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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are well.

We have reached the end of another non-stop week. We started the week with a very successful Year 9 Parents' Evening. There was a very positive atmosphere in the building, following on from the success of last Thursday's Year 9 Options Evening.

To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on Monday, all Key Stage 3 students participated in a free session ran by the National Literacy Trust, featuring award-winning author Tom Palmer in conversation with Holocaust survivor Alfred Garwood. From the NTL: "This year marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. The live event aims to support young people's literacy skills while helping them learn about the past. We hope to inspire them to work toward a future where hatred and persecution are challenged." This was a poignant and interesting session for our staff and students. Following this session, all KS3 students will take part in creative literacy sessions during form time to spark discussion surrounding the remarkable and admirable stories of survivors of the Holocaust and during more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. If students wish to explore their learning and creativity further, they are invited to participant in a creative non-fiction writing session at lunch time on 12th February in Room 23 with Miss Ward.

We have had a very successful sports week, with our Year 8/9 basketball team winning every one of their games on Tuesday, and our boys' football team achieving 3rd place in the U12s Cheshire FA Schools Indoor Cup on Wednesday. Not only this, our Year 8 Netball team took the first win in the first week of the Warrington Schools' League. Congratulations to everyone involved.

On Tuesday, we were lucky to have Dr Bike in school, giving all cyclists the option to get their bike checked and serviced free of charge. Warrington Borough Council have received funding from the Department for Transport to deliver a Dr Bike (Cycle service and safety checks) at selected schools across the borough.

Period 6 Year 11 attendance has been excellent. Staff are giving their time to run these sessions to further enable great outcomes for our Year 11 students, and we are very proud of our Year 11 student's dedication and hard work.

Many thanks for all of your support, it is very much appreciated.

Kind regards

Beverley Scott-Herron

Headteacher

QUALITY OF EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

Year 9 Options

I would like to thank all parents/carers who attended our Year 9 Options evening last Thursday. The atmosphere was amazing, and our Heads of Department were really impressed by the maturity and level of questions that our students were asking them. As Mr Koltan said in the presentation, the Options process is a very important one that should not be rushed, and students are really demonstrating they understand this.

Students have four weeks to consider their subject choices with the deadline for the Options form to be submitted to Form Tutors being Thursday 27th February.

The questions raised on our 'Questions or Queries' form on the evening were personal to individual students with responses being sent directly to parents.

One question that has been raised by parents/carers is in relation to French only being available to pick in Option block B. As a result, some students were not able to pick their preferred combination of subjects as French is in the same Option block as another subject that students wanted to study e.g. Computer Science/Business Enterprise. We are pleased to confirm that we have added French to Option block C to support students in accessing their required combination of subjects. The Options form that students will be given in registration will reflect this change. Mr Koltan will explain this to Year 9 in assembly on Wednesday 5th February.

The link to the dedicated Options section of the school website including presentation video, Options booklet and subject posters is here: https://www.boteler.org.uk/options/

Should any parent/carer have any further questions about Options, please feel free to contact Mr Koltan on email jkoltan@boteler.org.uk

PASTORAL

WAYS TO SUPPORT A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON

Be there to listen

Regularly ask your child how they're doing, to help them get used to talking about their feelings, and know there's always someone there to listen. You can get tips on Young Minds: How to talk to your child about mental health.



Support them through difficulties

Pay attention to how your child is feeling or behaving and try to help them work through difficulties. It may not be easy facing challenging behaviour, but try to help them understand what they're feeling and why. Learn more from the Maudsley Charity on difficult behaviour.



Stay involved in their life

Show interest in their life and what's important to them. It not only helps them value who they are but also makes it easier for you to spot problems and support them.

Encourage their interests

Support and encourage your child to explore their interests. Being active or creative, learning new things and being a part of a team helps connect us and boost our mental wellbeing.



Take what they say seriously

Listening to and valuing what they say makes them feel valued. Consider how to help them work through their emotions in constructive ways. <u>Anna Freud Centre's guide on ways to support children and young people</u> has more on this.



Build positive routines

Try to have structure around regular routines, especially around healthy eating and exercise. A good night's sleep is also important, so have a fixed time for going to bed and getting up. The Sleep Charity has relaxation sleep tips for children.



YOUTH IN MIND AT WARRINGTON YOUTH ZONE

Delivered at Warrington Youth Zone, Youth In Mind is a free and discrete drop-in service for young people aged 7-19 (up to 25 with additional needs) who are experiencing problems relating to their emotional wellbeing.

The service will be delivered 7 days a week, alongside our Universal programme.

Opening Hours:

Monday – Sunday – 15:30 – 19:30

No appointment or referral is necessary. Young people do not have to be members of the Youth Zone to attend this.

An initial 15-minute session will focus on an Assessment of Need, followed by the co-design with the young person of a bespoke Support Plan, which will draw on a range of projects and support services within the Youth Zone and external agencies.

The service is commissioned by Cheshire & Merseyside NHS as part of 'Warrington Place' Starting Well plans to support 'Children and Young Peoples Emotional and Mental Health & Wellbeing'. The project delivery is a partnership between Warrington Youth Zone and Merseycare 'Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services' (CAMHS).

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What's On @WarrPAC





Check in & Chat Sessions @Sandy Lane Children's Centre

All are welcome to join us at our Check in and Chat sessions. Generally we invite along partners to talk on specific topics, followed by an open session to discuss current issues / catch up with the team and each other.

Upcoming dates for 2025:

Friday 10th January 10am till 12pm BOOK HERE

Monday 10th February 10am till 12pm

Friday 14th March 10am till 12pm

Monday 14th April 10am till 12pm

Friday 9th May 10am till 12pm

Monday 9th June 10am till 12pm

Friday 11th July 10am till 12pm

Friday 12th September 10am till 12pm

Monday 13th October 10am till 12pm

Friday 14th November 10am till 12pm

Monday 8th December 10am till 12pm

Preparing for Adulthood & Post 16 SEND Provision Sessions

Please join us with a range of professionals including Preparing for Adulthood team. We are running two sessions for this to ensure as many of our families have access to this important information.

Daytime Date: 10th February 2025 Time: 10:00 – 12:00 Location: Sandy Lane Children's Centre, WA2 9HY BOOK HERE

Evening Date: 28th January 2025 Time: 19:00 – 21:30 Location: Alford Hall sports and social club, WA1 3NJ BOOK HERE

Further details will be added for each session so please keep an eye on our <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>website event page</u> for the most up-to-date session info. Booking links for all events will be included as soon as we've updated our information.

Email us: devofficer@warrpac.org

For more information please visit: https://www.warrpac.org/



Student Voice

Please encourage your child to complete the attached student voice form created by our Student Leadership Body (SLB.) The SLB will take their findings to Mrs Scott-Herron and discuss what our students are feeling.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UfNETGGEZk2RUYbSvf66EV_5TW1-p9RAjabZPMt0OqdURVJGTTdRREIHVEo1MzlCU1dHUElCNE9JVC4u

Apprenticeships

To view and apply for current apprenticeship vacancies in Warrington please visit the National Apprenticeship Website:

https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/browse-apprenticeships

For more information on post-16 and post-18 choices, how they compare and where they can lead click here - <u>Get</u> the Jump: explore your education and training choices | National Careers Service

Please note vacancies can be withdrawn before the advertised closing date at the discretion of the employer.

Forthcoming events!

Warrington Apprenticeship & Jobs Fair – The Engine Rooms, Birchwood Park - Thursday 13th February - 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

If you are looking for an apprenticeship, a job or a change in direction, or are just keeping your options open come along to the Warrington Apprenticeship and Jobs Fair for Warrington.

This event, now in its 11th year is organised jointly by the Cheshire and Warrington Pledge and Warrington Borough Council and is taking place during National Apprenticeship Week. The event is free, and everyone is welcome, no matter what stage you are at in your career.

All our exhibitors are local employers, offering live apprenticeships or jobs or who are planning to recruit within 2025.

For more information and to reserve your place please go to - <u>Warrington Apprenticeship and Jobs Fair - PUBLIC SIGN UP Tickets</u>, Thu 13 Feb 2025 at 17:00 | Eventbrite

STFC Apprenticeship Open Evening – Daresbury Laboratory – Tuesday 4th February – 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), part of UK Research and Innovation is a place where curiosity-driven, blue-skies thinking meets practical, application-led science and engineering. One of Europe's largest research organisations, we're trusted to support, enable and undertake cutting-edge projects in an amazing diversity of fields. Through world-class facilities and people, we're driving ground-breaking advances in science, engineering, computing and technology. The work we do is helping to shape societies, strengthen economies and transform lives. We live and breathe collaboration.

Join us at Daresbury Laboratory for an exciting opportunity to learn more about our apprenticeship program! Whether you're a school leaver, looking to switch careers or support talented individuals within an educational setting, this event is perfect for anyone interested in hands-on learning.

Discover the diverse range of apprenticeship opportunities available in fields like engineering, computing, and more. Meet current apprentices, chat with staff, and get a feel for what life is like at this cutting-edge facility.

Don't miss out on this chance to kickstart your career with STFC - we are Investors In People gold standard accredited - <u>register now</u> for our Apprenticeship Open Evening!

Information Talks: 5:15pm, 6:00pm, 6:45pm, 7:30pm

Deloitte: National Apprenticeship Week Webinar

Learn more about Deloitte and our Early Careers opportunities!

Sign up now to secure your place on our National Apprenticeship Week Webinar:

https://forms.rmp-connect.com/form/tQndfJpuRapd7ftndcD0kl0Xsn/aZYKrYfuXdhtpQNfiIuD

At Deloitte, we're a big four professional services firm offering a range of business & finance <u>Early Careers</u> <u>programmes.</u>

We are delighted to invite school students, parents and teachers to our National Apprenticeship Week Webinar. The session will be particularly relevant to students in year 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Our webinar will:

- Share more about Deloitte and our Early Careers opportunities.
- Cover our Work Insight Programmes and how to apply (we run programmes for students in year 9, 10, 11 & 12).
- Hear from our BrightStart apprentices on their career journey.
- Give the opportunity for you to ask your questions to our Early Careers team & BrightStart apprentices.

If you could please share this invite with your schools Careers Lead, pupils and parents, we would really appreciate it! If you have any questions on the webinar, please let us know.



Thursday 13th February 5:30pm-6:30pm

Virtual Event via Zoom

Please keep an eye on your email, the Zoom link will be sent in the run up to the event to those registered.

Kind donation

We would like to thank Sainsbury's for their kind donation of bulbs for our garden. We will also be using the bulbs during mental health week where students will be planting and caring for their own plants, to represent the steps needed to care and nurture their own mental health and wellbeing.



Comic Relief

This Red Nose Day, let's celebrate 40 years of going big, giving big and feeling good with Comic Relief. Whether you give a few quid or give your all, let's do it together and support incredible projects which help children to be happier, families stronger, women safer, communities prouder, and millions of lives fairer. Red Nose Day 2025.

On the 21st March Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School will be raising money for this fantastic charity which helps so many people around the world- it would be brilliant if we could beat our total of last year which was an incredible £369!

Events will be going on in the week leading up to the 21st and there will also be stalls in the main hall during lunch on the 21st.

Just Giving is fundraising for Comic Relief



Bike safety and service checks

The travel choices team visited school on Tuesday this week. Colin, Lesley and the team from Cheshire Cycles serviced over 50 bikes. The experienced mechanics from Warrington Cycle Hub serviced and safety checked everything on the bikes, from wheels, brakes, gears and tyre pressure to lights, racks, pedals, saddles and more.







LGBTQ+ History Month

Every February marks LGBTQ+ History month. Through education, advocacy and empowerment, we can create environments where all LGBTQ+ people feel safe, seen and supported, in education and beyond.

Our LGBTQ+ Council annual create a poster showing GBTQ+ celebrities throughout history from various fields. Can you recognise who they all are?

Our LGBTQ+ Council meets every fortnight, on a Week 1 in Room 26. Everybody is welcome; however they identify.



PARENTAL **ENGAGEMENT**

We are delighted to share that our Year 9 Options Evening and Year 9 Parents' Evening were a huge success! It was fantastic to see so many parents engaging with subject teachers and gathering valuable information to support their child's future choices.

Following on from this, we are pleased to invite parents to our next Parent Forum, focusing on Understanding the Curriculum. This event will take place on Thursday 13th February, from 18:00 to 19:00 in the Main Hall.

This session will provide key insights into the KS3 curriculum and the transition to KS4, with presentations from the Head of English, Head of Maths and Head of Science. Parents will gain a clear understanding of subject content, assessment expectations and how students' progress between key stages. Additionally, we will be sharing practical strategies on how you can best support your child's learning at home.

We encourage all parents to attend this informative session. To confirm your attendance, please complete the form below:

https://forms.office.com/e/3J6iqD4BRK

For further information, please contact Mr S Mason at <u>smason@boteler.org.uk</u>

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday, 13th February

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week as part of Collective Worship, students are remembering the atrocities of the Holocaust. Alongside a lesson from the literacy society and an inspiring talk organised by the History department, collective worship has remembered the lives lost by those in genocides across the world both past and present. This year marks an important anniversary in remembrance as we commemorate 80 years since the liberation of the death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau and thirty years since the genocide in Bosnia. The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day is 'For a better future' so we have focused our thoughts and prayers into thinking about the actions we see today which will shape our world in the future. Our scripture for this week is from Isaiah 41:10 and it reminds us that God will support us:

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Spiritual Pause: Think about what you can do 'for a better future'. How do our actions and thoughts today, shape our lives tomorrow? Reflect this week on what we can do to make the future one of hope.



Baptism and Confirmation: We have the opportunity to partake in these special events if you haven't already done so. Students who may have missed their confirmation or wish to be baptised are invited to see Mrs Hoey in school as soon as possible to register their interest, with parental consent. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Hoey (ehoey@boteler.org.uk).

Poland trip: The RE department are organising a trip to Krakow 17-20 July 2025. Available for current Year 9 and 10 students. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Hoey (ehoey@boteler.org.uk).

Please keep up to date with our weekly prayer and scripture via social media.

SUBJECT NEWS

English Department

I am thrilled to announce that Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School will be taking part in the Poetry by Heart Competition 2025.

ALL staff and students are welcome to attend and take part. I can't wait to see what you come up with!

You simply just need to choose a poem already written and published, learn it by heart and record a copy of this to be entered into the competition. I will handle all of the logistics/recording.

Sessions will be held on Thursday lunchtimes in Room 22



Food Technology

Food Teachers Centre (FTC) is a UK based group for secondary teachers. There are approx. 10,000 active members. It is a place of creativity, innovation, action, ideas, practical solutions, learning and sharing.

Just before Christmas we held our Community Christmas Party in which approximately 100 residents of local care homes attended. Our talented Year 10 Hospitality & Catering students cooked and served at this important event. FTC recognised our commitment to promoting the teaching of Hospitality & Catering, along with reaching the local community.

They said 'We have huge respect for this amazing programme!' As a thank you and well done, they sent Mrs Callaway a little gift. She will use this to plan more special events and visits!



Drama Department

We are delighted to be able to bring the Theatre to School on Friday 7th February. The latest staging of William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' is being streamed by The Royal Shakespeare Company and we will be sharing with Year 7.



With Mathew Baynton (Ghosts, Horrible Histories) as Bottom, this hilarious production of Shakespeare's captivating comedy will transport you from deepest midwinter to the most magical of midsummer nights. As four young lovers are faced with the prospect of unhappy marriage or worse, they flee the court of Athens and stumble into an enchanted forest, where the real and fairy worlds collide.

SYNOPSIS

A story of order and disorder, reality and appearance and love and marriage. Theseus, Duke of Athens, and Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons are to be married and great celebrations are planned.

INTO THE FOREST

Egeus brings his rebellious daughter Hermia in front of the Duke. Egeus wants her to marry Demetrius but Hermia refuses, because she's in love with Lysander. The Duke orders Hermia to obey her father or, according to Athenian law, she must face a death penalty or enter a convent.

Hermia and Lysander decide to elope that night. They confide in their friend Helena. However, she's secretly in love with Demetrius so, hoping to win his affection, she tells him of Hermia's plan. That night, all four lovers set out into the forest.

Meanwhile, a group of Athenian tradesmen (known as the Mechanicals), led by Peter Quince, are planning to perform a play in celebration of the Duke's wedding. They rehearse *The Tragedy of Pyramus and Thisbe* in the same forest.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Elsewhere in the forest, the fairy king and queen, Oberon and Titania, argue over Titania's refusal to give up her page-boy to Oberon. He sends his servant Puck to find a magic plant to cast a spell on Titania.

The juice of the plant, when squeezed onto the eyes of someone asleep, causes them to fall in love with the first creature they see when they wake up. Oberon uses the juice on Titania as she sleeps in her bower.

Puck overhears the tradesmen rehearsing and magically transforms Bottom's head into that of an ass. The other men are terrified and flee the forest. When Titania wakes, the first creature she sees is Bottom and she falls rapturously in love with him.

Helena chases Demetrius in the forest and their fighting disturbs Oberon. He tells Puck to use the magic plant on Demetrius too, so that he will fall in love with Helena. However, Puck muddles up the two Athenian men and uses it on Lysander instead, who promptly falls in love with Helena. Both women are confused and Hermia furiously attacks her friend.

Year 7 will witness the conclusion of the story during the broadcast of the production. A Midsummer Night's Dream is the first scripted work that Year 7 embark on, after the February half term. Judging by the amazing production pictures this will be a great introduction to the characters, plot of one of Shakespeare's most famous comedies. Here is a link to the trailer if you wish to see more.

Trailer | A Midsummer Night's Dream | Royal Shakespeare Company



Further pictures from the production:







9TH MARCH 13:30 AND 18:00 IN THE SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON







PE Department

Basketball is back with a Bang!

Our U14 team remained unbeaten in the first round of the Warrington Schools League this week beating every other team they came up against. An incredible buzzer beater from Jerry secured an 8-6 victory of local rivals Penketh High School.



Our Year 8 Netball team made a strong start to the Warrington Schools' Netball League on Wednesday night. Keep developing your speed of play and set moves and we will no doubt be fighting for the top of the table!

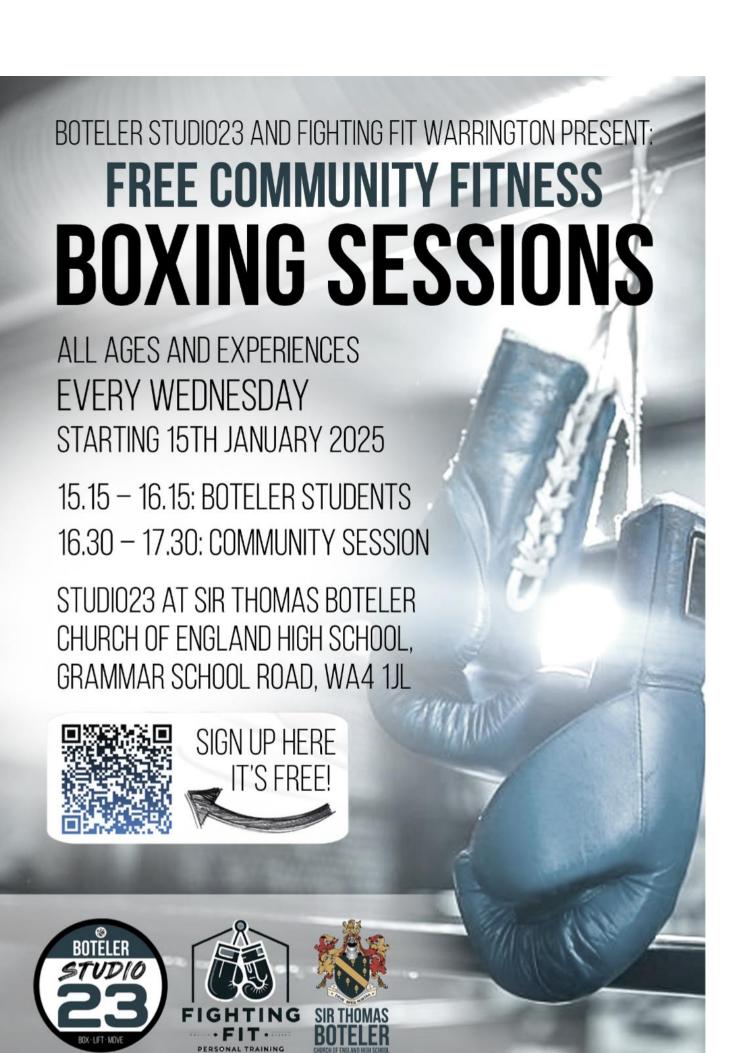


Regional success for our Year 7 Boys' Footballers

We qualified as Warrington Champions and were put to the test against the top schools across Cheshire in an indoor 5-a-side competition. A strong performance across all games saw us pick up points in almost every game. The boys finished 3rd overall, a fantastic achievement.

The U12 Football team is one to watch in the Cheshire Cup next year.





WVR College Young Artist of the Year

Calling all of our Year 10 & 11 artists! The WVR College Young Artist of the Year submissions are now open! There are two categories, Creative and Digital, so whether you create on paper or tablet, you can enter!

If you would like to enter, or would like more information, please see Mrs Guttridge at break or lunch, or email iguttridge@boteler.org.uk



an exclusive prize worth £65 and be crowned the next Young Artist of the Year!

Open to year 10 and 11 pupils. Entries can be in any form of media so long as you show us your artistic flare!

We would love to see photography, digital art, paintings, arts and crafts, textiles, fine art or fashion.

Your artwork will be displayed at the Young Artist of the Year exhibition and award ceremony on Thursday 20th March 2025.

Entry Deadline: Friday 28th February 2025

For more information or to enter your artwork, visit:

wvr.ac.uk/young-artist

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RECRUITING GIRLS IN YEAR 6 AND 7. NO PREVIOUS RUGBY EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. TRAINING TAKES PLACE MONDAY & WEDNESDAY, 7-8PM.

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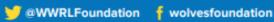
A free programme for children and young people aged 5-16 years* (up to 25 years with special educational needs) and their families. Our programme will help family members make better informed lifestyle choices leading to positive health gains including physical activity, mental wellness and nutrition. Our approach is compassionate and inclusive where our families will feel supported, their needs understood and coached for long term behavioural change.

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