

This week's update includes: End of term, and dates for next term; DfE Covid Update; Supporting Ukraine; Golden Ticket winners; Year 6 into Year 7; Year 10 Catering; Year 11 Geography trip; Senior Students; Dance Leaders; Year 9 football; Defibrillator; Cinderella Short and Sweet; Holiday Spring Challenge; Support with Mental Health

It's the **end of the spring term**, and we have been celebrating with Reward Assemblies and a fundraising day to support charities in Ukraine. We look forward now to our two week Easter break. A reminder that we **return on Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 8.40am**. Here are some key dates for your diary as we look towards the summer term:

Tue 19th April	Return to school; Start of Year 7 exams week
Mon 25th April	Start of Year 8 exams week
Mon 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Tue 3rd May	Start of Year 9 exams week
Mon 9th May	Start of GCSE examination period
Mon 9th May	Year 8 boys HPV vaccinations
Tue 10th May	Year 8 girls HPV vaccinations
Friday 27th May	School finishes for half term (Year 10 reports home this week)
Half term	
Mon 6th June	School returns from half term at 8.40am
Fri 24th June	Year 7 and 8 reports home
Thurs 7th July	Year 6 Transition Day and Parents' Information Evening
Fri 8th July	Queen's Jubilee Holiday - additional day holiday
Wed 13th July	Year 7 and Year 8 Key Stage 3 Awards Evening
Thurs 14th July	Year 9 Key Stage 3 Awards Evening
Fri 22nd July	School finishes for summer at 12 midday

NB All of the **information related to GCSE examinations** can be found on this section of the website: <https://www.wernethschool.com/staff-students/exam-information>

New Department for Education COVID arrangements for schools, effective from today, 1st April 2022. There are three items on the guidance that parents need to know, effective from today, as advised by the DfE.

- ❖ children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- ❖ Children and young people aged 18 and under with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious.
- ❖ regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education setting. Therefore, settings will no longer be able to order test kits, and we will no longer test students in school.



Support for Ukraine: We want to thank each and everyone of you who has donated £1 towards our non uniform day so far and to those who have given voluntary contributions towards raising even more money for those who have had to flee from the Ukraine. We have already raised over £1220 which is fantastic. Our Senior Student team has given form tutors Ukrainian flags for students to bring home and display in their windows to show our community support for each and

everyone affected by the conflict we are currently seeing. We want to thank you for your continued support. We also want to congratulate our Head Girl Natlie Pierce for working with Miss Hibbert on putting together a presentation to send out to form tutors. [Here](#) is the presentation.

There have been many different prizes and recognitions for our students this week, with a focus on the majority who “get on with it” every day to the best of their ability. We have given out hundreds of Easter Eggs and other prizes, and staff have also nominated 140 “Golden Tickets” for students. These students all entered a draw, and we gave out four £50 vouchers, 8 Easter Eggs and a range of smaller prizes today. Well done to everyone who has been recognised for their positive contributions in school. Here is the link to the [Golden Ticket winners](#).

The pandemic period meant that we were unable to carry out many of our usual events around **transition from primary to secondary**, and we know that this was very unhelpful to both the young people concerned and their parents. We hope that will be rectified this year with our normal full transition programme resumed. You will see that the students who will join us in September will be visiting us on 7th July. We also have a full primary programme in place, and I look forward to visiting our feeder primary schools in the summer term to meet our new students. This week, we arranged for prospective pupils and parents to have a tour of our school building if they have been offered a place but not yet had the opportunity to visit. It was good to see so many excited faces! We were inundated with visitors as 113 families came for a look around. If you are coming to Werneth in September, don't worry we will be in contact with parents next term with further details.

Mr Nicholls wanted me to pass on his thanks to the 70 Year 11 students who took part in a Geography field trip this week. He commented that “the Year 11 Geography trip went really well. Thanks to all those involved. The pupils behaved impeccably around Salford Quays. They studied urban regeneration in readiness for their upcoming exams and represented the school fantastically well.” Well done Year 11!



Year 10 Catering group have been busy cooking this term, learning essential cooking skills such as filleting a fish, cutting up a chicken, making Bakewell tart and cheesecake. Some examples of their work can be seen above. Thank you for your hard work 10B from Ms Crane.

A message from Daheem, our Head Boy: The **options fair** took place on Monday 28th March. The purpose of the options fair was to help our Year 9 students to learn more about the GCSE options that they are interested in and to reassure them if they have any worries about any certain subjects. In order to plan the options fair, me and the Whole School Lead, Jamie liaised with Mrs Kennedy about how we should execute and coordinate the fair. Every single senior student contributed by representing a subject of their choice. However, as we offer a wide variety of subjects here at Werneth School there were a few subjects that no senior students currently do so I had to liaise with subject teachers to arrange for current students who are excelling in that subject to help. We chose to hold the options fair four days after the parents options evening so that both parents and students fully understand the curriculum of their desired GCSE subjects. On the day, tables for each subject were arranged in a circle around the main hall, and a small group of enthusiastic senior students were situated at each table ready to answer any questions about the subjects that they were representing. School

books and other pieces of work were displayed on these tables to clearly convey to the students what is taught in each subject. The Year 9s were very polite and asked excellent questions about the curriculum and exams of their chosen subjects.

Overall, planning the options fair has been a very enjoyable experience that has required me to utilise my leadership, communication and planning skills. I would like to thank my amazing team of senior students who made all of this possible with their enthusiasm and willingness to help and I would also like to thank Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Hibbert who helped me to coordinate and organise the Options Fair. Finally, I would like to say that I am still as grateful as ever to call myself the Head Boy of this fantastic school.

Year 9 Dance Leaders: On Monday our wonderful dance leaders delivered a workshop to year 4 students from Bredbury Green. The students planned the workshop based around a topic the year 4s are currently studying in school - "Egypt". Students participated in an Egyptian style dance, played a game of Egyptian corners and looked at how the Egyptian hieroglyphics seen in King Tutankhamen's tomb link to the dance style 'Tutting' we see used in modern day dance. Our leaders then taught them a dance they had created around this idea. We were super impressed with the year 4s and their performances and they were all awarded a superstar certificate for their efforts. Well done to our leaders; Jorah Johnson, Cara Johnson, Ella Oliver, Lola Pedroza and Macy Sproston for their efforts in planning and delivering the session.



Well done to the **Y9 football team** who made the finals of the Stockport Cup. Unfortunately they lost a close game in the final last night at Cheadle Hulme Private School. The final result was 2-1. A great effort from our lads who have made massive progress over the last 12 months. The Cheadle Hulme team included 3 academy players and an England u15 international so it just shows how well they have done! Big thanks to Mr Mairs for giving up his time and managing these lads all year! Very Much appreciated!

Thank you! We have been donated a new **AED Defibrillator** from Neil Boardman who is Head of Creative - Europe and North America at Brady Corporation. He is also an ex-student of Werneth. This will be placed on the 3rd floor of school. [Pictured are our Business Manager Mrs Sorsby and our Site Manager Mr Stafford receiving the defibrillator]



Cinderella Short n Sweet

The Drama Club proudly returned with their first live production this week, performing their own devised version of Cinderella! They developed the script themselves and acted, sang and danced their way into our hearts! *Silver Lining* and Mr. Barnett generously contributed live music too.

The Drama Club will proudly be launching a new project in the summer term and everyone is welcome! If you're interested in knowing more, please contact

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Mrs Taylor- our School Librarian - has set a [Holiday Spring Challenge](#) for any student who wishes to participate over Easter, and hand her your work in the library after the break.



Does your child need support with their mental health? Encourage them to try [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com). over the Easter holidays...

Representatives from Kooth.com have been in school this term delivering assemblies to our young people, encouraging them to access mental health support online. [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) is a **free, confidential** website where students can speak to trained counsellors anonymously through a web chat system on their phones. There are also a number of forums where young people can share their experiences of issues related to mental health and advise others about what has helped them. The

website is pre-modified to ensure that there is no harmful content posted.



**On behalf of everyone at Werneth School,
we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable
Easter holiday!**