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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID Update

On Thursday 24th February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In addition, the Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate. More detail can be found in the [Living with COVID-19](#) plan.

COVID Vaccinations

A letter has been sent home regarding covid vaccinations. The nurses will visit school on 31st March to administer vaccines to those students whose parents/carers have given consent.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 Mock exams are now in full swing with the year group making a very positive start in terms of their conduct and the revision that has taken place.

Mock exams continue next week with the last exam being Maths Paper 3 for all students on Friday 11th March. Mock exam results will be released to students as soon as they have been marked by their class teachers.

The overall student Mock Exam report will be emailed to parent/carers on Friday 25th March. We will send a text informing you when the reports have been emailed.

As a school, we will be responding to any gaps in knowledge that have been identified from the mock exams to make sure students are fully prepared for the real exams that start in 8 school weeks.

A reminder that Period 0 is compulsory for all Year 11 students and starts at 8:15am Monday – Thursday. In these sessions, key information is delivered to students that has either been confirmed by the exam board or is extremely likely to be on the summer exams. Every mark achieved on each exam is important as it could be the difference between achieving a grade higher or, in some cases, a grade lower.

KS3 WA2 Assessments

Students will be sitting their second Working At (WA) assessment of this year in all of their subjects during assessment fortnight (**Monday 7 March – Friday 18 March 2022**). This may take the form of a test or an assessed piece of writing/practical piece of work.

Students will be provided with revision material such as their Knowledge Organiser and revision lists giving details of the topics and content that will be tested. We are also encouraging students to take their workbooks home to revise. It is important that students look after their workbooks and check they have the correct books that are needed for the following day when packing their bags for school each evening. The expectation is that students spend time each evening preparing for the assessments. Constant revision and practice is the surest way to fully embed skills and knowledge required to secure excellent achievement at KS4.

All tests will be classroom based and undertaken under exam conditions. It is important that students are used to working in this environment so they are fully prepared for their examinations at Key Stage 4. Students are expected to be fully prepared for all assessments with the **correct equipment** which includes:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Pencil case
- Scientific calculator

Assessment Timetable

Please review the WA assessment timetable for dates and times of the Maths, English and Science tests. It is important that students highlight when the assessments in these subjects take place for their class. Class teachers will go over this with students in lessons and form time. Students are responsible for carrying their timetable and updating it when class teachers give out information, as to when their test/assessments in all other subjects will take place. The results of the KS3 WA2 assessments will be emailed to parents/carers on Friday 1st April before the Easter break.

National Careers Week

Next week is National Careers Week students will be taking part in various activities to widen their knowledge of post 16 careers and career pathways. The aim of the week is to empower positive change through Careers Education. Year 8 will have workshops on finance by the police, Year 10 are learning how to write their CV's in a workshop led by Warrington Vale Royal, Year 11 are visiting a Careers Fair at Priestley college and students have signed up for talks by different industries. In their Personal Development lessons students will be exploring careers using the school website career page. All students have a Startprofile account, this is the platform that we use for careers. Please encourage your child to use this site next week. All information regarding careers can be found here: <https://www.boteler.org.uk/careers/>

[Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance - Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School](#)

Our careers leader is Mrs A Mawby, who can be contacted at amawby@boteler.org.uk or by telephone on 01925 636414.. Click here to book your place at Priestley College's T-Level event, 2022.. Click here to view our Learn Live school careers page, where you can view options for Year 9 and different careers. Click here for details about our Enterprise Advisor, Acacio Moreno. www.boteler.org.uk

Over the next couple of weeks Year 11 will be completing their college applications and interviews. If your child has not applied for college yet please contact Mrs A Mawby

On Tuesday Priestley College are holding a T level Information Evening from 4:30 - 6pm please sign up here: <https://www.boteler.org.uk/careers/>

- Year 11 Mocks still on all week
- KS3 WA2 Assessments start (on for a fortnight til Friday 18th March)

PE fixtures for w/c 7th March

Monday:

Weightlifting Club 'Raise the Bar' starts in the Ball Hall 3-4pm for students in Year 10 and Year 11. This is a GB Weightlifting programme. See Mr Johnson for more details.

Wednesday:

Year 7 Football vs Lymm High School (away)

Year 10 Netball in the Warrington League 3.30pm start in the Ball Hall

Thursday:

Year 7 Rugby (Warrington Schools) at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School 3.15-5pm. Boots needed.

Thank you as always for all your support.

With very best wishes



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