



9th January 2012

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The first days of term have started well despite the blustery winds and showers! We welcomed a number of new students and Mr Walsh who has joined the Learning Support Team in the iZone.

School Calendar 2012/13

The dates for the academic year commencing in September have now been agreed and can be found on our website.



Year 9 Consultation Evening

We look forward to seeing those of you with students in Year 9 next **Thursday 12th January** between 4.00pm-7.30pm.

January GCSE Examinations

Years 10 & 11 students will be sitting external examinations over the next few weeks.

PARENT/CARERS EVENING

- 12th Jan 2012 Yr 9 Consultation Evening
- 26th Jan Yr 8 Consultation Evening
- 23rd Feb KS4 Options Evening
- 1st Mar Yr 10 Consultation Evening
- 29th Mar Yr 11 Progress Check Evening
- 26th April Yr 7 Consultation Evening
- 3rd July Yr 6 Induction Evening

TERM DATES 2011/2012

- Friday 10th February**
School closes for half term
- Tuesday 21st February**
School re-opens to students
- Friday 30th March**
School closes for Spring Break
- Tuesday 17th April**
School re-opens to students
- Monday 7th May**
School closed for May Day
- Friday 1st June**
School closed for half term
- Monday 11th June**
School re-opens to students
- Thursday 19th July**
School closes for summer

INSET DAYS

- Monday 20th February 2012
- Monday 16th April 2012
- Friday 29th June 2012

Day/Date	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 9th January	Maths	
Tuesday 10th January	English Language & English Literature	IT
Wednesday 11th January	English	
Thursday 12th January	Science & Biology	
Friday 13th January		English Literature
Monday 16th January	ICT	
Wednesday 18th January	Science & Chemistry	
Friday 20th January	Physics	
Tuesday 24th January	Biology	
Thursday 26th January	Chemistry	
Monday 30th January		Physics

Due to the fact that there is an examination scheduled to take place in the afternoon on Friday 13th January, it will be necessary for lunch to change times on this date as follows:

Friday 13th January	12.15—12.45	Yr 10 & 11 Lunch
	12.45—13.15	Yr 7 Lunch

Yours sincerely,

Carole Owen

Headteacher



STRANGER DANGER - TIPS AND STRATEGIES

This week we have heard of children being approached in the local area on their way to and from school. We would ask that you discuss the suggestions below with your child.

The following are important tips and strategies for children to protect themselves:

- ◆ Know your name, address, and phone number
- ◆ Use the buddy system – avoid walking anywhere alone
- ◆ If a stranger approaches you, you do not have to speak to him or her
- ◆ Never approach a stranger in a motor vehicle. Just keep walking
- ◆ Do not accept sweets or any other items from a stranger
- ◆ Never walk off with a stranger no matter what he or she tells you
- ◆ If someone is following you try to remember the license plate of his or her vehicle and immediately tell a trusted adult
- ◆ If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away or dragging you into his or her car. Kick, hit, bite, and scream
- ◆ Do whatever it takes to attract the attention of others who can help you
- ◆ If someone is dragging you away, scream, "this is not my dad," or "this is not my mum"
- ◆ Explain to your children that a stranger is someone who your child either doesn't know at all or who they don't know very well
- ◆ Strangers can look like anyone and won't necessarily look nasty as badness is on the inside! That's why we need to be careful with EVERYONE
- ◆ Tell your child to trust their gut. Children are much more intuitive than adults
- ◆ Tell your children that if they get a bad feeling to walk away
- ◆ Use code words with your child. Have a word that only the two of you know for emergencies. Set up another code word so that anyone that is permitted to take your child or pick them up has to use the code word so that your child knows it's okay
- ◆ If your child walks home on their own from school, make sure they do it in pairs or groups. Never allow your child to walk home alone
- ◆ Also make sure that your child always takes the same path or route home. Tell them they can not change their route or plans without calling to notify you first
- ◆ Do not keep your child's name printed on anything visible to strangers. Their clothing, jackets, backpack, shoes, hats, anything should not have their name on it
- ◆ If a predator sees a child's name and uses it, the child will instinctively trust them
- ◆ Your children should always tell you where they are, and when they will return. If they change their plans, they need to let you know. This should be a fundamental house rule.

Information provided by Cheshire Constabulary Community Safety Team

Stand Up 2 Racism

As a school we are taking part in a research project run by schools stand up to racism. The research aims to help the organisation and school understand how many young people experience racism at school and how schools deal with it. The aim from this is to develop resources to aid delivery of anti racism education across Cheshire.



As part of the research, we will be asking all students in year 8 and 11 to complete a questionnaire which is available on the school website. Students will be informed that the questionnaire is voluntary and they do not have to complete it if they would rather not. If you would like to find out more about the project please visit the website www.standup2racism.org.uk

Mr Ackers

School Games -After School Clubs

Bankfield staff are committed to providing all students with the opportunity to join in with the journey leading up to the Olympic games 2012. Below you will find a list of current Olympic after school clubs on offer. The Sports team at Bankfield welcome any suggestions about any alternative sports that you may wish to be involved in. Please contact Rebecca Smith at the sports Office on 0151 424 5038 Option 6 for any further information. We look forward to seeing you at one of our clubs.



What day?	Activity	Time
Monday	Olympic Competition	3.15pm
Tuesday	Girls Football Ultimate Frisbee	3pm 3pm
Wednesday	Volleyball Badminton Wii Olympic Sports Netball Futsal Fitness Wii Olympic Sports	3pm 3pm 3pm 3pm 5pm 6.15pm 7pm
Thursday	Boys Football Girls Fitness Dance Mats Hockey Boxing Basketball Dodgeball	3.15pm 3.15pm 3.15pm 3.15pm 3.15pm 5pm 5pm
Friday	Your Choice Table Tennis Wii Sports & Fitness	3pm 5pm 6pm



Bags 2 School

The Bags 2 School December collection raised £250.00 for students going on the Kenya trip.

The School is going to continue using Bags 2 School as a means of fundraising. This money will then be used to benefit all the students in the School.

The next collections are scheduled for **Monday 23rd April** (after Easter holidays & Spring cleaning!!) and **Monday 9th July** (before we finish for the Summer holidays).



My Day at Bankfield

My days at Bankfield are rather fun,

I feel like I have been racing and I have won.

Bankfield School is so great,

By the way, did I mention, I have never been late?

Monday is my favourite day,

The lessons are great and best of all I don't have to pay.

I have Maths, English then break,

Next I have PE then IT,

Did I mention at lunch we have cake?

After lunch is Drama and Science,

In Science we use some appliances.

That's my day at Bankfield, all wrapped up in one,

That's me finished now, I'm all done.

By Natasha Stankevitch 7JL



Warrington Collegiate
Sixth Form

OPEN EVENINGS
at Warrington Collegiate Sixth Form
Thursday 26 January, 5-8pm
Tuesday 27 March, 5-8pm

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Olympic Fact of the Week

The marathon distance was changed from 24 miles to 26.2 miles at the London 1908 Olympic Games, so that the race could finish in front of the Royal family's viewing box.



E-Safety

What are the risks that young people encounter when using mobiles?

Apart from young people spending all their time chatting to their friends and not to you (!), there are some risks in their use of mobile technology. A large proportion of new mobile phones have web access and more recently—mobile TV has been launched. This means that young people can access content from the internet and TV wherever they are and without parental or teacher supervision. With the advent of picture and video messaging young people need to be increasingly careful about the images they share. It is very easy for inappropriate images to be shared around a number of phones, changed and even put online where it is impossible to get back. This is particularly worrying, if images are used in child abuse sites. Young people also need to be aware that they put themselves at risk of mobile bullying, or inappropriate intimate contact if they give out their mobile number to people they don't fully trust.

How can I reduce the risks to my children when they use their mobiles?

There are now mobile phone operators who sell phones with filtering software included so that children won't access inappropriate web sites or content. It is worth checking that your child's phone has this capability. Remind your child that any image they send on their mobile can be changed and shared online, and that once they have sent an image they have lost control of it. Read through the young people's website with your child and help them to understand that they shouldn't give out personal details such as their mobile number to strangers, or other young people that they don't fully trust.

Source: Thinkuknow.co.uk

Science Fact of the Week

The highest waterfall in the world is the Angel Falls in Venezuela. At a towering height of 979m did you know that each drop of water takes 14 seconds to fall from the top to the bottom. The waterfall which despite being known to the local Indians for thousands of years was originally called the 'Churun Meru'.

