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Bulletin – Friday 14th February 2020

Thank you to all the Year 10 and 11 parents who were able to join us on Thursday 13th February for the presentations from Made Education. We hope you found it useful in understanding how to support your children through their GCSEs. Our Year 10 and 11 students also attended workshops during the school day which are designed to ensure they have all the skills they need to revise confidently for their exams. Thank you also to Year 9 parents for your support with the options process. All of our students should have now had options interviews and have made their options choices. If you have any further questions about this process please contact Miss Burras at school.

When we return from our half term break, the season of Lent will begin on Wednesday 26th February. You will be receiving a letter from our school chaplain, Mrs James, which will give details of all the events that are taking place, but the first week back will see us marking Pancake Day with pancakes available for a small donation in the Food Technology Department at lunch time to generate money for our Lenten Charities. We will also be marking Ash Wednesday with services for all year groups.

Cyber First

Four of our Year 8 girls made it through to the semi-final round of the girls Cyberfirst competition. Cheshire had been classified as 'the Midlands' by the National Cyber Security Centre, so we travelled to PWC head office in Birmingham on Saturday 8th February. The team had to complete hours of incredibly challenging and previously unseen computer science problems as a team. Over 2000 teams entered from all across the UK, and only 22 schools from the Midlands qualified for the semi-final round. Our 4 girls were brilliant and finished 4th out of the teams there on the day which was an incredible achievement.

Miss Lyne

England Representative

George Benson (Year 11) has recently won a Muay Thai Boxing Regional Competition, and not only is he now the holder of a boxing belt as a reward for his success, but he has also qualified to represent England in this sport! George manages this alongside the pressures of being in Year 11 and we are very proud of him.

Mr Russell



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Tall Ships Race

The Chief Constable of Cheshire Constabulary invited schools from all over Cheshire to nominate students to take part in the Tall Ships Race. In order to be nominated, students needed to meet some extremely ambitious criteria and have demonstrated many exceptional qualities to get the one place available to Warrington schools on the Cheshire team of ten. We are therefore delighted that Louis Burgoyne in Year 9 has been chosen from all the nominations across Warrington to join the team, and will undertake an incredible 8 day sailing adventure which we can't wait to hear about. Well done Louis!

Mr Brophy

English News

It's been another busy fortnight for the English Department. Y11 recently enjoyed a performance of 'The Woman In Black' at The Playhouse Theatre. The next read for Book Club will be 'Running on The Roof Of The World'. Y8 students have been invited to watch a performance of 'A Monster Calls' on Thursday 27th February, all details have been emailed home and payments can be made online.

The English Department are very much looking forward to World Book on Thursday 5th of March 2020 (more details to follow)

Mrs Curry

Numeracy Day

On Thursday 13th February, we celebrated the importance of numeracy. Year 7 and 8 followed special timetables in which all of their subjects showed how important numbers and mathematics are to helping to understand their subject. Year 7 particularly enjoyed cracking the code in the cipher workshops whilst the English Department showed that you can find numeracy in every subject with some very challenging numerical translations for the students. Thanks to Year 7 and 8 for their enthusiasm in participating in this day.

Mrs Shaw



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Battle of Hastings

The corridors and playground have been echoing to the sound of marching armies this week as Year 7 have re-enacted the Battle of Hastings. This term they have been studying war and conflict in the Medieval period. We have looked at the Norman invasion in 1066 and the battles fought to win the English throne. As part of their studies students were tasked with producing a shield to re-enact the battle of Hastings in school in order to better understand the reasons William of Normandy won. Throughout the different history classes there were excellent examples of Saxon and Norman shields with accompanying military equipment from the period. No blood was spilt, and although the Normans predictably emerged victorious all students acquitted themselves well in battle. Well done Year 7!

Mr Russell

Year 7 Retreat

Year 7 participated in our in-house retreat this week and were a credit to our school values. The day, led by the Shrewsbury Youth Mission team, focussed on helping our students fully understand our core values of Service, Compassion, Forgiveness and Truth. CAFOD also informed us with their excellent presentations, and the student feedback suggests that the students really enjoyed their day.

Mrs James

Sporting News

The Town Indoor Athletics competition took place last week for our Year 7 and 8 teams. We fielded full teams for boys and girls in both year groups with the Year 7 girls (3rd) and the Year 8 boys (4th) proving particularly successful in the competition, but with all students acquitting themselves well in their respective events. The Year 8 girls had an additional success, beating Sir Thomas Boteler in their recent rugby Match. Year 11 also competed in the regional Badminton finals, finishing 6th in the Cheshire Schools' Championships.

When we return from the half term all year groups except Year 11 have boys' football fixtures against Penketh. The Year 7, 8 and 9 teams will play them at Penketh on Wednesday 26th, whilst the Year 11 team will play Penketh at Home. Year 10 boys have a rugby fixture on Thursday 27th at Sir Thomas Boteler. We will also aim to continue our Futsal success participating in a tournament at Sir Thomas Boteler on Tuesday 25th February.

Mr Smith