

HEAD'S HERALD

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well.

Please can I just remind everyone that punctuality to school and to lessons is crucial so that there is no lost learning. I appreciate the Warrington traffic can be unkind at times and that the bus service is not always reliable. However, we need every effort to make sure we are all in the right place at the right time. Please have a conversation with your child around the important of being on time to lessons too. I understand that they are not going to love every subject with the same passion, but they still need to be there on time ready to learn. We work really hard in school with the young people to get this message across, but it really helps if it is reinforced at home too.

I appreciate there have been a few queue issues at break and lunchtime this week. We have had till failures and a whole host of other issues and I can only apologise. However, I have still ensured everyone who was queueing, despite the bell going, was able to get food. Please can you remind the young people (in normal circumstances with no till failures) that when the bell goes and they then decide to come in for food, this is not acceptable. I am on the queue every day and it is VERY carefully timed as to when some people turn up. The queue is always gone by 13.35 so there is plenty of time to get lunch. Whilst I appreciate the importance of sport in the Ball Hall, some of the young people need to be aware of time management. I would never turn away a child for food, however, when some decide to try and play the system that is a very different situation. In these circumstances I will still allow them to grab a sandwich, but that is all because, they are making a considered choice about how to manage their time. I can assure you there is not a queue issue from 13.35. If they attend a club they can always get a lunch pass signed by their club/council leader so they can be in the fast queue system.

We had our Careers Fair this week which was a huge success. We had a range of employers who exhibited and the all the students had a fabulous experience. We have had incredibly positive feedback from the employers around the student participation and engagement. Our young people here have a substantial careers curriculum and the employers fed back that this was apparent from the conversations they were having. It was wonderful to see two former students back in the building but as an employer rather than a student. I did however, feel incredible old, but incredibly proud of them. They were both great ambassadors for the impact of the Careers Fair process and also how important it is to engage with CEIAG (careers education information advice and guidance) as well.

Thank you as always for your support and have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 – Monday 11th to 15th November

Next week is National Anti-bullying week and here at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School, with our mission statement 'Through God, we care', we will not tolerate bullying. Next week we will be working with our students in the Personal Development lessons and tutor sessions, to ensure that students understand, that together, we can bring an end to bullying.

Bullying is not welcome in our school and all members of our community are encouraged to report anything of any concern as soon as possible. We will always aim to deal with reports quickly and effectively and we will continue with our relentless drive to create an environment where children feel safe and supported.

The below can be found in our school Ant-Bullying Policy on our school website:

The school aims to:

- Prevent bullying behaviour in school so far as reasonably practicable
- Promote tolerance and fairness
- Deal effectively with incidents of bullying
- Ensure all students are safe in school
- Support victims of bullying and educate the perpetrator
- Ensure proportionate sanctions and support are in place for bullies.

The strategies that our school will adopt to achieve our aims and prevent bullying are:

- Promotion of our Christian Values of Hope, Compassion, Endurance and our mission statement, 'Through God, We Care'.
- Providing a caring community in which students are encouraged to work together with each other in line with our school rules of being Ready, Respectful and Safe (RRS).
- Raising awareness (at all levels) of bullying behaviour through a range of activities. This includes all staff being aware that safeguarding issues can manifest themselves via child on child abuse and will follow the school safeguarding procedures. All staff must complete the Hays online safeguarding module.
- Improving students' social skills and dealing effectively with bullying should it occur.
- Improving staff skills in dealing consistently and effectively with incidents of bullying.
- Identified student anti-bullying champions/Ambassadors to support the work of the school in preventing bullying.
- Involving the parents/carers of the victim and the bully, when appropriate. A range of communication strategies will be adopted, including parent meetings, letters and phone calls. Communication with SEND students, who struggle to express themselves may need different ways (e.g. An advocate) to help them get their opinions heard and understood.
- Disablist language, homophobic or racist language are taken seriously and challenged.
- Differences are actively and visibly celebrated and welcome across the whole school.
- Utilise positive student role models as mentors for victims and participants.
- Assemblies are used to encourage students to reflect on the issues surrounding bullying.
- Student friendly posters and advice displayed throughout school to encourage students to report incidents.
- Using outside agencies to help support the school around bullying, including Warrington Youth Club, Safer Schools Partnership and the police and children's services where bullying is particularly serious or persistent, particularly where a criminal offence may have been committed.
- Actively promoting Anti-Bullying Week, E-Safety Week and similar initiatives to reduce the risk of bullying.
- Regularly evaluate and update approach to take account of developments, including that of technology.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Green Careers Week 2024 – 4th - 9th November 2024

Green Careers Week is an exciting event that raises aspiration, supports diversity, challenges stereotypes, and promotes real opportunities for young people to have a career that will genuinely make a difference. Discover careers, jobs, roles, and career pathways that are green careers and develop green skills.

greencareersweek.com



The Parents' Guide to Green Careers
For Green Careers Week
2024 - 2025

HIGHLIGHTS:

- What are green careers?
- Why "green" matters to teens
- Routes to green careers
- Discussing next steps
- Examples of green careers

ARE YOU READY TO BE A SUPERHERO?
#GCW2024

THE GREEN BUZZ
FOR THE SUPERHEROES OUR GREEN ECONOMY NEEDS!

Logos at the bottom include: GCW, NCW, STEM, Department for Education, National Careers Service, CAREERS & ENTERPRISE CONFIDENCE, WorkSkillsUK, and young people.

[Visit The Virtual Green Careers Fair](#)

Careers

Parent Virtual Session – Digital

Thursday 14 November 2024, 18:00

Hosted by All About STEM/All About Futures, aimed at helping parents and carers to find out about the opportunities available within the *digital sector*.

Join us online on **Thursday 14 November 2024 at 6pm** when we'll be looking at what we mean by 'digital' and 'digital life skills'. We'll also introduce the different pathways into digital careers including apprenticeships, technical and higher education routes also touching on the opportunities available for 19+ learners through the Skills Boot Camps.

Register to attend: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hnxEFJ7cQaOKSKR_fUZ1Q

History Department Visitor

This week, we were honoured to welcome Dr. Martin Faulkner, a proud alumnus of Sir Thomas Boteler from its days as an all-boys grammar school. Dr. Faulkner visited Mr McDonald's Year 9 Blue class on Thursday and Year 8 Blue on Friday to share his unique perspective on school life, offering students a glimpse into the traditions and experiences of Boteler's past. His engaging lesson highlighted both the similarities and differences between his time as a student and the modern-day school experience, sparking a lively discussion about the evolving culture and values at Sir Thomas Boteler.

Dr. Faulkner was impressed by the respect, politeness, and enthusiasm shown by our students, praising them for embodying the school's values of high expectations, high aspirations, and high standards. The visit left students with a renewed appreciation for Sir Thomas Boteler's legacy and a deeper understanding of how past generations have shaped the vibrant, inclusive, and values-driven environment we enjoy today.

Hospitality & Catering

To coincide with National Game Week 4th – 10th November, Year 10 Hospitality & Catering students experienced a very different lesson! Mr Koltan led a masterclass on the preparation of wild game. He brought in two fresh pheasants and showed the students how to prepare the birds. Mrs Callaway and Mr Koltan are keen for students to experience the use of wild Game in their Food education.

It is much more sustainable and healthier than the more commonly used meats. The students showed a great interest at a rare opportunity to see and handle such ingredients.



You can also nominate Sir Thomas Boteler or a particular member of staff who promotes the use and benefits of wild game for a recognition award. The Eat Game Awards rewards and highlights the success, innovation, and passion of the champions of British game meat. Nominations are now open and close 18th November 2024.

<https://eatgame.co.uk/nominations/>

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Following the success of our first Parent Forum event this year, we are excited to announce our second session, which will focus on Arbor and SAM Learning. This session is designed to help parents gain a better understanding of these platforms, offering guidance on accessing homework assignments, tracking student progress and effectively supporting your child's learning at home.

The event will be held in the Main Hall on Thursday, 28th November and will run from 18:00 – 19:00. Refreshments, including tea, coffee and cake, will be provided to create a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

To confirm your attendance for this event, please click on the link below:
<https://forms.office.com/e/PHvRDXkYg4>

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing useful insights to support your child's educational journey.

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network Newsletter

Please have a look at what ADDvanced Solutions Community Network is offering in the next few weeks, support for the emotional health and wellbeing of neurodivergent children and young people, their families and the professionals that work with them. You will find the learning programmes and workshops for Warrington families. No diagnosis or referral is needed to access ADDvanced Solutions Community Network.

[WAR Autumn 2 Half Term Newsletter 2024](#)



**SIR THOMAS
BOTELER**
CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL
THROUGH GOD, WE CARE

DANCING IN DECEMBER

SHOWCASING A VARIETY OF YEAR GROUPS AND DANCE STYLES
FROM ACROSS THE DECADES - INCLUDING CHRISTMAS SONGS!



12TH DECEMBER 2024 18:00

AT SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

WILL INCLUDE SHORT INTERVAL WITH REFRESHMENTS SERVED BY THE PSB
£2 PER TICKET - TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE MAIN SCHOOL OFFICE



Appleton Thorn Primary PTA
warmly welcome you to our

COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S MARKET

Sun 17th Nov 2024

10am- 2pm £2 entry (kids free)
Appleton Thorn Primary School

A festive shopping experience with over 30
preloved, boutique and handmade stalls.

Delicious homemade cakes
and savories in our community cafe.

Christmas floral demonstrations

Plus, fabulous raffle prizes, including:
A Bollinger champagne and flutes gift set
A sleepover for two from Best Sleepover Ever,
Soft play hire from Cheshire Soft Play,
Vouchers from The Bodhi Club,
Activity for All, The Village Gym and M*Jay's.
A veggie box from Groobarbs,
flowers, a hamper and more...

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