

# HEAD'S HERALD

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**VOLUME 19    DATE 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. Just a couple of reminders to start with please:

- False eyelashes are not permitted and they will need to be removed. Failure to do so will result in a parent/carer meeting to be called and sanctions imposed until they are removed.
- All students are to have school shoes please. Half term is the ideal opportunity to address this if there are any issues. If there are financial issues then please contact us and we will help you.
- Mobile phones are not allowed to be used or seen in school. They are to be switched off and placed in the child's bag on entry. If they are seen they will be confiscated until the end of the day. Please do not contact your child on their phone as this is not helpful. If you need an urgent message relayed to them, then we can do that – no problem. Also, it creates problems as they sometimes alert you to things before we can deal with them, which causes you to worry.
- Regarding the passing on of urgent messages, please think before contacting school regarding this. What may be really urgent to you, may not mean it is classed as urgent. For example reminding a child to get some shampoo on the way home is not urgent – yes this has happened and we did pass it on, however, this is not an effective use of our time.
- Just a reminder that jewellery will be confiscated if worn and put in the safe. Parents/Carers will have to come into school to pick this jewellery up as it will not be returned to the child.

We are pleased to announce that our Orangery is now finished and is a superb space. This will be a multipurpose space but primarily, it is to ease the queues at lunchtime. Therefore the food on offer in there will be exactly the same as the food on offer in the canteen. The proposal is that this will be a space for Year 11 initially in terms of purchasing food. However, we need to trial this. More details will be coming out to the students in due course and it should be up and running after the half term break. We have taken some photos so you can see what it looks like.

Have a lovely weekend and thanks as always for your support.

Kind regards

Beverley Scott-Herron  
**Headteacher**

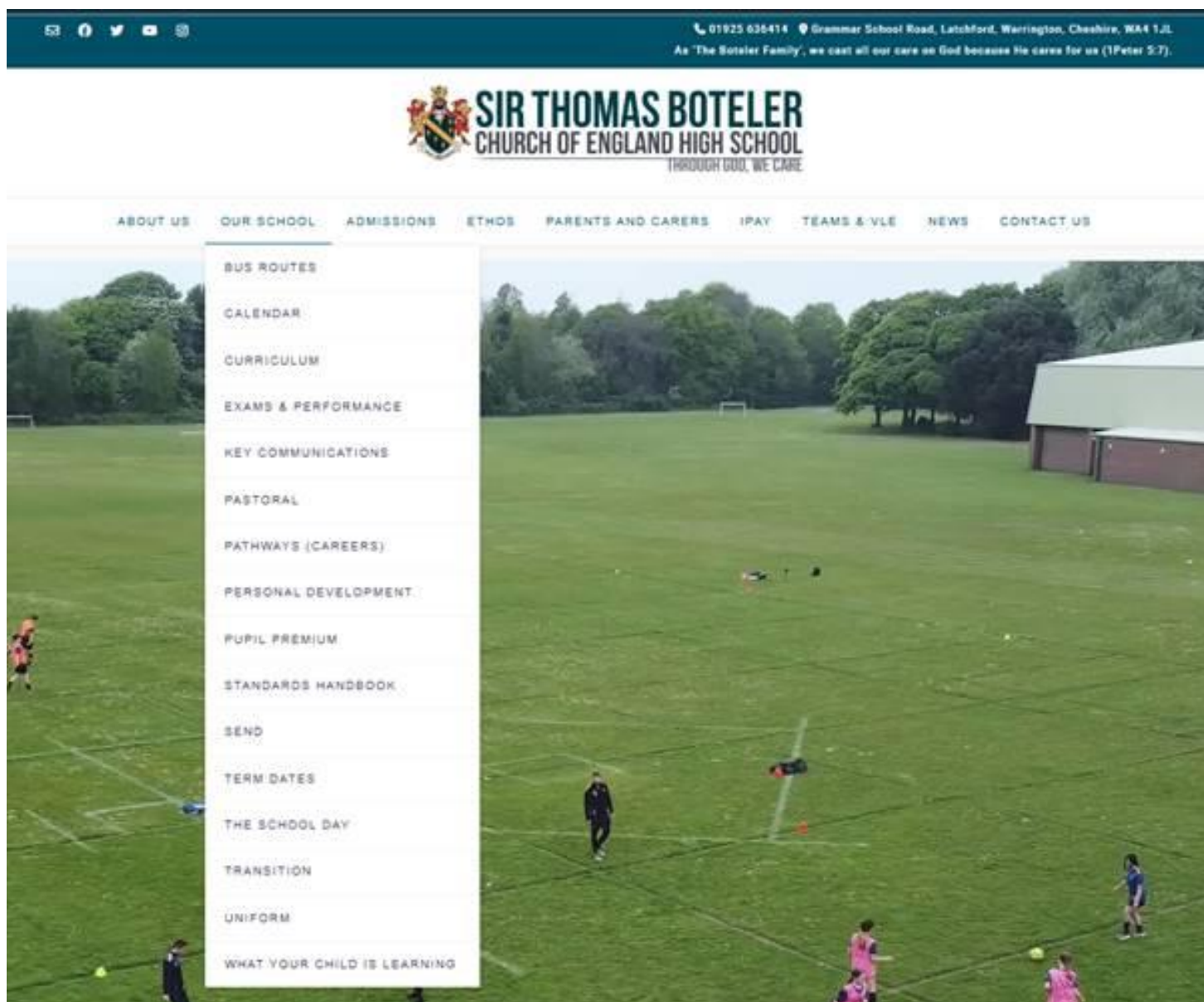


# QUALITY OF EDUCATION **CURRICULUM**

## Curriculum Maps

Following feedback at Parents' Evenings regarding curriculum we have ensured all Parents/Carers have access to information regarding what their child is learning. This information can be found by following this link:

<https://www.boteler.org.uk/what-your-child-is-learning/>



The image is a screenshot of the Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School website. At the top, there is a dark teal header with social media icons on the left and contact information on the right: a phone icon with the number 01925 636414, a location pin for Grammar School Road, Latchford, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 1JL, and a quote: "As 'The Boteler Family', we cast all our care on God because He cares for us (1Peter 5:7)". Below the header is the school's crest and name: "SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL" with the motto "THROUGH GOD, WE CARE". A navigation bar contains the following links: ABOUT US, OUR SCHOOL, ADMISSIONS, ETHOS, PARENTS AND CARERS, IPAY, TEAMS & VLE, NEWS, and CONTACT US. A dropdown menu is open under "OUR SCHOOL", listing: BUS ROUTES, CALENDAR, CURRICULUM (highlighted in a light blue box), EXAMS & PERFORMANCE, KEY COMMUNICATIONS, PASTORAL, PATHWAYS (CAREERS), PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, PUPIL PREMIUM, STANDARDS HANDBOOK, SEND, TERM DATES, THE SCHOOL DAY, TRANSITION, UNIFORM, and WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING. The background of the page is a large photograph of a green football pitch with several people playing football.



## Parents and Carers

### WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING - CURRICULUM MAPS

[ARBOR](#)

[PARENTS' EVENINGS](#)

[SATCHEL:ONE](#)

[PSB](#)

[KEY COMMUNICATIONS](#)

[Click here](#) for the presentation (as a PDF) from our Parent Forum on 10th October 2024 – *KS4 Exam Preparation and study skills.*

[Click here](#) for the presentation (as a PDF) from our Parent Forum on 28th November 2024 – *Arbor and SAM Learning Homework Support.*

Each subject has put together a 'Curriculum Map' to outline which topics will be studied and when. The sequence of learning takes great consideration to ensure that learning opportunities are maximised to both develop and enhance learning over time.

This includes taking opportunities to both interleave and reteach certain elements of topics which may be challenging. The sequencing of learning is not always written in stone as it is important that we consider the outcomes of both formal and informal assessment.

This is a responsive process that we call 'precision planning'.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Mr. C. Kinsey

# QUALITY OF EDUCATION **ASSESSMENT**

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## **Year 9 Options**

On Wednesday afternoon, Mr Koltan delivered an Options assembly to Year 9. He was amazed by the volume and depth of questions that students asked and clearly shows the thought students are giving to their subject choices linked to future career pathways and destinations. On Monday, all students will be issued with the Options form which needs to be completed and returned to form tutors the first Thursday after the half term break (27th February). Option choices will be confirmed by letter on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

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](mailto:jkoltan@boteler.org.uk)

## **Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable**

The second and final round of mock exams start on Monday 24 February 2025 and end on Friday 14 March 2025.

However, additional dates for Music Performance/Composition, Hospitality and MFL speaking tests are running either side of mock fortnight and time slots will be sent out separately to the students involved.

Please refer to the generic exam timetable. **Students' personalised timetable will be sent out next week.**

**Morning Exams:** start at 9am and students must be in the canteen by 8.45am. Students must be on time for their exam. Late arrival in the real exams, may result in them not being allowed to sit the exam.

**Afternoon Exams:** start at 1pm. Students will wait in the canteen at the end of lunch, where they will be escorted to the exam venue.

All exams will be conducted under national exam conditions and will be supervised by external invigilators. This is to give students the best preparation in readiness for the actual exams in summer 2025. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of these examinations and they should complete as much revision as possible in the run up to their exams.

Students **MUST** bring **all the necessary equipment** required (including a **scientific calculator**) for each subject. **Full uniform must be worn for the exams.**

Students are reminded that mobile phones, earbuds, watches or any other electronic devices are NOT permitted in the exam rooms. Water bottles and pencil cases must be clear and with no writing on them.

YEAR 11– MOCK TIMETABLE FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025

10 – 13 February: FRENCH SPEAKING MOCKS – Your teacher will confirm your day and time slot

11 – 14 February: HOSPITALITY FOOD PRACTICAL EXAM – Your teacher will confirm your day

WEEK	Date	Morning 8.55	Break 10.55	Morning 11.15am	Early Lunch 12.15	Afternoon 13.00
2	Mon 24 Feb	ENGLISH LANGUAGE Paper 1 1 hour 45				BIOLOGY Paper 2 1 hour 15/ 1 hour 45
	Tues 25 Feb	MATHS Paper 1 Non Calc 1 hour 30				GEOGRAPHY Paper 1 1 hour 30
	Weds 26 Feb	CHEMISTRY Paper 2 1 hour 15/ 1 hour 45				French Reading and listening 35/45 mins / 45 mins/ 1 hour
	Thurs 27 Feb	COMP SCIENCE Paper 1 2 Hours				RELIGIOUS STUDIES Paper 1 1 hour 45
		Morning 08.55	Break 11.10	Morning 11.25	Early Lunch 12.25	Afternoon 13.00
	Fri 28 Feb	MATHS Paper 2 CALC 1 hour 30				HISTORY paper1 1 hour 15

WEEK	Date	Morning 08.55	Break 10.55	Morning 11.15am	Early Lunch 12.15	Afternoon 13.00
1	Mon 3 Mar	ENGLISH LANGUAGE Paper 2 1 hour 45				GEOGRAPHY Paper 2/3 1 hour 30
	Tues 4 Mar	MATHS Paper 3 CALC 1 hour 30		TRAVEL & TOURISM 1 hour		HISTORY Paper 2 1 hour 45
	Weds 5 Mar	DT/GRAPHICS 2 hours				PHYSICS Paper 2 1 hour 15/ 1 hour 45
	Thurs 6 Mar	RELIGIOUS STUDIES Paper 2 1 hour 20				FRENCH/SPANISH Writing 1 hour 15/ 1 hour
		Morning 08.55	Break 11.10	Morning 11.25	Early Lunch 12.25	Afternoon 13.00
	Fri 7 Mar	SPANISH Listening & Reading 35/45 mins/ 45 mins/ 1 hour		ENGLISH LITERATURE 1 hour		HOSPITALITY 1 hour 20

WEEK	Date	Morning 8.55	Break 10.55	Morning 11.15am	Lunch 13.15	Afternoon 14.00	
2	Mon 10 Mar	HISTORY PAPER 3 1 hour 20		ENTERPRISE 2 hours			
	Tues 11 Mar	COMP SCIENCE PAPER 2 1 hour 45		SPORT 1 hour 15			
		FURTHER MATHS 1 hour 45 (3 x Students)		FURTHER MATHS 1 hour 45 (1 x student)			
	SPANISH SPEAKING MOCKS : Teacher will confirm your time slot						
	Weds 12 Mar	MUSIC Listening 1 hour 30					
		ART OPTION D SPANISH SPEAKING MOCKS : Teacher will confirm your time slot					
Thurs 13 Mar	ART OPTION A DANCE ALL DAY ( OLD GYM)						
Fri 14 Mar	ART OPTION C SPANISH SPEAKING MOCKS : Teacher will confirm your time slot						

WEEK	Date	Morning 8.55	Break 10.55	Morning 11.15am	Lunch 13.15	Afternoon 14.00
1	Thurs 20 Mar	MUSIC COMPOSITION : ALL DAY				
	Fri 21 Mar	MUSIC PERFORMANCE : Teacher will confirm your time slot				

# BEHAVIOURS & ATTITUDES

# **PASTORAL**

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## **Final Week of the Spring Half Term – Attendance and Standards**

As we approach the final week of this half term, we remain committed to achieving high attendance levels for all students. We recognise the challenges posed by the various illnesses that have been circulating since before Christmas, and we commend our students for their perseverance.

We encourage all parents and carers to continue monitoring their child's attendance via the **Arbor Parent App**, where you can view their headline attendance figure. There is still much to be achieved in the final week, and we remain focused on reducing levels of **persistent absenteeism**.

A reminder that any student with **attendance below 90% is classed as persistently absent**, which may lead to formal attendance procedures. As always, we take a **support-first approach**, working closely with families to overcome any barriers to attendance. We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child is in school **every day, on time, and ready for learning**.

Alongside attendance, we appreciate continued support from parents in upholding school standards. **Incorrect footwear and false eyelashes remain key concerns**, as they are a **breach of our behaviour policy**. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring students adhere to uniform expectations.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding our **jewellery rules**—we are pleased to see continued improvement. The vast majority of our students are **fantastic role models**, representing our school with pride.

We appreciate your ongoing support in reinforcing these expectations and ensuring that all students are **ready for learning every day**.





07486 124414

You are invited to the  
**ADHD Support Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**7:30-9:00pm**

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

### 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 February Meeting

This month we have invited  
**Clare Gillen,**  
who will provide information about

## ADDvanced Solutions

Who they are and what they offer.  
Learn about the workshops,  
training sessions and community  
network groups they run.

### 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*

# SENDIASS DROP IN SESSION

**WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY- 09:00- 12:00**

**Sandy Lane Children's Centre, Sandy Lane, Orford, WA2 9HY**

**WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY- 09:00- 12:00**

**Westy Children's Centre, Tinsley Street, Latchford, WA4 1RE**

**THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY- 09:00- 12:00**

**Great Sankey Children's Centre, Liverpool Road, WA5 1SB**

**THURSDAY 6TH MARCH- 09:00- 12:00**

**Orchards Children's Centre, Hilden Road, WA2 0JP**

**THURSDAY 13TH MARCH- 09:00- 12:00**

**Burtonwood Library, Chapel Lane, WA5 4PS  
(Running Order May Differ)**

**THURSDAY 20TH MARCH- 09:00- 12:00**

**The Hub, Capesthorpe Road, Orford, WA2 0JF**

**TUESDAY 25TH MARCH- 09:00- 12:00**

**Birchwood Community Room, Admiral Road, Birchwood WA3 6QG**



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## ORDER OF SESSION

**09:00- 10:00**

- **What is an EHCP?**
  - **The EHC Assessment Process**
- **Requesting an EHC Needs Assessment**
- **Completing an EHC Request**
  - **Submitting the Request**
  - **Next Steps**

**10:00- 10:30**

**EHC Request  
Individual Q&A Drop In**

**10:45- 12:00**

**General Queries Drop  
In Sessions**

# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

## **Personal Development**

National Apprenticeship Week, **Monday 10th – Sunday 16th of February 2025**, is the biggest week in the apprenticeship calendar, and 2025 promises to be bigger and better than ever before. The week-long event unites the entire apprenticeship community to celebrate everything that is brilliant about apprenticeships – bringing together apprentices, employers, training providers, teachers, careers advisers, parents and carers to be inspired about the opportunities that apprenticeships create.

Students will receive various assemblies and lessons on Apprenticeship next week. Please follow our social media links daily to raise both yours and your child's awareness of apprenticeships.

## **Apprenticeships**

Apprenticeships are real jobs that allow young people to earn a wage whilst they learn. They can take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on the level and go all the way to degree level. Students can apply for an apprenticeship whilst still in school but must be 16 or over to start one.

To find out more, visit the National Careers Service website apprenticeship pages.

[Skills for Life: it all starts with skills | Skills for Careers](#)

[Parent - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Designed specifically for parents, this Talking Futures website hosts information, video content and activity ideas to help families have well informed careers conversations.

[Parents Advice for Career Conversations - Talking Futures](#)

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 - [Get 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.



# NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	FORM TIME	ALL YEAR GROUPS VIRTUAL APPRENTICESHIP ASSEMBLY FROM WARRINGTON VALE ROYAL COLLEGE
	LUNCH TIME	APPRENTICESHIP WEBINAR ROOM 19 AT 13:25. GET A LUNCH PASS FROM MRS MAWBY AT BREAK (BY KS3 TOILETS) BRING YOUR LUNCH WITH YOU.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	LUNCH TIME	APPRENTICESHIP WEBINAR ROOM 19 AT 13:25. GET A LUNCH PASS FROM MRS MAWBY AT BREAK (BY KS3 TOILETS) BRING YOUR LUNCH WITH YOU.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	FORM TIME	YEAR 8 AND 9 - UTC ASSEMBLY IN THE HALL AT 8:30AM
	P1	YEAR 7 AND 8 - NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP ASSEMBLY FOLLOWED BY APPRENTICESHIP QUIZ
	P2 AND 3	YEAR 9 STUDENTS INVOLVED IN APPRENTICESHIP WORKSHOPS IN THE HALL
	BREAK TIME	YEAR 11 - MEET THE EMPLOYERS WHO OFFER APPRENTICESHIPS IN THE HALL
<b>THURSDAY</b>	P1-5	YEAR 10 - GROUP WORKSHOPS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HALL ON POST 16 & 18
	LUNCH TIME	APPRENTICESHIP WEBINAR ROOM 19 AT 13:25. GET A LUNCH PASS FROM MRS MAWBY AT BREAK (BY KS3 TOILETS) BRING YOUR LUNCH WITH YOU.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	P1	YEAR 9 AND 10 - NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP ASSEMBLY FOLLOWED BY AN APPRENTICESHIP QUIZ

KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES @THOMASBOTELER

## Forthcoming events!

### **Warrington Apprenticeship & Jobs Fair – The Engine Rooms, Birchwood Park - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 - [Warrington Apprenticeship and Jobs Fair - PUBLIC SIGN UP Tickets, Thu 13 Feb 2025 at 17:00 | Eventbrite](#)

# SIEMENS

NATIONAL  
APPRENTICESHIP  
WEEK 2025



## New year, new role.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

We have multiple roles across the UK in our [apprenticeship](#), [intern placement](#) and [student](#) programmes.

APPLY NOW

### Apprenticeships

- A range of Apprenticeships from level 3 to degree level
- Master the skills you'll need to shape the future
- Earn while you learn

[Find out more >](#)

### Internships

- Summer placements
- 12 month internships
- Experience life at Siemens to help with your degree and future career

[Find out more >](#)

## We're scrapping the CV!

We believe skills can be developed, and potential can be nurtured. We're not so interested in what you've done – we care most about who you are and what you can do. Your CV will not be seen by a hiring manager until after the selection process.



Find out more  
[siemens.co.uk/earlycareers](https://www.siemens.co.uk/earlycareers)

THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS  
GOOD CAREER GUIDANCE



## Catch22 College: Warrington

Catch22 College Warrington delivers qualifications and builds skills in young people aged 16-19 enabling them to progress on to further education, training, or employment.

<https://www.catch-22.org.uk/find-services/catch22-college-warrington/>

### Lost Property

We have numerous coats in lost property. If your child has lost theirs please let them know to go to Mrs Mawby's office to see if it is there.



### Mindful Mondays

Our students took part in 'Mindful Mondays: Meditation' for Children's mental health week this week. Mindful Mondays is on every Monday at lunch in the gym, where students can learn strategies to support positive mental health and wellbeing



## Year 8 Ghost Streets Workshops

Year 8 have been involved in road safety workshops in their personal development lessons led by Bev from Warrington Borough Council. Students were encouraged to think about the dangers on the roads for pedestrians, cyclists and when passengers in cars. They watched a video "Ghost streets" and took part in activities and discussions.



## Year 7 Magistrates workshops

Year 7 have been lucky to have a visit from a magistrate Paula Jones who led a presentation on what a magistrate does. They then got the chance to take part in a mock trial deciding if the defendant was innocent or guilty. It was a 100% guilty verdict!





### **Year 10 Consent Video with Cheshire Police**

A group of Year 10 students were selected to work on a pilot video for Cheshire Police on Consent. They watched a number of clips produced for KS4 students by Cheshire police during a personal development lesson. They were then filmed being interviewed on their thoughts and opinions.

Well done to all students involved. This will now be rolled out to all schools in Cheshire to encourage them to use the resources with their Year 10 and Year 11 students.

You can access the clip here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lxj7p-rjhj4>



## Make Life Kind workshops

Year 7 and 8 students have taken part in knife crime workshops firstly hearing the story of Ava White who was tragically stabbed in 2021 in Liverpool City centre and died. Ava's Mum Leann spoke to students about the impact this has had on her whole family and everybody who loved Ava.

They were then shown what to do in the event of a stabbing and how to treat the wound. Essential skills that can be transferred in emergency situations.



## Chinese Lunar New Year

This Saturday, you are invited to a special celebration at Warrington Youth Zone as we see in the Chinese Lunar New Year.

The event will take place from 11am-2:30pm, and entry is FREE!

Last year, hundreds of people from across the local community joined us to bring in the Year of the Dragon.

Attendees were able to get stuck into numerous activities, from table tennis and fan making to Chinese performances and a special martial arts showcase.

This year, there will once again be a range of fun-filled, themed events which can be enjoyed by young people and families alike as we prepare to celebrate the Year of the Snake.

There's no need to book online in advance - simply turn up on the day.

Warrington Youth Zone · Dallam Lane · Warrington, Cheshire WA2 7NG



The poster features a red background with yellow lanterns at the top corners. In the center, a large yellow banner reads 'CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR' in bold yellow letters. Below this is a circular emblem containing a stylized red and black snake with yellow spots, coiled around a yellow circle. To the left of the snake is the 'WARRINGTON YZ' logo, with 'An OnSide Youth Zone' written below it. On either side of the central emblem are vertical yellow banners with the year '2025' written vertically. At the bottom left, the text 'FREE ENTRY' is displayed in white. At the bottom right, the time '11:00 AM 2:30 PM' is shown in white. A dark blue banner at the very bottom contains the text 'YEAR OF SNAKE' in yellow, followed by 'FAMILIES WELCOME' in white, 'SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2025' in yellow, 'WARRINGTON YOUTH ZONE' in white, and 'CHARITY NUMBER 1101086' in white.

**CHINESE**  
**LUNAR NEW YEAR**

2025

2025

WARRINGTON  
**YZ**  
An OnSide Youth Zone

**FREE ENTRY**

**11:00 AM  
2:30 PM**

**YEAR OF SNAKE**

**FAMILIES WELCOME**  
**SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2025**  
WARRINGTON YOUTH ZONE  
CHARITY NUMBER 1101086

# PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

A reminder that our next **Parent Forum**, focusing on Understanding the Curriculum 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 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 [smason@boteler.org.uk](mailto:smason@boteler.org.uk).

Looking ahead, we also have our **Year 10 Parents' Evening** coming up after half term on **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February**, from 15:30 to 19:00. Further details on how to make appointments will be shared soon.

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

## UNDERSTANDING THE CURRICULUM PARENT FORUM

**13TH FEBRUARY 18:00 - 19:00**  
IN THE SCHOOL HALL

This session will focus on providing parents/carers with a deeper understanding of the curriculum, including what your child is learning and how best to support them.

# SUBJECT NEWS

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## English Department

English support for the March mock exams

As we approach our next set of mocks, all Year 11 students will be provided with an updated English Language and Literature revision pack to support what we are revising in class. It is essential that the revision packs are used consistently at home (using strategies discussed at the parent forum in October).

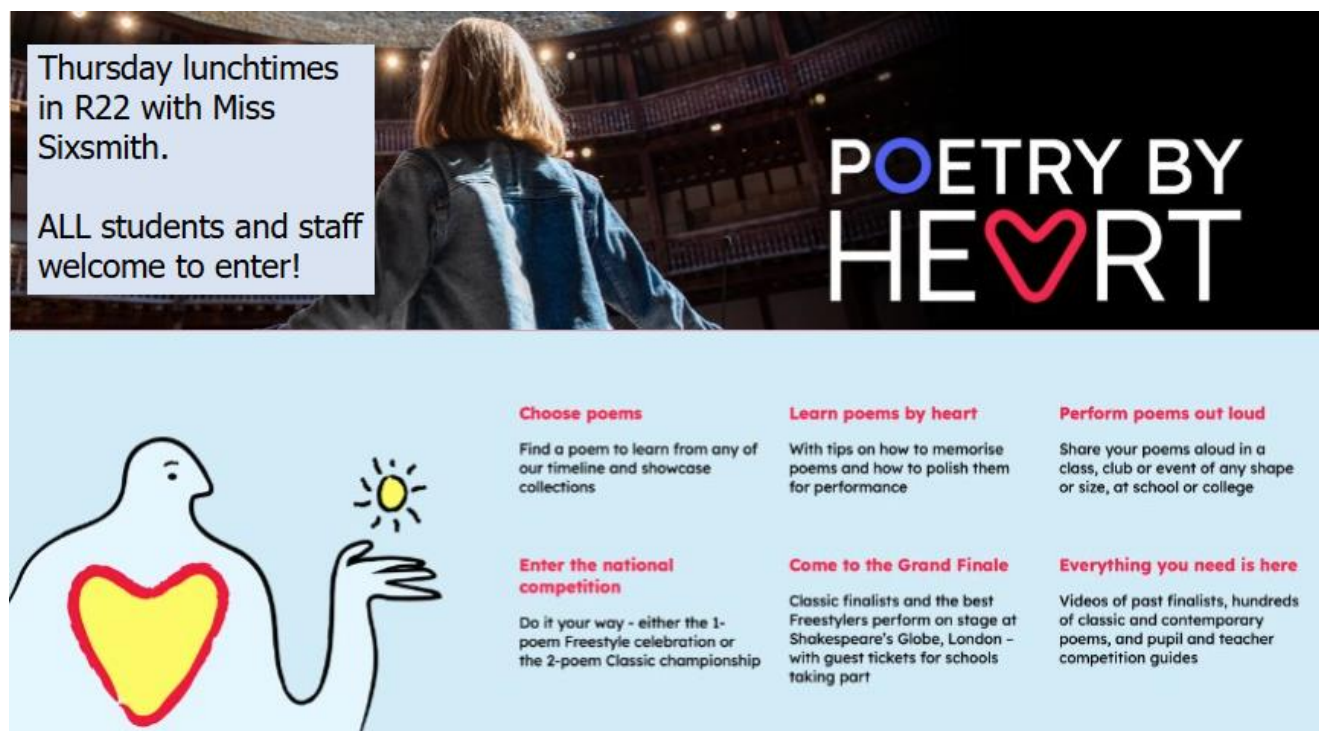
Also, there will be two Sunday revision sessions for any student who needs further support:

**Language Paper 1 revision:** Sunday 23rd February 10.30-11.30

**Language Paper 2 revision:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10.30-11.30

Thank you for your continued support.

## Poetry by Heart Competition 2025



The poster features a background image of a person with long hair, seen from behind, standing in a large, ornate hall. The text 'POETRY BY HEART' is prominently displayed in the upper right, with the 'O' in 'POETRY' in blue and the 'H' in 'HEART' in red. Below this, there are six columns of text, each with a red heading and a brief description. On the left side, there is a graphic of a person's silhouette with a large yellow heart in the center, and a hand holding a glowing sun.

Thursday lunchtimes  
in R22 with Miss  
Sixsmith.

ALL students and staff  
welcome to enter!

**POETRY BY  
HEART**

**Choose poems**  
Find a poem to learn from any of our timeline and showcase collections

**Learn poems by heart**  
With tips on how to memorise poems and how to polish them for performance

**Perform poems out loud**  
Share your poems aloud in a class, club or event of any shape or size, at school or college

**Enter the national competition**  
Do it your way - either the 1-poem Freestyle celebration or the 2-poem Classic championship

**Come to the Grand Finale**  
Classic finalists and the best Freestylers perform on stage at Shakespeare's Globe, London - with guest tickets for schools taking part

**Everything you need is here**  
Videos of past finalists, hundreds of classic and contemporary poems, and pupil and teacher competition guides



## Why do it?

- It's seriously good fun
- Boost your confidence
- Practise your speaking and/or performance skills
- Spend time with friends or make new ones
- Enjoy and explore great poems
- Develop your memory skills
- Learn how poems work
- Certificate
- Try something new/different
- Sense of pride/achievement
- Chance of performing at Shakespeare's Globe, London on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

POETRY BY  
HEART

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**

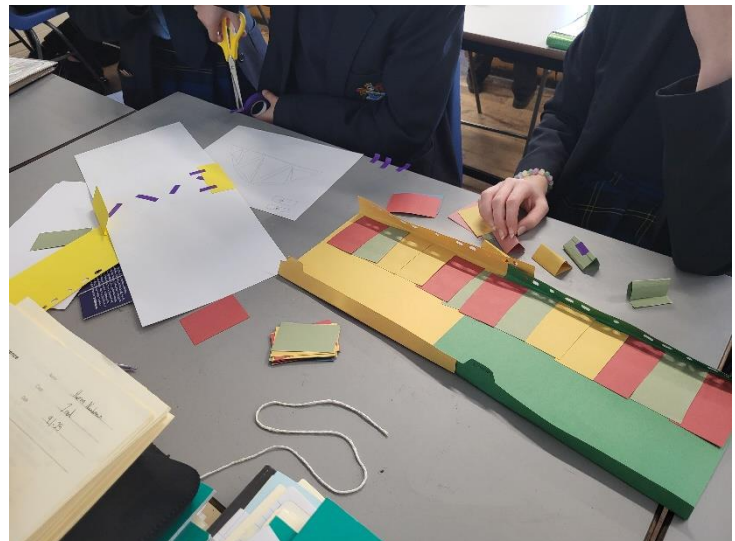
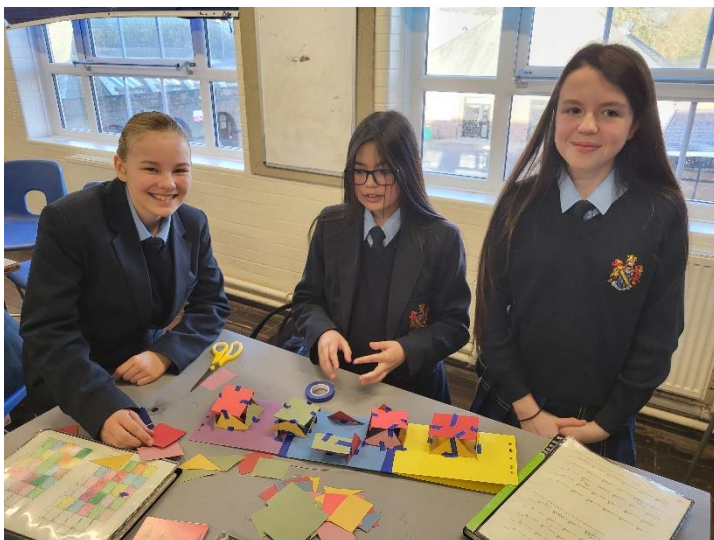
## Science Department

Last week, a group of Boteler's Year 7 and 8 scientists were invited to an exciting STEM session delivered by Oxplore. Two Oxford University students visited to host an activity morning centred around solving real-world problems using science.

Students learned about what causes natural disasters and used their knowledge to design load-bearing bridges and earthquake-proof buildings. They tested their creations and worked in teams to continue iterating and improving their designs.

Their problem-solving skills and resilience were admirable, and we ended up with some very interesting designs.

Well done to everybody involved!



## Enterprise

As part of their Enterprise coursework our students need to explore an enterprise to develop their knowledge and understanding of the characteristics and the skills needed by an entrepreneur to be successful. Our students needed to explore how enterprises use market research to find out about their customer needs and competitor behaviour. Students also research how internal and external factors may affect the business in order to gain an understanding of the factors that contribute to overall success.

This year we have been extra lucky in that we have had two wonderful entrepreneurs come in to school to give the students an insight into how they manage their business and the particular skills and characteristics that make that happen.

Our first talk was from Jamie Porter from ConceptCarCredit which is a family-run business, established in 2004. They are specialists in providing car finance and offer a great selection of high-quality used vehicles suiting everybody's budget.

Our second talk was from Kate McCarthy, the founder of McCarthy Recruitment, whose aim is to redefine recruitment, putting culture fit at the heart of every decision, and revolutionise the way talent is acquired and nurtured. This particular talk came about as a result of developing links with Stuart Beardsworth at the Cheshire and Warrington Careers Hub and is an example of how education and business can work together to support and embed careers into the curriculum.



## History

### Holocaust Testimony Brings History to Life.

On 30th January, we had the privilege of welcoming Leah Burman from the Northern Holocaust Education Group to our school. Leah shared the powerful story of her father, Ernie, who will celebrate his 100th birthday later this year.

Ernie was a Polish Jewish citizen and grocery store owner before the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939. He endured life under Nazi occupation before being sent to Auschwitz, where he was subjected to forced labour and later endured the infamous death marches. He was finally liberated at the end of World War II.



It was both beautiful and deeply moving to witness some of our students share their own family stories of loved ones who had suffered a similar fate.

Moments like these remind us why it is so important to learn from history — so that we are not doomed to repeat the same mistakes.

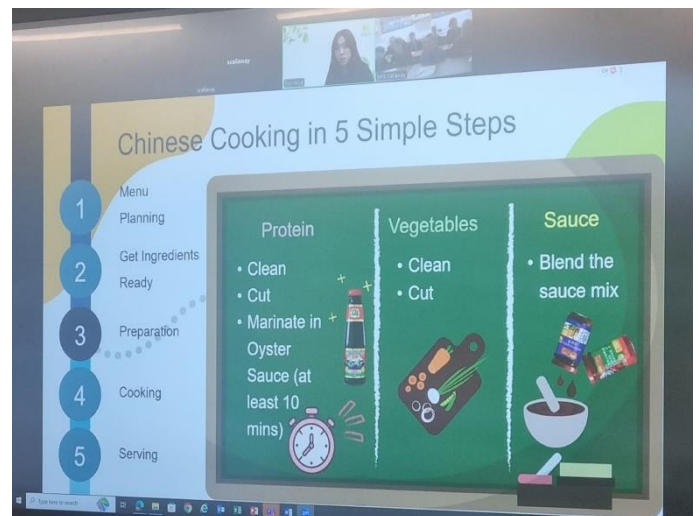


## Food Technology

As a recognition of their excellent behaviour and conduct during their Food Technology lessons, Mrs Callaway invited 12 Year 9 students to take part in a Chinese cuisine workshop which was ran by the **Fun Healthy Chinese Cuisine Ambassadors**. They are also the makers of Lee Kum Kee sauces, and invented oyster sauce!

During the 2-hour workshop students received an informative presentation on Chinese food and culture via live zoom call from the Ambassadors themselves. Followed by a demonstration from Mrs Callaway on preparing and making 'Hoisin Chicken', students then made their own version of the delicious dish!

Sauces were provided by Lee Kum Kee and ingredients were fully funded by our 'Food Technology Extra-Curriculum Sponsorship' kindly donated by Edit Development.



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## 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 [jguttridge@boteler.org.uk](mailto:jguttridge@boteler.org.uk)

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# YOUNG ARTIST OF THE YEAR 2025

Enter either the **Creative Artist** or **Digital Artist** category for a chance to win 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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

**Entry Deadline: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

For more information or to enter your artwork, visit:  
**[wvr.ac.uk/young-artist](http://wvr.ac.uk/young-artist)**

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All entries submitted must be your own original artwork. AI-generated art and GCSE work will not be accepted.

## Physical Education

### BRINGING HOME THE MEDALS!



1st place at the Warrington Sportshall Athletics this week for our Year 8 boys' team! Massive congratulations and now through to the regional finals in March.

PE@Boteler: Promote - Engage - EXCEL.

### ALL ABOARD YOUTH ROWING

A sport often perceived as an exclusive pursuit, we are proud and dedicated to help break down barriers and make rowing accessible to all.

This is our 7th year of partnering with Warrington Rowing Club and All Aboard Youth Rowing.

Our mission is to challenge the stereotype that rowing is an elitist sport by welcoming young people from diverse backgrounds to experience to bring out the best in individuals, fostering self-esteem, confidence, resilience, and valuable life skills that go beyond the water.



Following a period of training in the Gym, we have been treated to some glorious weather on the Mersey this week. Our Year 8 Crews working on their catch and drive to develop their speed in the water. Our goal at this year's outdoor Regatta, for both crews, is to medal and beat our personal best times. A lot of hard work and focus in the coming weeks and months.

## YEAR 9 STUDENTS - LET YOUR CREATIVITY FLY AND CHOOSE BTEC TECH AWARD IN PERFORMING ARTS!



As part of a Key Stage 4 programme, learners will be studying a broad range of GCSEs, including English, mathematics and science. The BTEC Tech Award suite has been designed to allow learners to draw on the knowledge and skills acquired from these subjects where relevant. When studying for a 'BTEC', learners can use the knowledge and skills from GCSEs, giving them the opportunity to apply their academic knowledge to everyday and work contexts.

The BTEC Tech Award is an introduction to vocational learning. The qualifications give learners the opportunity to build applied knowledge and skills that show an aptitude for further learning, both in the sector and more widely. The approach to the suite is based on well-established BTEC assessment approaches that are proven to be successful in building applied knowledge and skills and motivating learners to engage fully with challenging study. There are many progression options as the skills acquired are applicable to a range of post-16 study options.

This is not just about being an actor or dancer. Students study a wide range of components that focus on stage design, lighting, costume design and extensive research into the latest artists that continue to shape the stage!



The performing arts are a major part of the creative and cultural industries in the UK, which in 2017–2018 were growing at over five times the rate of the wider UK economy, contributing £111.7 billion a year to the economy.

There were more than 9,000 enterprises in the performing arts industry in 2018, and in 2019 more than 82,000 people working in a wide range of roles from performers to designers and directors.

The skills developed through the study of performing arts are integral to roles across the creative industry, including film and TV, theatre, games and advertising.

## BOTELER ALUMNI IN THE SPORTING SPOTLIGHT

Massive congratulations to Talicia Blythe, former student, for earning her place on the Warrington Wolves Women's First Team!

Talicia's journey has been one of dedication, hard work, and passion for the game.

This milestone not only celebrates an incredible achievement but also inspires current and future students to dream big and aim high.



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**Swimmers aged 4+**

We want children to enjoy the water and have fun on race days! We welcome all abilities and celebrate every goal reached.

**Orford Jubilee Park:**

Wednesday 7:00-8:30pm Main pool  
Sunday 8:00-9:00am  
Small pool and Main pool

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**Woolston**

Friday 7:00-8:30pm Main pool

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**Why not volunteer and help?**

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Looking for a new exciting sport? A sport that can take you from junior right up to adult life? One you can continue to play through college or university, even to the dizzy heights of the Olympics? Then why not give water polo a go!

**It's fast, it's fun, it's awesome.**

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