

Date - 19th of June 25

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week it has been in school! The sunshine has made such a difference to everyone's mood, and it's been wonderful to see our school community enjoying the brighter days.

A particular highlight this week was our **Year 11** Leavers' Assembly on Thursday. It was a truly special occasion, full of celebration, laughter, and a few tears too. A huge thank you to our **Year 7** students, who gave **Year 11** a warm and memorable send-off by forming a guard of honour as they left the assembly—such a thoughtful gesture that meant a lot to everyone involved.

On Thursday this week our **Year 7** football team won the Warrington Schools Cup Final, beating St Greg's 3-2. This was a brilliant achievement, well done to the boys involved. On Wednesday our **Year 9** team were narrowly beaten in their final but played really well. Next Tuesday, our **Year 10** team will play their final and see if they can be crowned Warrington champions. Good luck to them. To have three teams in the Warrington Schools Cup Finals is a fantastic achievement, we are very proud of them!

We're also pleased to open up nominations for our Staff Kindness Awards. This is your opportunity to recognise any member of staff who has gone above and beyond to support your child or family this year. If someone has made a difference, big or small, we'd love to hear from you. The link to the nomination form is included below: https://forms.office.com/e/5ENzS2xZQh

Meanwhile, **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10** have shown real focus and resilience in their KAST exams this week. We're incredibly proud of the maturity and determination they've demonstrated—well done to all. Looking ahead to next week:

- On Thursday, we will be holding our second 'Time to Talk' day, as part of our ongoing commitment to supporting student mental health and wellbeing. Each student will receive an individual appointment, giving them a chance to check in and talk with a trusted adult.
- On Thursday we are welcoming the Year 5 students from schools within our community. We are
 hosting our very first progression day to support students in their transition to high school. Year 5
 students will get the chance to be 'high-schoolers' for the day and enjoy some fun activities at
 Birchwood. This promises to be a brilliant day!
- On Friday, we have our scheduled INSET day—a reminder that this has been on the calendar and school will be closed to students on this day. They can use this opportunity to work independently on homework and further learning.





• Finally, we're very excited about the **Year 11** Prom on Wednesday evening, where we'll come together to celebrate the end of their journey at Birchwood. We can't wait to see them all looking fantastic and enjoying the night!

I'd also like to share an urgent safegurding message we have received today from the local authority — The education team have been made aware by the police of reports of a male acting suspiciously in the Warrington area. The advice to schools and parents is to remind children and young people about the possible dangers of speaking to strangers and report any suspicious incidents to the police.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes and take care,

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