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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well and that you all had a lovely half term break. We have received the draft Ofsted report, which was a fabulous read and I look forward to sharing it with you when I am allowed. It is just going through the final QA process.

Year 7 and 8 Parents' Evening

On Monday 1st November we had our virtual Year 8 Parents' Evening on SchoolCloud. Thank you to the 71% of parents who were in attendance on the evening. We also have our Year 7 Parents' Evening this coming Monday 8th November which will also be on SchoolCloud. The pastoral team have been busy contacting parents who have not yet made a booking or have had some technical issue in accessing the system. If you have not yet made booking, please do so as it is not too late.

As a school we pride ourselves on strong lines of communication and working closely with our families to ensure all children succeed academically and holistically. Parents evenings are such an important event. If you are struggling to attend a parents evening due to work commitments or other reasons please let your child's Head of Year know so we can make alternative arrangements. If the issue is access to technical devices, we may be able to help here as well. What is so important is that you are fully informed about the progress your child is making in school and any questions, however how small, are answered. Parents' evenings give us the opportunity to do this.

KS3 WA1 Assessments

Our KS3 'Working At' Assessments (WA1) start on Monday 15th November and run for two weeks with the last assessment taking place on Friday 26th November. WA Assessments are formal assessments which will test the knowledge and skill which students have been taught this term in each of their subjects. This may take the form of a test or an assessed piece of extended writing/practical piece of work.

Students will be provided with revision material such as their Knowledge Organiser and revision lists giving details of the topics and content that will be tested. We are also encouraging students to take their workbooks home to revise. It is important that students look after their workbooks and check they have the correct books that are needed for the following day when packing their bags for school each evening. The expectation is that students spend time each evening preparing for the assessments. Constant revision and

practice is the surest way to fully embed skills and knowledge required to secure excellent achievement at KS4.

For the EBacc subjects listed below, the percentage your child achieves on the WA1 assessment will be included on the progress report that will be posted on 10th December. To gauge what this percentage means in relation to the progress your child is making, the class average and year group average percentage will be included for comparative purposes.

EBacc Subjects

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Geography
- History
- French/Spanish
- Computer Studies

Your child has been given their assessment timetable. Please review this with them and check they know exactly when each assessment in their various subjects are taking place. Our Form Tutors are also checking this in registration each morning. Class teachers will also go over this with students in lessons. Students are responsible for carrying their timetable and updating it when class teachers give out information, as to when their test/assessments in all other subjects will take place.

TCAT Parliament

Monday 8th November MP Andy Carter is addressing TCAT Parliament , Eco Council and the School Council about life as an MP and the aims for Warrington South and how he can support our school and young people.

Remembrance Service

Thursday 11th November we are holding our Remembrance Service in the School Hall. This starts at 10:30am and concludes with the last post and 2-minute silence at 11:00am. The service will be led by Mike Wildsmith.

Careers Fair

Friday 12th November is the Careers Fair for Year 8, 9, 10 and 11. We have over 20 stands joining us for the day. Students will visit each stand and learn about the different careers in that industry.

Drama

Year 8 will study Drama through the theme of War next half term and we want to use props for performances. If you have any of the following that you no longer want and are happy to donate to the Drama department, we would be very grateful:

- Leather suitcase
- Old newspapers
- Binoculars

- Flat caps
- Trilby style hats

Schools Infection Survey 2

The Schools Infection Survey team will be back in school on Thursday 11th November 2021 to test all of the students who have signed up to the programme. If you would like your child to take part and have not yet signed them up, please follow the links below for more information on the programme and how to register. If you have signed your child up but no longer want them to take part, please contact the helpline to cancel your registration on 08081961270 or covid-19@ons.gov.uk

<https://tinyurl.com/stbsisparent>

<https://tinyurl.com/stbsisletter>

Neighbourhood Consultations

We have been asked to share this new Central 6 Streets plan flyer with our school community on behalf of Warrington Borough Council. The flyer which was sent out via text and email last week contained an error. The Central 6 Streets plan aims to improve our local area and environment, through changes and street improvements. Consultations are taking place both in person and online. I would like to encourage you to get involved, especially if you currently travel to or from school via car. All of the information on how to take part is in the flyer below.

<https://bit.ly/3mLWafH>

COVID-19 LFD Testing

We currently have 5 students who have tested positive for COVID-19 bringing the total cases to 52 from the start of term. Can you please continue to encourage regular hand washing and test your child twice weekly using the LFD kits provided by school. Also, please record your results even if it's negative or void on both the government and the school forms:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

<https://tinyurl.com/stbcovidresults>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions and have a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes



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