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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well.

Many thanks for the overwhelmingly positive response to last week's message. It was so lovely of you to get in touch with such supportive emails. Thank you for taking the time to do this. We have had an excellent but busy week and we would not have it any other way.

Just a reminder that lollipops are banned in school. There have been some very colourful mouths and lips this week due to a new craze on Tik Tok with lollipops. From a Health and Safety perspective, they are not allowed in school because to the hazard regarding the stick being in the mouth and students walking or running with them. I do also think that whatever is in the 'blue' lollipops cannot possibly be good, but I appreciate that I was young once and thought differently to how I do now.

Please can I ask you to have a conversation with your child if they ride a bike to school. We have witnessed some young people riding their bikes inappropriately. Bikes are not allowed on pavements and the rider needs to adhere to the rules of the road. Wheelies and riding without due care and attention is an accident waiting to happen. We care about all our young people and just want them to be safe. It is a constant worry for us but I would really appreciate if you can support with this. Also, please encourage your child to wear a bike helmet. I appreciate it may not be deemed as 'cool' but it will save their life if they are in an accident and I have first-hand experience of this.

I would really appreciate it if you can ensure that the medical information on your child is correct. This helps us when there is a first aid request to administer the right treatment, help and support. For example, we need to know if your child is allergic to plasters. This is then input onto our systems and we can check, otherwise we will have to contact you and sometimes cause unnecessary worry, because we have a question. When we do call to inform you of a first aid need, we do this out of courtesy so you can make an informed choice over the next steps. If we feel it is something severe, we would always call the medical services and let you know. If there is any other data we are missing, especially with regard to emergency contacts please let us know. Every child needs two emergency contacts please. If you change your phone or address please do let us know. Again, thank you for your support with this.

As always, if there is anything I can help and support with please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

Banned Items

We have revised and updated our banned items list, with the key information in the poster below. Please can we have your full support in ensuring that your child complies with these school rules. There are no new items on this, other than the inclusion of Tipp-EX. Of course, this is not an exhaustive list of items and it is important that the students understand this.

For example, this week we have seen the appearance of blue sour lollipops, bought from the Tik Tok shop. We have informed all students that lollipops are a banned item from school. They are a health and safety hazard and detrimental to basic school standards.



BANNED ITEMS



FIRE LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

- MATCHES OR LIGHTERS

DRUGS AND SMOKING EQUIPMENT

- CIGARETTES AND E-CIGARETTES (VAPES)
- ALCOHOL
- ANY FORM OF ILLEGAL DRUG

OTHER ITEMS

- ANY FORM OF LIQUID BASED CORRECTION FLUID (TIPP-EX)
- CHEWING GUM
- ENERGY DRINKS/FIZZY DRINKS
- OFFENSIVE MATERIAL (INC. PORNOGRAPHIC, LGBTPHOBIC, RACIST)
- AEROSOL CANS

WEAPONS AND OTHER DANGEROUS IMPLEMENTS OR SUBSTANCES

- KNIVES OR ANY BLADE
- CATAPULTS OR GUNS OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING REPLICAS AND BB GUNS
- LASER PENS
- FIREWORKS OR BANGERS/ FUN SNAPS

MOBILE PHONES SHOULD NOT BE SEEN OR HEARD IN SCHOOL WHILST STUDENTS ARE ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES.

THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST AND THE HEADTEACHER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHAT OTHER ITEMS ARE DEEMED ACCEPTABLE.



Please click here to see the Careers (Post 16) letter for Year 11 student /Parent/carers

<https://t.ly/zfFTT>

Please click here to see the Careers (Post 16) letter for Year 10 Student/Parent/carers

https://t.ly/_Lp3

Please click here to see the Year 10 Work Experience letter <https://t.ly/PIkHr>

Next week John Moores University are coming into school to work with our Year 10 and 11 History Students. Students will be taking part in a mock trial.

Tuesday we will be holding a Careers Fair for our SEND students and their Parent Carers. This will be in the library from 14:00 – 16:00.

The aim of the fair is to provide an opportunity for you to discuss the Warrington post 16 SEND offer with the key providers in the area. They will include: Priestley College, Warrington Vale Royal, Morthyng Vocational College, Riverside College, Cronton College, Mysercough and Diverse Sports. We look forward to welcoming you then.

After half term on Tuesday 5th November we will be holding our Careers fair in the hall. This is for Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students. We have over 20 colleges, employers and apprenticeship stands joining us for the day. If you work in a company that supports schools with their outreach work and could support us on the day please email amawby@boteler.org.uk

Year 7 Halloween Disco

Year 7 Halloween Disco is taking place on Wednesday 16th October from 15:00 – 16:30. For further details please contact the Head of Year Mrs Ashwin lashwin@boteler.org.uk.

If your child would like to attend, please click on the following link to confirm their attendance <https://forms.office.com/e/4c2Zr6LjT6>

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Yesterday we held our first Parent Forum - KS4 Exam Preparation and study skills. Attendance at the event was fantastic and feedback has been really positive.

Please follow the link to view the PowerPoint presentation (as a PDF): <https://t.ly/csDbx>



Years 7 – 11 Childhood Flu Immunisations

Reminder that the School Immunisations Team will be in school on 15th October to administer Flu Immunisations. Please click on the links below for further information.

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>

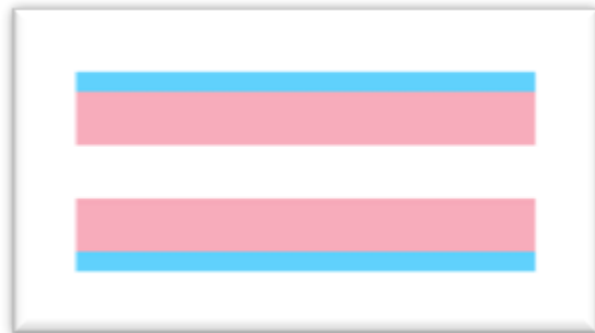
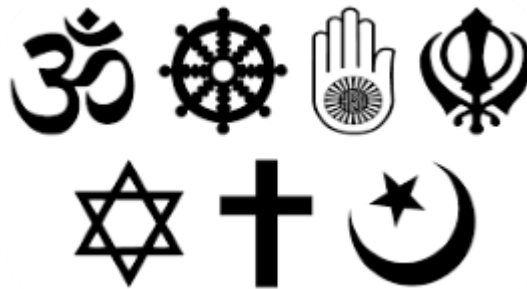
If you have any questions, please contact the School-aged Immunisation Team on 01925 946808

National Hate Crime Awareness Week 12-19th October 2024

What is a hate crime?

Hate crimes are any crimes that are targeted at a person because of hostility or prejudice towards that person's:

- disability
- race or ethnicity
- religion or belief
- sexual orientation
- transgender identity



[Stop Hate UK](https://www.stophateuk.org/) is one of the leading national organisations working to challenge all forms of Hate Crime and discrimination, based on any aspect of an individual's identity. Stop Hate UK provides independent, confidential and accessible reporting and support for victims, witnesses and third parties.

Please click on the following link to find out more about Stop Hate UK <https://www.stophateuk.org/>

Race or ethnicity
for example, British Asians, Romanichal Travellers, Black British

Religion or beliefs
for example, Jewish people, Muslims, Christians, Hindus, atheists

Sexual orientation
for example, gay men, lesbians, bisexuals

Disability for example, wheelchair users, people with autism

Transgender identity for example, a transgender man, woman or a cross-dresser

Thai Boxing star Daisy picks up her 4th belt!

Daisy Sumpton (Year 9) started Thai boxing for fun and for the social benefits sport and exercise brings, nearly three years later she becomes a 5-belt champion!

Daisy picked up her latest belt (UK British Champion) at the end of September this year. This is an incredible achievement in such a short space of time and true testament to her relentless training schedule and dedication.

Daisy now holds:

1. Sandee glove open champion
2. SFS British Champion
3. Sandee open champion
4. IMTF UK British champion
5. WTKA Area champion



PE and Sport Lunch Club offer

As the weather becomes more challenging, the PE team are offering the following activities in the Ball Hall at lunchtime. All clubs require trainers and if students would like to take part in Trampolining they must change into PE kit. Don't forget to pick up a lunch queue pass from your PE teacher if you are attending a club on a certain day.

Ball Hall Timetable	Pitch 1	Pitch 2
Monday	Year 7	Year 8
Tuesday	Badminton club	Year 9
Wednesday	Trampolining	Year 10
Thursday	Year 7	Year 8
	Dance Club in the Gym	
Friday	Year 9	Year 10

*this is subject to change during the examination period (December, March, May)

PE Student Voice

As you will be aware student voice is a big part of our school and is an important factor for the PE Department. It helps to shape some our PE curriculum allows us to make sure what we deliver will have the biggest impact on our students in our school.

Koboca has a national survey and we would love all of our students to complete it. The link to answer the 10 short multiple choice questions is here:

<https://www.koboca.co.uk/secondary-pupil-activity-well-being-survey-2024-25/?q=be0d541e&s=SirThomas1>

We will set this as homework on SAM Learning too. Students login using their school email address.

Thank you for your support.

Sport fixtures w/c Monday 14th October

Tuesday 15th October

Year 7 boy's football @ Cardinal Newman HS

Year 9 boy's football @ Bridgewater HS

Wednesday 16th October

Year 9 girl's Cheshire Cup football @ Helsby HS

Year 7 rugby success

Our Year 7 boy's rugby team made a very impressive start to their games. The team played against Bridgewater HS and ran in twelve tries and conceded none! The team is made up of several rugby players from local community clubs, and many students who are brand new to the sport. If you would like to join, we train every Thursday after school from 3 till 4.15pm.

The team continued their success on Thursday 10th October when they competed in the Warrington Legend's Competition at Kings Academy.

We drew our first game 2-2 against Cardinal Newman HS, and then beat Kings Leadership Academy 4-1.

We will now represent Warrington Schools in the North West Counties cup after half-term.



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to **17** yrs?

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