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Dear Parents/Carers

School Standards: Bathroom visits

As you will know from previous correspondence we place a significant emphasis on the quality of learning and achieving high levels of attention in class. This means classes being free of disruption. An increasing disruption to lessons post COVID has seen a significant increase in students requesting to use the toilets during lesson time. Some of these requests are genuine, whilst others are to avoid lessons and have a break. The latter isn't conducive to learning and doesn't prepare students to apply themselves for longer periods of study. Some schools have a complete shutdown on toilets outside of break and lunchtime. We have decided against this and have chosen to allow students to use the toilets at the following times:

- During registration
- Between lessons 1 & 2
- During breaktime
- Between lessons 3 & 4
- Lunchtime

This gives all students of secondary school age plenty of opportunity to visit the bathroom. Students with a toilet pass and/or medical condition can of course use the toilet when needed. Likewise, if students are feeling unwell they can also use the toilets. During breaktime and between lessons the toilets are supervised by members of staff to ensure there is no congregating. Students are expected to quickly use the toilets and move to lessons in a timely fashion.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Year 7 Parents' Evening is being held on Monday 5th December from 3:30pm -7pm and will be **face to face in school** with our subject teachers.

Bookings can be made on **School Cloud**.

Please visit <https://boteler.schoolcloud.co.uk> or click on "Parents' Eve" on **the top right of the school website homepage** to book your appointments if you have not done so already. The facility to make bookings will close on **Monday 5th December 2022 at 2pm**. If you wish to make any changes after this date, please contact the school office.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 students have just completed the first week of their Mock Exams. These will continue for all of next week. I would like to congratulate the year group on their positive attitudes and effort they have displayed so far. **Teachers have been told not to release grades to students**. We are having a formal **Mock Results assembly** on **Friday**

6th January. We will be emailing a copy of your child's mock results on Friday afternoon in advance of **Year 11 Parents' evening** which will be held in school on **Monday 9th January**, where you will be able to discuss the results with subject teachers.

A reminder to all parents that **all year groups will be on early lunch all of next week** (Monday 5th December - Friday 9th December) 12:15pm-1pm to accommodate the mock exams. Normal lunch time will resume the following week (1:15pm-2pm).

Year 11 Period 6

On return from the Christmas break in January, we will be extending the school day for our Year 11 students as we did last year with a Period 6 lesson. This had a huge positive impact on the exam results our Year 11 students achieved last year. On a Tuesday to Friday there will be a day dedicated to a specific subject/s and the students will attend a study session from 15.10-16.00. At the end of P5 the students will be brought to the canteen for refreshments before they start work again. The session will run from Tuesday to Friday every week. More details will be communicated to Year 11 and parents/carers next week.

School photographs - Should you have any concerns regarding your child's code to access their school photograph (Year 7 and 11), please email jleonard@boteler.org.uk

We would also like to remind parents and carers, that students should not be contacting home when they are ill. All communication will come from members of staff should your child be required to go home ill. Thank you for your support with this, particularly as it is a key part of our safeguarding procedures.

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality - We continue in our aim to improve attendance and punctuality, following on from the recent attendance text messages, please also refer to our school Attendance Policy if you need any further information. It can be found here: <https://www.boteler.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Attendance-Policy-2022-23.pdf>

This is a reminder that there is only 2 weeks to go before the attendance raffle is drawn. All students exceeding the school attendance target of 96%+ between the 14th November to the 16th December will be entered into the raffle. Students have the opportunity to win many prizes, including Amazon Fire HD Tablets, Prom Tickets (£32), £20 Cinema Vouchers, World Cup Footballs, £25 ASOS Vouchers and more. Thank you for your support.

Personal Development

Parents/carers flu immunisations will take place in school for Years 7-9 14th December in school. Please register online following the instructions in the link.

<https://bit.ly/3EXLMKJ>

Students will not be given the vaccine without parental permission.

Thursday 8th December TCAT Parliament will be meeting at the TCAT Training centre. Here they will complete a workshop with Cllr Hans Mundry and work with the environmental agency on a new Climate Change app.

Thursday 8th December students from Year 10 Hospitality will be taking part in a Royal Navy workshop. They will be making a 3course meal and learning about careers in the armed forces.

Year 9 students who are interested in completing the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award please see Mrs L Williams for a letter. Your training starts after Christmas.

Children in Need Sir Thomas Boteler with the help of our School Council managed to raise £104.05, well done to all the form representatives who were involved in the cake sale and thank you to everyone who was involved!

School Council meet with Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate

School Council had the excellent opportunity to meet with a member of the House of Lords, Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate, to learn about how the House of Lords works and ask questions related to the role. The students were commended for their mature questions, with topics such as the cost of living, diversity and process of law-making in the UK discussed.

Careers/Post 16

On our school social media weekly, we have a 'Career of the week' please take a look and talk to your child about their aspirations for their future. Please also use the careers section on our website. <https://www.boteler.org.uk/careers/>

Please find your child's careers platform here:

<https://careers.startprofile.com/identity/Login>

The following site is another good career platform, go to the resources page and take a look. <https://cheshireandwarringtonpledge.com/resources/>

The Student Christmas Fayre will be on **Monday 12th December** from 3pm – 5pm. If you would like to donate chocolate coins, Christmas chocolates, pamper things for our hampers for the raffle please drop off at reception. We are also looking for unused toys which could be recycled to another family this Christmas, these will go on the toy stall. Everything at the fayre will be 50p and under.

On **Tuesday 13th December at 6pm** it is our Christmas Carol Service at St Elphins Church. Please come along and join us.

Sport

Koboca - School Sport and Physical Education Survey

The PE department have set homework for Key Stage 3 classes to complete a short survey about their experience of PE and Sport. Please encourage your child to complete it by copying the link into a web browser, it can even be done on a mobile phone.

<https://www.koboca.co.uk/ks34-school-games-survey1/?q=4a94df1d&s=SirThomas>

This is an opportunity for students to voice their opinions and experiences. It will be valuable feedback to us in order to reshape our PE and Sport provision. Many thanks for completing the survey.

Sport Fixtures week commencing 5th December 2022

Wednesday 7th December

Year 9 Football in the Cheshire Schools Cup vs Middlewich High School (Away) 3.30pm kick off

Year 10 Football in the Warrington Schools League at Culcheth High School 3 - 5.30pm

Year 9 Girls Football at Bridgewater 3 - 5pm

Thursday 8th December

Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Rugby tournament at Birchwood High School 3- 5.30pm

Please find our wider curricular programme here : <https://www.boteler.org.uk/bwc/>

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverley Scott-Herron'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Beverley Scott –Herron
Headteacher