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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well and enjoying the warm weather.

Just a reminder that the temperatures are due to reduce next week and students will be required to wear full uniform again. If things change drastically then we would inform you. So, **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 all students are to wear full Boteler school uniform.**

Whilst I am a personal fan of fashion, make up etc I just need to remind everyone again of what the rules are:

### **KS3**

Make up is not permitted.

### **KS4**

Minimal make up is permitted. Lip stick and lip gloss is not permitted. However, if the make -up is deemed 'too much' then it will need to be removed. The Pastoral team and SLT are the gatekeepers of the decision-making process. All our young people look lovely with or without make-up, however, it has to be appropriate for the school setting. I appreciate as young people they get older make-up helps with self-esteem and we understand this, hence why we allow it at KS4.

### **False Eyelashes and False Nails**

Again, I am a huge fan of both, however, they are not appropriate for school and therefore they are not permitted. We have some young people who are incredibly clever at trying to bypass the many checks we have in place. In all honesty we should not have to be spending time even dealing with this, because the correspondence I send out is very clear - they are not permitted. By agreeing to send your child to Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School, means that you agree to our rules.

The very few young people who make the wrong decision regarding the above always look amazing and I do tell them this, but I then explain that it is not appropriate for school and that they will need to be removed. Of course, if the rules are not followed unfortunately there are sanctions.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Best wishes



Beverley Scott-Herron  
**Headteacher**

## **Year 11 Leaving Arrangements**

The last main exam that all students will be sitting is the Science exam on Friday 16th June. This exam will start at 9am and finish at 10:20am for Combined Science students and finish at 10:50am for Triple Science students.

Students who study Geography are to remain in school for a revision session during Period 3 and the exam which starts at 1pm.

There is also GCSE DT revision sessions taking place during Period 3 and 4 for students who do NOT study Geography. These students are free to leave at 2pm.

A GCSE DT revision session is also running during Period 5 for Geography students.

If students do not study either or Geography or DT, they are free to leave school after the Science exam has finished.

Only students still to sit remaining exams in GCSE DT, Hospitality (revision session P1 and P2 Tuesday 20th June) or Further Maths are required to come into school following Friday 16th June.

All students are invited to attend our leavers' service at 1pm on Monday 19th June in Latchford Methodist Church which provides the final opportunity for students to join together as a year group. Students are required to attend in full school uniform. The service will be a celebration of the students' time in our school.

## **Year 10 Mock Exams**

Mock Exams play a very important part in helping students improve their real GCSE exam performance. Testing yourself is an effective way to improve your knowledge and ability to recall information. In a study on Mock Exams, researchers found that students who did a practice test after a period of revision did better on the final exam than those students who didn't do the mock exam and had just spent the whole time revising.

Instead of our students seeing an exam as a potentially threatening event or as some sort of judgement on their ability, we want them to see their Mock Exams as a handy way of improving their knowledge and memory.

Also, if students have a particularly bad mock exam, better to have the shock in the mock, than the final exam. It can act as a call to action that perhaps they need to do more work, change revision strategies and develop skills needed to perform under pressure.

Pressure can do funny things to students. For some, it can lead to nerves, anxiety, frustration and silly mistakes, culminating in a poor exam performance. For others, pressure allows them to concentrate more, work harder and perform better. It takes time and practice to perform well under pressure. If the final summer exams are the first time students experience these conditions, it is lottery as to how they react.

Year 10 will be sitting their Mock Exams from Monday 19th June to Friday 29th June. Mock Exam results will be emailed out to parents on Wednesday 19th July. All students have been issued with their Mock Exam Timetables and should be referring to these at home, looking at the order the exams take place and helping shape and sequence their revision. Year 10 should be spending significant time at home revising and preparing for these exams. Mr Koltan delivered a revision

assembly to the year group before the GCSE exams started this term to give students some clear pointers on how much time to spend revising at home.

**YEAR 10– MOCK TIMETABLE SUMMER 2023**

WEEK	Date	Morning 9am	Break 10.55	Morning 11.15am	Lunch 12.15	Afternoon 1pm
1	Mon 19 June	ART ALL DAY				
	Tues 20 June	BIOLOGY Paper 1 1 hour 45/ 1 hour 15				GEOGRAPHY 10H/Geo1 + 10H/Geo2 1 hour 30  HISTORY 10H/His3 1 hour 15
	Weds 21 June	DRAMA All DAY				
	Thurs 22 June	OPTION D Subjects Sport Science 1 hour 30 Hospitality 1 Hour 20 DT 1 hour 30				MATHS Non-Calculator Paper 1 hour
		Morning 8.55am	Break 11.10	Morning 11.25am	Lunch 12.25	Afternoon 1pm
	Fri 23 June	CHEMISTRY Paper 1 1 hour 45/ 1 hour 15				ENGLISH LITERATURE Poetry 1 Hour

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2	Mon 26 June	MATHS Calculator Paper 1 hour				OPTION C Subjects Sport Science 1 hour 30, DT/ Graphic Design 1 hour 30, Comp Science 1 hour 30 Enterprise 1 hour 30
	Tues 27 June	ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1 hour 45				GEOGRAPHY 10C/Geo3 1 hour 30  HISTORY 10C/His1 + 10C/His2 1 hour 15
	Weds 28 June	PHYSICS Paper 1 1 hour 45/ 1 hour 15				RELIGIOUS STUDIES 1 hour 45
	Thurs 29 June	SPANISH Reading 10CL/Spa2  FRENCH Reading 10CL/Fr1				SPANISH Reading 10HL/Spa1  FRENCH Reading 10HL/Fr2  HOSPITALITY 10HL/Ho 1 hour 20
	Fri 30 June	WALKING DAY				

## Uniform Donations

Do you have outgrown uniform/kit, and are you in need of a different size? Please bring your good quality, washed, outgrown uniform and PE kits to the Uniform Swap Shop by Room 25, and if you like, swap for something new! Thank you.

Year 11 Leavers: There will be a uniform donation box at the end of the Leaver's assembly. Any items of PE kit or uniform, washed and in good condition, would be gratefully received and put to good use with a new owner.

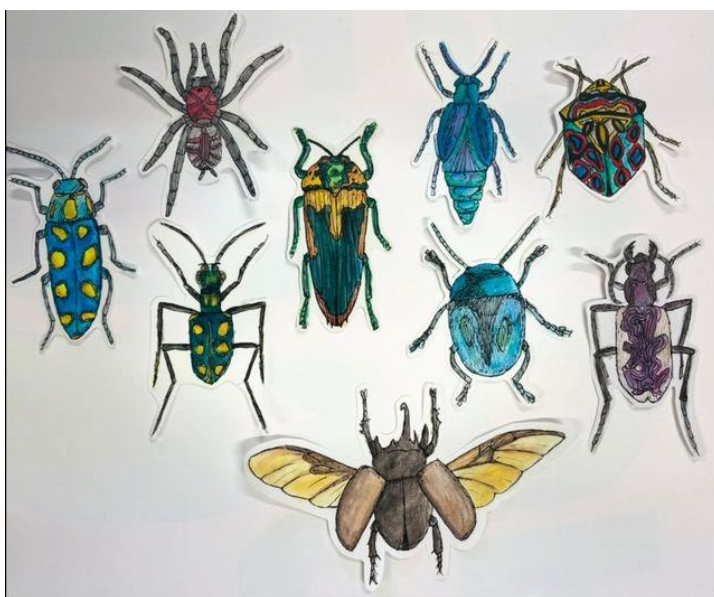
## Art Department

Many students bring in artwork that they have been creating at home.

This week, Year 8 student Harriet showed her skills in using watercolour and black fine liner. Harriet said that she was inspired by the insect project that students had been doing in the art lessons.

She then researched further into taxidermy and photography. Harriet loves making artwork for her friends, family and teachers.

Thank you Harriet for your gifts. –  
Mrs Joice



## Science Department

The Science department is offering an exciting new enrichment course. Please click on the link for further information <https://tinyurl.com/53x4v849>

If your child would like to take part, please complete the reply slip or contact Mr Caine [acaine@boteler.org.uk](mailto:acaine@boteler.org.uk)

## Refugee Week

As part of Refugee Week, Warrington Borough Council Refugee and Asylum Seeker Team are holding an Open Day at The Gateway in Sankey St on Friday, 23rd June. They can offer all kinds of advice and support.

## Reward Trip Reminder

A reminder to the parents of those students invited to the end of year reward trips, who have requested a place, that the payment deadline is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023. Unfortunately, we are unable to meet any late requests to now attend the Chester Zoo trip, however, there will be flexibility for students to swap to the Cineworld trip from the Zoo.

Please contact your child's Head of Year if you have any questions.



Last week saw us strike up a partnership with MCKS Charitable Foundation UK (MCKS). They are a registered charity providing schools across the country with support for their most vulnerable students and families, by donating food, toiletries, and much needed sanitary supplies.

Due to their amazing sponsors and donations, we have signed up to receive a fortnightly delivery, therefore, we will be in a position to support some of our families during such challenging times.

We know that it can be hard to ask for support at times, however, we really encourage those who are in need of support at this time, to contact Mr Leonard ([jleonard@boteler.org.uk](mailto:jleonard@boteler.org.uk)). All requests for support will be treated sensitively.

A big thank you to MCKS.

## Personal Development

We are pleased to announce our new Senior Student Leadership team and Student Leadership Team. Students applied in writing for a post and then took part in an interview with Mrs Scott - Herron. Well done to all our new team and we look forward to you leading student voice for our school.

TCAT Parliament took place this week and our students presented to the group on our 'For Climate' pilot. We gave valuable feedback to the Environmental Agency and Digital Media on the workings of the app as well as a presentation on what students from our Designated Provision have done with regards to their Bee project.

## **Year 6 transition**

We welcomed Year 6 through our doors this week and they took part in subject taster sessions in PE, History and languages. The Year 9 Ambassadors gave the new students a tour of the school and supported them in their sessions. We look forward to them attending again next Thursday.

## **Year 11 students**

Don't forget to attend your taster days for college. If you do not go attend, you might lose your place on your chosen course. You will have received information regarding these days on the email you gave college.

**Warrington Vale Royal – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**Priestley College – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.** Please remember to reply to your email indicating your choices.

**Cronton and Riverside – Your days are Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July.** Please check your email.



AS PART OF **PRIDE MONTH**  
YOUR LGBTQ+ COUNCIL ARE HOSTING A  
**CAKE SALE**

**THURSDAY 22ND JUNE AT LUNCHTIME  
ROOM 25 - MRS JOICE'S ART ROOM**



**PROUDLY RAISING FUNDS FOR MERMAIDS**

MERMAIDS IS A CHAIRTY THAT HAS BEEN SUPPORTING TRANSGENDER, NONBINARY AND GENDER-DIVERSE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THEIR FAMILIES SINCE 1995.



OUR SCHOOL IS A PLACE WHERE EVERY PERSON HAS  
**THE RIGHT TO BE THEMSELVES  
AND BELONG TO AN ENVIRONMENT  
WHICH IS SAFE AND HAPPY.**

