 of our students who are currently on 100% attendance since the beginning of term. This is a huge achievement and we thank you for your continued support.

What does persistent absentee mean?

If your child takes too much time off school, they will become categorised as a persistently absent (PA). For your child to become a PA at the start of the academic year, this only takes 3 instances. The equals to 10% of their overall attendance.

Recording of an absence

Please remember to call each morning and speak with Miss Mannion regarding your child's absence. If your child is absent and you haven't let school know, this absence will go down and unauthorised.

Personal Development

Warrington Careers fair taking place on 13th November at the Warrington Youth Zone. 1pm – 7pm for Year 10 and 11 students

Currently there are 64 exhibitors booked from 12 industry sectors, FE, HE ITP, and voluntary groups and is an excellent opportunity for students deepen their knowledge regarding future pathways into education, training, work experience and employment.

To view the current exhibitors click the Eventbrite link and follow the link to the Google form which gives links to their websites, information about opportunities and the dates of any open days they are holding in the coming weeks.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/warrington-careers-fair-your-future-your-choice-move-on-public-sign-up-tickets-976060973647>

Please could you share this link with your Year 11 child. It is a follow up survey from Priestley College after their assembly.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQY6I7Y17_vsgBQG2UTifaGBVkkC4Kvdy0kRXgClfHdKu5Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Resilience Workshops

The Amy Winehouse foundation will be visiting school on Monday and Tuesday to deliver workshops to Years 8-11 and an assembly to Year 7 on risk taking behaviours and resilience. Here is a link to the charities website: <https://amywinehousefoundation.org/>

Vaping

All students will be watching the Jordan North documentary "The truth about vaping" during form time this week. Please discuss this with your children. Here is a link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001xj1p/jordan-north-the-truth-about-vaping>

Work Experience Year 10 and 11

After the success of our recent NHS National AHP Work Experience session, I am delighted to extend an invitation to your students in years 10-13 year groups for our upcoming session on Sunday 6th October, 8:30am - 5pm, focusing on Communications & Fractures.

Register here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

The NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience offers a unique opportunity for aspiring healthcare professionals. It's a rare occasion for students to hear from our exceptional guest speaker, Lucie Rochfort, a seasoned Speech and Language Therapist, with a wealth of knowledge and insights to share.

Lucie will provide invaluable guidance to help these future professionals embark on their dream healthcare careers. Following Lucie's talk, students will gain an intimate look at the healthcare industry in the LIVE virtual work experience, delving into diverse roles within allied healthcare and taking a closer look at patient care by following the journeys of two patients from incident through to treatment.

The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience is the largest programme for aspiring healthcare professionals, having successfully invited over 12,000 students to participate in its programme last academic year - many of which have gone on to study:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

Registration Link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Once registered, students will receive access to their virtual work experience portals. Better yet, every complete session comes with a Work Experience Certificate, and for those who complete the full 6-month programme, there's a Highly Commended Reference – a golden ticket for their apprenticeship and UCAS applications.

Registration will start at 8:30am, with guest speaker Shelley from 9-10am, then the live work experience session starts at 10am, with an end at 5pm. Plenty of breaks are scheduled throughout.

Students can register at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible.

Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs, or £50 for the full 6 months:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Dr Siva
Chief Mentor

Enquiry Form: <https://airtable.com/apph4QZ0ZOVDK9N3Y/shrM6UPT8Z2uxx7OL>
Allied Healthcare Mentor Helpline: 01530 417299 (Open 10am - 5pm Monday - Friday)

Work Experience – Year 10 and 11 Medicine and Dentistry information

Gaining valuable work experience is a must-have for medical and dental applications, and we understand the challenges your students may face while finding the right placement. Luckily, medical and dental schools have accepted Virtual Work Experience as a valuable alternative to in-person shadowing, and can play a significant role in preparing students for their in-person work placements through structured teaching and opportunities to speak directly with healthcare professionals.

Our Virtual Work Experience Programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Medic & Dental Mentor. It is free to participate in, and is open to any student across the UK from 14 years old and above who has attended one of our FREE virtual Get Into Conferences!

Our next Get Into Medicine Conferences are:

- Sunday 29th September, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Saturday 5th October, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Sunday 6th October, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Register here: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Our next Get Into Dentistry Conference is:

- Saturday 28th September, 9:30am - 3:30pm

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

The Get into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry Conference is a complete guide to the medical or dental application journey. Students get essential insights into the medical/dental UCAS application process (such as the NEW personal statement structure), connect with professionals, fellow students, and gain a deeper understanding of a future career in medicine or dentistry.

Our conferences will provide tailored advice, covering essential topics such as:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical/Dental Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements - New format from 2026
- Medical/Dental School Interviews
- UCAT - Entrance Exams to Medical/Dental School
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

Students will be awarded a certificate of attendance, which can be listed on their UCAS applications for 'activities that support higher education'.

Students and parents can register for FREE here:

Medicine: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

Please ensure you have a functioning camera and microphone for the session. It's also important that you have a parent or guardian present at these conferences, not only for safeguarding but also to gain insight and guidance to support you effectively.

Our doctors, dentists and medical/dental students look forward to welcoming your students at the conference and they will join our network of successful students who attended these programmes over the last ten years: <https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to drop me an email

education@medicmentorfamily.org or call our team on 01530 417299. Thank you for working with us to make a difference to your students.

Parents' Forum

We are pleased to inform you that our first Parent Forum will now take place on Thursday, 10th October, following feedback from parents. This change allows us to better accommodate your availability.

Based on the responses from the recent Parent Forum information form, we have chosen Exam Preparation and Study Skills as the focus for this session. This event, tailored for KS4 students, will run from 18:00 to 19:00 in the Main Hall and will include presentations from the Heads of Department for English, Maths, and Science. They will provide a comprehensive breakdown of each course, key information regarding assessment dates, and share effective strategies to help you support your child's learning at home. It's a great opportunity to gain valuable insights into how you can play an active role in your child's academic success.

Refreshments, including tea, coffee and cake, will be provided to create a welcoming and relaxed environment.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

A reminder that the Year 11 Parents' Evening is scheduled for Monday 30th September from 15:30 to 19:00. Please ensure that students attend in full school uniform. We look forward to discussing your child's progress and addressing any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see many of you at these important events.

Years 7 – 11 Childhood Flu Immunisations

Please click on the following links to view letters from the School Immunisations Team regarding the upcoming Flu Immunisations

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 letter – <https://t.ly/BPHn7>

Year 11 Parent/Carer letter – <https://t.ly/DLmgL>

Year 11 Student letter (aged 16) – <https://t.ly/pTO3k>

If you have any questions, please contact the School-aged Immunisation Team on 01925 946808

Collective Worship

We begin our school year by focusing on our Christian value of Hope. This week the Ethos Council and Worship Ambassadors have been leading an Inspire Collective Worship for each Year group, the question they are asking us to consider is 'What is hope?' and they invite the students to consider the impact being hopeful has on our lives.



23 students across Year 7- 11 have taken part in the Collective Worship; using candles to show that even in the darkest of times, if we have hope we can be reignited. We have looked at scripture from Jeremiah (29:11):

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

This scripture reminds us that God has a plan for us and to have hope means to trust in God’s plan. The Ethos Council are planning lots of exciting events, beginning with Harvest including a food collection for our local food bank. Please donate non-perishable items if you are able to. Please keep up to date with our weekly prayer and scripture via social media.



European Languages Day

We celebrated European Languages Day today at Sir Thomas Boteler with lots of activities. Members of staff all wore a label telling students what experiences they have with languages, the message being that languages are not just for the MFL department. Did you know that Miss Mathews speaks Welsh? Miss Barnes can speak some Greek and our Chaplain has a GCSE (O-Level) in German.

Everyone took part in a languages quiz during form time and Year 7 and Year 8 students also enjoyed a languages treasure hunt; they had to find out which member of staff has a duolingo streak of 720, who has an a-level in French, and who can speak fluent Welsh.

KS3 students took part in Zoom meetings with students and staff from MMU and learned about the importance of learning languages and different future career paths involving languages. To finish off the languages fun the MFL classrooms were a hive of activity with students competing for prizes in booklet quizzes testing their numbers skills in French, Spanish and Italian. All in all, a fantastic day raising awareness of how important knowing different languages is and how fun language learning can be.



Great Britain's triumph at the Paris Olympics and Paralympics

The Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics was an inspiring showcase of Great Britain's dedication, talent, and perseverance. Our athletes shone on the global stage, bringing home an impressive haul of medals across various sports, from athletics and cycling to swimming and gymnastics. Team GB won 65 medals at the end of the Olympics in Paris, beating their Tokyo total by one. Great Britain Paralympics team matched their medal haul from Tokyo on the final day of the Paris but achieved eight more golds overall. Their success is a testament to the power of hard work, teamwork, and a passion for sport.

One of the most memorable moments was watching our athletes embody the Olympic motto: "Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together." This powerful message isn't just for elite athletes, it's a reminder for all of us that through sport, we can push our limits and achieve incredible things, especially when we support each other. As you reflect on the Paris Games, think about how you can bring that same spirit into your own life. Whether it's joining a new sports team, setting personal fitness goals, or simply trying something new, sport offers countless opportunities to grow and succeed. You don't have to be an Olympian to experience the joy and benefits of staying active and working towards your best self.



The resilience of these young Olympic athletes from around the world reminds us that it is a beautiful accomplishment to win a medal, but the beauty lies in the trying. Félix Dolci will have to live the rest of his life wondering about the "what-if" of that moment after his fall in gymnastics, but the rest of the world received a masterclass in how to dust yourself off and try again. Dolci is not the only athlete to suffer a major blow and keeps on going. Brazilian gymnast Flavia Saraiva competed with a black eye after a bad fall in practice to help her team earn a Bronze medal, U.S. trail cyclist Haley Batten suffered a broken wheel early in her race and came back to claim silver. And so many others who have experienced a tough time yet kept on going, medal or not. Too often in the Olympics, we focus on medal counting and breaking records, but the real lessons come from the athletes themselves. It is not only talent that makes them Olympians, but hard work, dedication, and tremendous perseverance. I think we forget that sometimes. Life often does not go our way, even when we've worked incredibly hard to prepare ourselves for the big moments. An important message for our students as they tackle this academic year.

WHAT'S GOOD TO WATCH THIS MONTH?

Here's a list of major sporting events taking place in October 2024:

NFL London Games
Gallagher Premiership Rugby Union
Formula 1
ICC T20 Women's World Cup
Premier League (Football)

NEXT WEEK - PE AND SPORT

- Monday 30th September: Warrington Schools' Cross Country
- Tuesday 1st October: Year 7 and Year 9 Boys Football in the Warrington Schools' League, Year 8 and Year 10 Football training week (school field)
- Wednesday 2nd October: Year 7 Girls Football tournament at Beamont Collegiate Academy
- Thursday 4th October: Year 7 Rugby triangular tournament vs Kings Leadership Academy and St. Greg's (STB school field, 3.30pm)

STB HAS TALENT

What about our sporting achievements at STB? Did one of the Olympic sports inspire your child to become active and explore the outdoors? Do we have a future champion? We know some students are quietly modest about their successes, but we would love to celebrate their achievements. If your child has represented their district, County, Borough or shown success in their sport, we would love to know. Please keep the PE department updated with their successes so we can regularly update our Honours Board. Let's showcase the STB talent!

Get in touch with us:

@thomasboteler

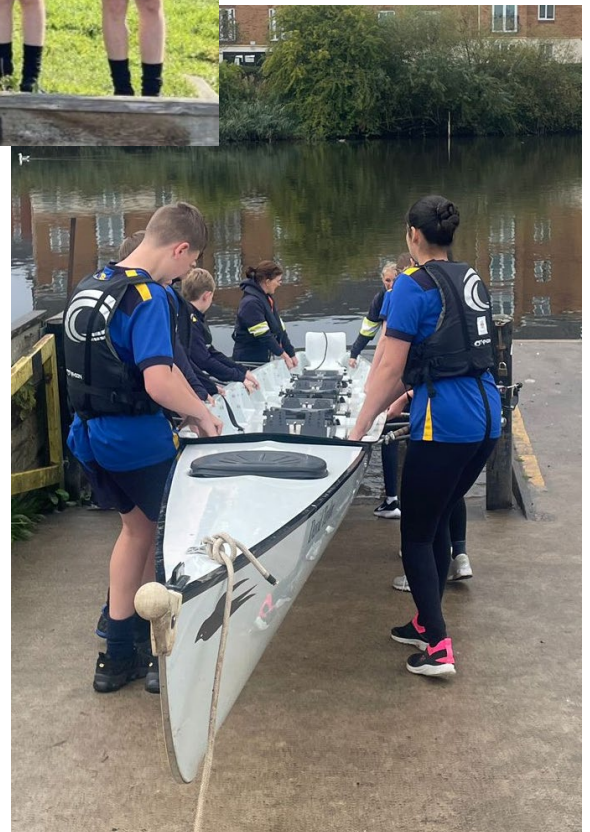
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All aboard our 7th year with Youth Rowing at Warrington Rowing Club

We are delighted to be once again involved in a dynamic initiative committed to introducing young people to the sport of rowing. Often perceived as an exclusive pursuit, we're dedicated to breaking down barriers and making rowing accessible to all.

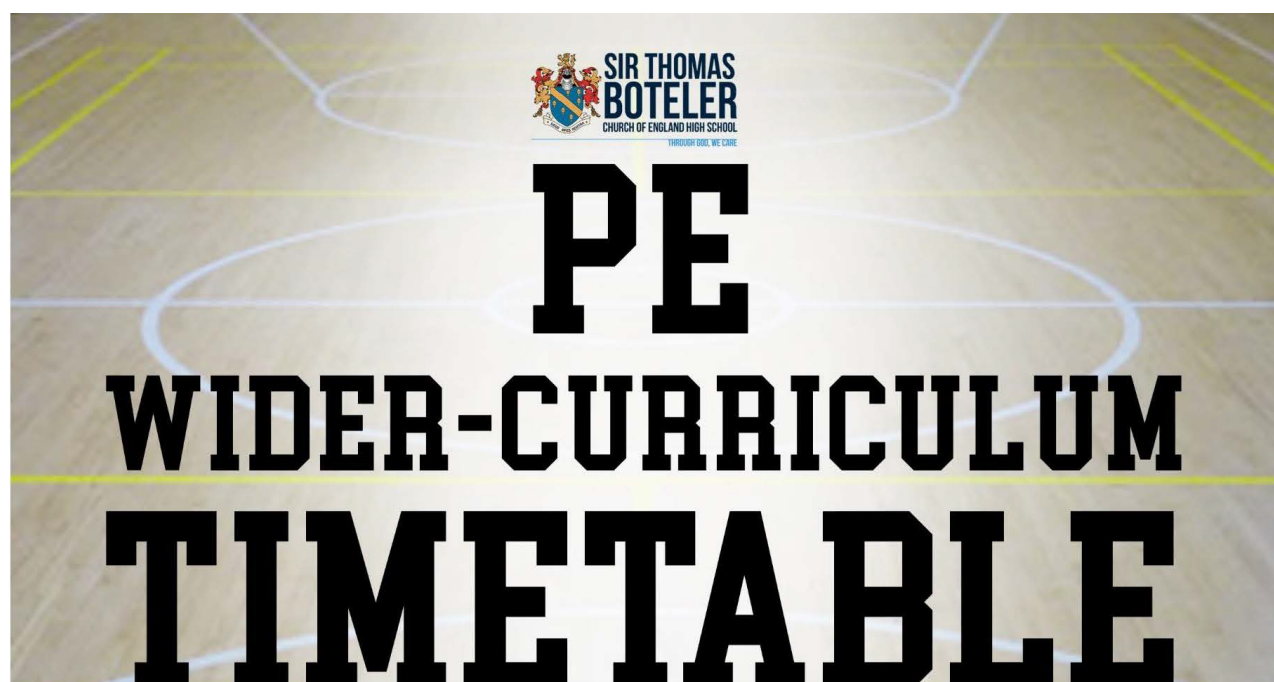
Our joint mission is to challenge the stereotype that rowing is an elitist sport by welcoming young people from diverse backgrounds to experience its many benefits. At All Aboard Youth Rowing brings out the best in individuals, fostering self-esteem, confidence, resilience, and valuable life skills that go beyond the water. Physical strength, athleticism and also personal growth and character development are at the heart of everything we try and achieve. Through teamwork, discipline, and perseverance, our young rowers gain skills that will serve them well throughout their lives.

Our new Year 8 Rowing crews had their second session on Thursday working on launching the rowing boats, safety when in the boats, and creating timing when the oars enter the water. We look forward to following their journey.



Extra-curricular round up

Just a reminder that it isn't too late to join any of our PE and Performance extra-curricular clubs. We have had some incredible numbers so far, with over 200 students attending one or more of our clubs at lunchtime or afterschool. Please make sure you get involved!



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH	FOOTBALL (ALL YEARS)- FIELD BTEC SPORT COURSEWORK (YEAR 10-11)- ROOM 29	FOOTBALL (ALL YEARS)- FIELD BADMINTON CLUB (ALL YEARS) – BALL HALL DANCE CLUB (YEAR 10 AND 11)- GYM	FOOTBALL (ALL YEARS)- FIELD TRAMPOLINING (ALL YEARS)- BALL HALL BOTELER STAGE CRAFT REHEARSALS (YEAR 7-10)- DRAMA STUDIO	FOOTBALL (ALL YEARS)- FIELD DANCE CLUB (GIRLS)- GYM DANCE CLUB (BOYS)- DRAMA STUDIO	FOOTBALL (ALL YEARS)- FIELD
AFTER SCHOOL		BOYS FOOTBALL TRAINING / FIXTURES (YEAR 7-10)- FIELD	GIRLS FOOTBALL / NETBALL FIXTURES (ALL YEARS)- VARIOUS BOTELER STAGE CRAFT REHEARSALS WEEK 1 ONLY (YEAR 7-10)- DRAMA STUDIO BOTELER STAGE CRAFT ART CLUB PROP DESIGN WEEK 2 ONLY (YEARS 7-10)- ART ROOMS FOOTBALL TRAINING (YEAR 7 ONLY)- FIELD	BASKETBALL TRAINING (ALL YEARS)- BALL HALL RUGBY FIXTURES AND TRAINING (ALL YEARS)- FIELD GIRLS FOOTBALL / NETBALL TRAINING (ALL YEARS- BALL HALL) DANCE CLUB (ALL YEARS)- GYM VOLLEYBALL (ALL YEARS)- BALL HALL	

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