



Bulletin – Friday 15 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we enter the final week of our first half term of 'normality' we can look back on a busy, but successful start to the year. Year 7 and 8 are confidently established in the whole site, whilst Year 11 have been really proactive in signing up for Open Evenings and revision opportunities to make a flying start to their final year. Opportunities for the first trips, including Iceland and the Year 7 retreats have been enthusiastically received. In particular, we've relaunched all our prayer and worship and have been really impressed with how thoughtfully and reflectively our students have engaged with each week's mission. We hope that, when it comes, you all have a restful and enjoyable half term.

Harvest Festival

There have been a steady stream of donations to our Harvest Festival during the week. On Monday some of our SVP students will be working with the Warrington Food Bank to ensure these donations are distributed to those who most need them. If there are any final donations to be made, students should take these to the chaplaincy office by 9am on Monday 18th to make sure their food is included in the donation. Thank you so much for your support with this.

Year 11 Information Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended Y11 Information Evening which we hope you found useful. If you were unable to make it, or would like to refer again to the presentations which were delivered all the material will be available on our website shortly. The 'Exams in a Nutshell' booklet which was given out on the evening will also be available to download from our website. If you or your child would prefer a paper copy these can be collected from the school office.

Year 8 and 9 Retreat

Our Year 8 and 9 students have the opportunity to go on retreat in February next year, staying at Castlerigg, a well-equipped retreat centre in Keswick. Year 8 have already heard about this opportunity in Collective Worship, and information will be shared with Year 9 in their RE Lessons. Students will be given a flyer and application form but a copy is also included with this bulletin for your information. The retreat takes place from 2-4 February and costs £140 for the three days of activities, including all meals, transport and accommodation. Places are limited so students should return their form as quickly as possible to secure their place.



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Year 7 Maths Most Able Workshop

A group of pupils took part in a maths workshop about number systems. They worked in pairs or individually to produce a presentation all about a different number system including Roman Numerals, Chinese, Babylonian and Egyptian. They each then presented their work to the rest of the group. The presentations were fantastic!!!

Show Racism the Red Card

As part of our work to tackle all forms of discrimination, we are signed up to the 'Show Racism the Red Card' campaign. We will be marking this day on Friday 22nd October with form time activities as well as an opportunity to purchase 'Show Racism the Red Card' ribbons for a small donation at form, break and lunch time.

Courses for parents

Torus Housing offer a number of courses and opportunities for any parents looking for support. This week they ran a very well presented 'Mental Health First Aid' course for parents. If you were interested but unable to make it, please see the attached flyer for alternative dates in the new year. If you would prefer to attend a virtual course there is also an online version on 6th/7th December. Torus also run a Coffee morning at Westy Children's Centre each Thursday in term time from 8.30-10.45am. This is where parents can come along and grab a free tea/coffee/toast meet new people in the community. Or get help and support around early help-health and wellbeing, employment and training, digital/finance and general parenting advice. If any of these opportunities are of interest please see the attached flyers for details.

Year 8 and 9 Rowing

Rowing this year for our crews is back underway with the new Year 8 crews completing their swim assessments and capsizing drills ready to take to the open waters of the River Mersey this week. The Year 9 crews are back on the water and making excellent progress.

Netballing Success for Year 9

Our Year 9 netball team put in a superb series of performances on Wednesday night. They played matches against Sir Thomas Boteler, Great Sankey and Birchwood High School and emerged victorious in all three. This team continues to go from strength to strength, congratulations!



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Sporting Fixtures

The Year 9 football team also had a very successful week beating Sir Thomas Boteler 1-0 and Bridgewater High School 2-1. Year 10 also played their league match, beating Sir Thomas Boteler.

The girls' rugby team also had a match on Monday, putting on a good performance but ultimately losing to Sir Thomas Boteler 28-40.

It has been a real pleasure to see all our sports teams taking to the field this half term now restrictions have been lifted. We wish all our teams success in the final fixtures of the half term next week.

Best Wishes
Jo Lasngstaff