

# head'sherald

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## VOLUME 2 | DATE 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. Our Students have been amazing during the period of National Mourning. If you would like to sign the Book of Condolence then please come into school at any time to do so, it will be in place until 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **Sporting Fixtures**

All Sport and Performance extra-curricular clubs are up and running next week. Please see sporting events fixtures below:

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Venue</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Year 8 Boys Football	Padgate High School	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 7 Boys Football	Cardinal Newman High School	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September
Year 10/11 Girls Netball	Sir Thomas Boteler	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September
Year 10/11 Rugby	Kings Academy High School	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September

### **Jigsaw Festival**

St Elphin's, St Ann's and Holy Trinity Churches are holding a Jigsaw Festival in St Elphin's Church on the 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> September. They would be delighted to see as many people as possible over the weekend. Please follow this link to the flyer with more information <https://bit.ly/3BE6P3i>

### **Queen Elizabeth II Funeral**

The official date of the state funeral for Queen Elizabeth II is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. In line with government guidance this will be a bank holiday and therefore Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September as a mark of respect. School will reopen as normal on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Inauguration Evening**

Inauguration Evening will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at St Elphins Church. This is where we formally welcome them to the Boteler Family. All Year 7 students must be in church by 17:45 and in full school uniform.

### **Standards**

As part of our continued standards drive we have a significant focus on punctuality to lessons. All of our students understand the importance of the opening activity of a lesson. During this activity students recall prior learning via questions which have been specifically planned and

sequenced. This process is based on research and serves to embed learning in the long term memory. With this in mind it is crucially important that every student is prompt to lesson to complete this activity. Failure to attend lesson on time is sanctioned with loss of free time. Punctuality is a key feature to be successful in all walks of life and we encourage all of our students to aspire to be successful in all aspects of their schooling.

### **School photographs**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 we have John Hunt Photography in school to carry out school photographs for Year 7 and 11. We will also have photographs taken of any students who have been in-year admissions and any student who does not yet have a school photograph. This year we are in a position for students to have individual photographs as well as a full year group photograph. Following the day, you will be provided with information on how to order the photographs directly from John Hunt Photography. Please can I ask for your support in ensuring that students are in full school uniform, conforming to our usual high standards on the day. If you do not want your child to have their individual photograph taken or to be included in the year group photograph, please contact your child's Head of Year before the day. Sibling photographs can be taken upon request.

### **Year 11**

Year 11 will be having assemblies from different Post 16 Providers over this half term. This is to give them an insight into what courses./subjects the colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> form offer. Please take the time to talk to your child about their next steps. All students must have applied to college, apprenticeships, traineeships by February half term. Every child will be meeting with our career advisor, Kim Dickson to support them on their journey. As parent/carers you will receive a text home when their meeting is and you will be able to join them if you would like to.

### **Open Evening – All Year groups**

Open Evening is taking place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 5pm - 8pm with the Headteacher address taking place at 6pm. Your child may be asked to be an Ambassador for the event and will be bringing a letter home over the next week. Please sign the reply slip and send it back into school if they can support.

### **Lateness to school**

Please be advised that we are now asking that if any KS3 students (Year 7, 8 and 9) who are late during form time, to enter via their usual school entrance (blue door near their lines). If they arrive at school any time after 8.55am, then they should enter via the main school Reception.

With very best wishes



Beverley Scott –Herron  
**Headteacher**