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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. It has been a particularly cold week and we strongly advise that the young people bring a coat to school.

COVID-19 LFD Testing

COVID cases continue to rise this week and we are keeping a close watch on this. We currently have 9 positive cases taking us to a total of 72 cases since the beginning of the year. Please ensure your child has a face covering each day when they arrive at school. If your child is exempt then we will issue them with a pass so that they are not challenged throughout the school day. You can let us know by contacting the school office on either 01925 636414 or info@boteler.org.uk Please ensure you test twice weekly, we recommend a Sunday and a Wednesday.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Survey

Please can you follow this link to complete a short questionnaire. Julie Howson, the Young Person's Community Engagement Lead is collecting information about the effect of the pandemic on young people's mental health and wellbeing.

<https://engagingcommunities.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=162619533629>

Julie is very interested in young people's needs, and really wants to put the correct support in place, and so the feedback to this questionnaire is invaluable.

Sporting Fixtures

Wednesday 8th December:

- Year 7 Football in the Warrington Schools League. Kick off 3:30pm at Padgate Academy
- Year 8 Football in the Warrington Schos League. Kick off 3.30pm at Birchwood High School.

Thursday 9th December:

- U15s Indoor Touch Rugby Tournament in the Ball Hall. 3.15-5pm

Chess Club

For the students registered and with parental permission, we have another all schools chess battle on Friday evening at 6pm being hosted on Lichess, which gives us the opportunity to play students from across the country online. For any students not yet registered and wanting to play Mr Miller needs a returned permission form by Thursday 9th December 2021.

Christmas Fayre

Our Student Christmas Fayre is taking place on Friday 10th December 3pm - 5pm, Christmas stalls and refreshments will be available. Unfortunately, we have taken the decision for this just to be for the students rather than parents/carers and families. This is just to ensure everyone stays safe, especially because we are coming up to Christmas.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 10th December 2021 we are having a Christmas Jumper Day. Students may wear a festive jumper to school for a 50p donation. All proceeds go towards Parents Supporting Boteler which then feeds back onto the school. Please help your child support this event. Students must wear full uniform. The Christmas jumper replaces the school jumper and blazers must be worn.

Year 9 Higher Education talk

On Wednesday 8th December 2021, Chloe from Higher Horizons will be speaking to all students in Year 9 during assembly providing information about further education and university.

Advent and Christmas Carol Service

These events will now be virtual. I have taken this decision because of the health and wellbeing of my wider school community. I do not want to put anyone at risk, especially with it being so close to Christmas. I have a duty of care to keep my school community safe and whilst it upsets me that these won't be 'live' I feel it is the correct decision. The virtual events will be spectacular and we will celebrate the performances with the young people.

Christmas closing time

You should have received a message to let you know that school will close for Christmas at 12 noon on the 17th December 2021.

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

With very best wishes



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Headteacher