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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a really positive half-term with lots going on in the school. In addition to working hard in their lessons across the curriculum students have had a range of opportunities to participate in.

Performing Arts

In September 30 students who are studying drama and dance at BCA visited London. During their visit they had the opportunity to work with professional dance coaches at Pineapple Dance Studios. This was then followed by a trip to a West End theatre, the Apollo Victoria, to watch a performance of the musical *Wicked*. A great opportunity and experience for our students that coincided with the national period of mourning following the death of Queen Elizabeth II so the students also had the chance to see London in all its ceremonial grandeur.

Business and Enterprise

This half-term our Yr10 students had the opportunity to learn about the world of personal finance and gain understanding of careers in the financial sector. Steven Cooper, CEO of Aldermore Bank, met with students to talk about his experience working his way up from post boy at Barclays Bank through to being the CEO of Aldermore. An inspiring story that really captured the imagination of the students and gave them proof that no matter what your background you can go on to achieve success through hard work and determination. Another great experience for our students.

Sporting Success.

The start of the school year has seen our sports teams swing back in to action. Our football, rugby, rowing, netball and cross-country teams have all been competing against other Warrington schools. Congratulations to all those students who have been representing the school in their chosen sport.

European Day of Languages

We celebrated European Day of Languages this half term. It was a brilliant day of learning languages with all of the teaching provided by students. Students from all year groups spent the day teaching our Year 9 students languages from Europe and beyond. In total there were 23 languages taught, including Polish, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Latvian, Romanian, Hungarian, Mandarin and, of course, Welsh! Congratulations to all the students who participated as teachers during what was an inspiring event.

At BCA we place great value on the concept that a young person's growth and development not only takes place through what they learn and understand in the classroom but also in the opportunities



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they experience *beyond the classroom*. The examples above are an excellent example of this value in action.

Year 11

On the back of a very impressive GCSE/Key Stage 4 results this summer, work is well underway preparing the current cohort of Year 11 students for the 2023 exams. One of the additional benefits for our Year 11 students is the additional tuition we provide on Saturdays. This 1:1 or small group tutoring can really make a difference to a student's final grade. Pleasingly we have had over 60 Year 11 families encouraging their son or daughter to take advantage of this tuition each Saturday. Thank you to all those parents and carers for their support with this strategy.

Uniform and Appearance Expectations

You will have already received a letter from Vice Principal, Mr Reynolds, regarding our expectations on winter coats and piercings. Please ensure your child meets these expectations on a daily basis so that we do not have to address issues relating to uniform and appearance in school **and maintain focused on matters of education and learning**. Our expectations on uniform and appearance can be found on our website here: http://bca.warrington.ac.uk/?page_id=228

Job Opportunity

Finally, we are currently recruiting a Finance Officer to our school support and operations team. The purpose of the role is to provide administrative financial support to our finance team. If you are interested in this role or know someone who is you can view the job description here: http://bca.warrington.ac.uk/?page_id=215 If you would like to have an informal conversation about the role please email admin@bca.warrington.ac.uk and mark your email for the attention of Annabel Viar (Business and Operations Manager).

Yours faithfully



Mr G Harris
Principal



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