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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well and that you have had a good week. It has been very busy but enjoyable in school and all the students are working well. They are ready for half term but remain focussed. The weather is getting colder so we recommend students wear a coat for school. Hoodies and other non-uniform tops under blazers are not allowed at any time. Some students seem to think they are permitted to wear these at break and lunchtime, but unfortunately, they are not allowed. Wearing a coat on top of a blazers is fine. If students are cold they can purchase a navy-blue school jumper.

COVID-19 LFD Testing

We currently have 7 students who have tested positive for Covid-19. Cases are rising slowly but as a school our cases are still low with a total of 42 cases since the beginning of term. Can you please continue to test your child twice weekly using the LFD kits provided by school. And record your results even if it's negative or void <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Can I also ask that you complete our school form with each Covid test result too. I appreciate that completing forms can be time consuming but this google form is really quick and simple to complete. Your assistance is much appreciated. <https://tinyurl.com/stbcovidresults>

Year 7 Halloween Disco

Our Year 7 Halloween Disco will take place on Wednesday 20th October in the school hall from 3.00pm – 4.45pm. Year 7 will have received a letter. Year 7 students can get changed after school into their scary costumes; there will be a prize for the best one. Our PSB are doing snacks and drinks for a small charge.

Hate Crime Media Event - 20th October 2021

25 students in Years 9 and 10 have been selected to participate in a media competition hosted by Cheshire Police. They will be learning about hate crime; 'protected characteristics' and the consequences of abusing someone because of their race, gender, sexuality etc. As part of the activity, they will write and make podcasts or YouTube videos to spread these important messages to other young people.

These podcasts will be entered into a competition with other schools, shared on social media and may be used to inform others about these important issues. This is an exciting project for us to be involved with.

Year 8 Parents Evening

Year 8 Parents Evening is taking place on Monday 1st November between 15:30-19:00. This will be on SchoolCloud (the same as last year) as the overwhelming response from parents/carers was that they preferred this method. This also means those students who are absent or whose parents/cares have Covid can still make appointments and attend where possible.

Forthcoming parents' evening are Year 8 on Monday 1st November and Year 7 on Monday 8th November. Both evenings will be held remotely on school cloud.

Parents' Evening is a hugely important night of the year for parents/carers, teachers and most crucially, students. It provides the opportunity for parents to speak to the people that their children spend up to 8 hours a week with and to get an insight into how those hours are spent, their child's progress and how their education can be optimised moving forward.

Scientific calculators

All students in our school need to be in possession of a scientific calculator. This is not just for assessment fortnights or during exam periods but every lesson, every day. Students need to be comfortable and familiar with using their own calculator. Form tutors are checking students have them in registration. Parents will be informed by text message if students do not have one. The calculator we recommend is either the Casio FX-83GT or the Casio FX83GTX. They can be purchased from the Maths department for £5. Please contact the Mr Koltan jkoltan@boteler.org.uk if you need any more information or supporting purchasing one.

Inset Day 22nd October 2021

Friday 22nd October is INSET day therefore, students finish for half term at 14:50 on Thursday 21st October 2021.

Standards

Please ensure all students are in full uniform every day and have the correct PE kit. Students need their KO, a fully stocked pencil case, scientific calculator and reading book with them. Jewellery is not permitted and this includes the clear studs to prevent a piercing hole from closing. The guidance in the handbook is extremely clear and is non-negotiable.

We have a real problem with students forgetting ties and then borrowing one. Many do not return the borrowed one. We can not fund new ties for each student. Please ensure they return the tie they borrow as they do cost us money.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions and have a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverley Scott-Herron'.

Beverley Scott –Herron
Headteacher