

# head'sherald

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## VOLUME 2 DATE 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well, despite the atrocious weather we seem to be having at the moment. If the weather is not good in a morning, I just want to assure you that we do bring the young people straight inside and supervise them in key areas. We also make sure they have access to a free breakfast bagel. Please can you encourage your child to come equipped for the inclement weather by bringing a coat or an umbrella. It is really not pleasant sat all day in wet clothes. We also do keep the young people inside at break and lunchtime when it is raining, to ensure they are warm and dry.

Our young people have returned this academic year with a positive attitude. However, it is so important that they attend school every day and are on time. I know that a lot of families have decided to take a holiday right at the start of term because it is significantly cheaper. Whilst I am incredibly understanding regarding the impact of the cost of living, it is my job and duty to ensure that my young people get the best possible outcomes and they need to be here, being taught by our experts in order for that to happen. Holidays will not be authorised and we will expect the young people to catch up on all the work they have missed and to be proactive by speaking to their teachers regarding this. We have to ensure they take responsibility for their learning, so they also see the importance of it. I appreciate the holiday decision comes from the Parents/Carers but we have to try and minimise the impact on the child's outcomes. Of course, we will work with you, but I just have to highlight the importance of good attendance.

We will be having a range of Parent/Carer Forums in the coming academic year, which will be specific to certain topics. The first one will be for Year 11 Parents/Carers and we will be sending full details out shortly. If you as Parents/Carers feel you would like more information on a certain topic or you feel you would benefit from some training, then please can you contact my PA Mrs J Muckley and I can look at fitting this into our schedule. Her email address is [jmuckley@boteler.org.uk](mailto:jmuckley@boteler.org.uk) We would really appreciate any feedback you have, as I really want to focus on Parental/Carer engagement and for you to feel you have the correct toolkit and support mechanisms in place to help your child succeed.

Have a lovely weekend when it finally arrives.

Best wishes



Beverley Scott-Herron  
**Headteacher**

## Home-School Agreement

In line with sections 110 and 111 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 the governing bodies of all maintained schools, academies, city technology colleges and city colleges for the technology of the arts must publish a home-school agreement and associated parental declaration.

The governing body must take reasonable steps to ensure that all registered parents of students of compulsory school age sign the parental declaration to indicate that they understand and accept the contents of the agreement.

Our Home-School Agreement sets out:

- our responsibilities towards our students
- the responsibility of each student's parents/carers
- the expectations of our students

We will send out the document below via the Arbor App/text message, where you will then receive instructions of how to complete your parental declaration.



### SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH EXPECTATIONS   HIGH ASPIRATIONS   HIGH STANDARDS   YOU WILL SUCCEED		
As a school we will:	As a parent/carer/I/we will:	As a student I will:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have high expectations for all learners in all aspects of school life</li> <li>• Expect high standards of behaviour and promote respect for all</li> <li>• Provide an environment where all students are safe, happy and confident, whilst striving for the highest possible achievement for all students, underpinned by Christian values</li> <li>• Deliver a curriculum which is stimulating, challenging, innovative, enjoyable and motivates students</li> <li>• Offer a range of enrichment activities to interest and engage students beyond the classroom</li> <li>• Provide regular homework in accordance with the School Homework Policy and ensure appropriate feedback is given</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that my child attends school every day, in full school uniform, on time and fully equipped</li> <li>• Inform the school immediately of any absence and avoid unnecessary absences (e.g. Family holidays in term time)</li> <li>• Support my child's progress and achievement by attending parents evenings and other school events</li> <li>• Ensure that my child completes the set homework</li> <li>• Respond to school communications as appropriate and inform school of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's learning, behaviour or well-being</li> <li>• Support the school ethos, behaviour code of conduct, other policies and guidelines</li> <li>• Encourage my child to have an active role in the life of the school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend school regularly and on time, striving for the best possible attendance and punctuality</li> <li>• Wear the school uniform correctly and follow the school rules relating to appearance</li> <li>• Be fully equipped for every lesson and look after my property (including ISP)</li> <li>• Complete classwork and homework to the best of my ability to ensure that good progress is made towards targets</li> <li>• Behave safely, following the rules of the school</li> <li>• Treat all members of the school community with courtesy and respect, responding to staff at their first request</li> <li>• Represent the school in a positive manner when in the community, even when not in the school uniform</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide effective means of communication between home and school and respond quickly to any enquiries or concerns</li> <li>• Set aspirational individual targets for every student in each subject and promote education as a lifelong process</li> <li>• Contact parents/carers if there are concerns regarding your child's attendance and punctuality</li> <li>• Provide support for each student to help them make progress towards their targets, engaging parents in the process</li> <li>• Develop relationships between all stakeholders based on courtesy, respect and tolerance</li> <li>• Reward students for their positive contributions and achievements</li> <li>• Offer parents/carer the opportunity to become involved in the wider life of the school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorse the efforts of the staff involved in teaching the student and those of the pastoral and support staff</li> <li>• Ensure the school is notified of any change in emergency contact numbers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the school ethos and attend events at school</li> <li>• Talk to a member of staff if I have a problem or need support</li> </ul>
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Signed on behalf of the school:

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Parent signature:

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Student signature:

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## Attendance Matters at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School

### The school target for each student is 96% or above

- Having high attendance improves your child's life chances. Making sure they leave school with the qualifications they deserve
- Absences from school means gaps in your child's learning and missing out on opportunities

### Reporting a child's absence

- If your child is going to absent from school it is important that you telephone our absence line on 01925 636414 and speak to your child's Head of Year. Failing to do so, will result in follow our safeguarding procedures and could result in a home visit.

### Tracking a student's attendance

- As a school we constantly track student's attendance. If attendance falls below our school's expectations we will follow our Attendance Policy and look at intervention or support needed to improve your child's attendance
- You can track your child's attendance through the Arbor App or their ISP (independent study pack) where you will see their current attendance.

**SIR THOMAS BOTELER**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
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# ATTENDANCE

BY WORKING TOGETHER, OUR ATTENDANCE WILL BE OUTSTANDING

- MAXIMISE YOUR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
- AIM FOR 100% ATTENDANCE
- THE BETTER YOUR ATTENDANCE, THE HIGHER YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS.
- MISSED LESSONS LEAD TO MISSED OPPORTUNITIES
- EVERY LESSON COUNTS

## Attend & Achieve

OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE: 100%  
GOOD ATTENDANCE: 97% OR ABOVE  
ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET: 96% OR ABOVE  
BELOW EXPECTATIONS: 95.99 - 95%  
YOU WILL BE MONITORED AT: 95 - 93%  
SERIOUS CONCERN: 92.99 - 90%  
RED ZONE: BELOW 90%

## Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening is **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**. The reason for holding this evening early in the school year is to enable our subject teachers to discuss your child's performance in the Mock Exams they sat at the end of Year 10 and for you to have an understanding of what they need to do in order to ensure they succeed. As you are aware, this is the most important year of your child's education so far. We will also be able to provide you with information around future key assessment dates. Our subject teachers will also explain the support and interventions that will be provided. We absolutely want the very best outcomes for your child and these conversations are crucial in securing these.

This Parents' Evening will be **face to face in school** and all teachers are looking forward to having conversations in person. We will be using **School Cloud** as a booking system which allows you to book the appointment times that are convenient for you and is more efficient than your child having to book appointments with subject teachers on your behalf. Appointments will be available from **3:30pm-7pm**. **Bookings are now live.**

## Personal Development

### Year 10 and 11

Warrington Careers Fair – Your Future, Your Choice, Move On – Is being held at the Youth Zone on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. The event includes over 50 stands including employers, further education and higher education opportunities, independent training providers and voluntary groups along with a range of practical activities and insight talks to inform the next steps for students.



**Warrington Careers Fair**  
Your Future, Your Choice, Move on

**FREE and welcome to all**  
**11 October 2023**  
**3pm - 6.30pm**

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**WARRINGTON**  
**PLEDGE**

 **European Union**  
European  
Social Fund

### Year 11

The colleges are currently in school delivering assemblies on Post 16 and the options available to your child. Please take a look at when their Open Evenings are and go along to see which subjects, courses, apprenticeships and college they are interested in. For all Open days, you must book a place online.

**Priestley College: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 5:30 – 8pm**

<https://www.priestley.ac.uk/open-event-tue-5th-october-5-30pm-to-8pm/>

**Warrington Vale Royal: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023, from 5.00pm – 8.00pm.**

<https://wvr.ac.uk/events-news/news/warrington-vale-royal-college-prepares-to-welcome-year-11-pupils-to-our-eagerly-anticipated-school-leaver-open-evenings>

**Riverside: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 5pm – 7pm**

<https://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/>

**Cronton: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 2pm**

<https://www.cronton.ac.uk/>

**Myerscough: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Course Advice Morning and Applicant Showcase**

<https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/schools-liaison/open-mornings-and-events/>

## **Y11 Languages**

All students in Year 11 French and Spanish have speaking questions that they need to learn on a weekly basis. Students need to practise these at home and then they need to attend Speaking Club at lunchtime on a Friday to be tested by their teacher either in room 5 or room 6.

Please encourage your child/ward to revise for their speaking exam and to see their teacher in order to be tested.

## **KS3 Languages**

Calling all linguists. French Club – Thursday lunchtime in room 6 and Spanish club Thursday lunchtime in room 5. Please come along for language games, songs and fun.

## **School Immunisations**

The following link from the School Immunisations Team, explains the vaccinations that will be offered to the students in school during this academic year. <https://tinyurl.com/bde83e77>

## Macbeth Visit

Last Thursday Miss Ward, Mr Vallender and Miss Brown accompanied Year 11 students to a performance of Macbeth at Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescot to support their studies of the text at GCSE. All students enjoyed the performance and were exemplary when representing the school, so much so that the theatre gifted them free programmes as a thank you!"



## Annual Awards evening

Our Annual Awards evening took place last week, where the school community came together to share in the celebration of the student successes from the last academic year.

Looking ahead to this year, where we are planning to hold the evening in July, we are challenging the students to become the next whole school winners across the award categories.

Please do speak to your child about the prospect of winning an overall award, pushing them to be the best they can be. Awards included:

- Subject Awards nominated by teachers and the Head of Department
- Overall Progress and Achievement Awards, with all subject performance considered
- Citizenship and Service to School Awards
- Outstanding Attitude to Learning, with all lessons considered
- The Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England Inspiration Award, with nominations for those who may have achieved something very special, typically overcoming a significant personal challenge
- Head Students and Student Leaders recognised.





## Inauguration Evening

We welcomed our Year 7 students formally into the Boteler Family on Tuesday 19th September in our Inauguration Service at St. Elphin's Parish Church.

It was fantastic to see the Church full with our parents, carers and families, and was truly amazing to be able to celebrate with them as their child embarks on their new high school journey.

We are very proud of our new Year 7 students. They have already been demonstrating our High Expectations, High Aspirations and High Standards on a daily basis.



The Student Leadership Body spoke about the life of the school and led the prayers. Mr Moorcroft (CEO TCAT) spoke about 'New Beginnings'. The congregation enjoyed a performance from our wonderful student musicians, who really embody the spirit of our Boteler Family. Mrs Scott-Herron sang a Gaelic blessing and our Year 7 students left feeling they belonged to somewhere special. We hope everybody who attended enjoyed the evening.



## Upcoming School events

- Year 7 CAT Tests
- Year 11 Warrington Vale Royal Assembly
- Year 11 Geography visit
- Open Evening – 17:00 – 20:00. Headteacher's address at 18:00

# BOTELER WIDER CURRICULUM

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>WEEK</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
	THE CRUNCHIES SINGING GROUP	FORM	1 & 2	ALL	MUSIC
	GCSE FOUNDATION MATHS REVISION	LUNCH	1 & 2	11	ROOM 1
	FOOTBALL	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	FIELD
	HISTORY CLUB	LUNCH	1	ALL	ROOM 11
	SCHOOL COUNCIL	LUNCH	2	ALL	ROOM 11
	ENGLISH CLUB	LUNCH	1 & 2	8 - 10	ROOM 23
	BOTELERTONIX	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	MUSIC
	COOKING CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL	1 & 2	ALL	ROOM 17
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>WEEK</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
	DRAMA CLUB	LUNCH	1 & 2	7 - 10	DRAMA STUDIO
	BTEC SPORT COURSEWORK	LUNCH	1 & 2	10	ROOM 29
	BOYS FOOTBALL FIXTURES & TRAINING	AFTER SCHOOL	1 & 2	7 - 10	FIELD
	GIRLS NETBALL TRAINING	AFTER SCHOOL	1 & 2	ALL	BALL HALL
	GUITAR CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL	2	ALL	MUSIC
	YEAR 10 MARINE BIOLOGY CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL	1 & 2	10	LAB 5
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>WEEK</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
	ECO COUNCIL	LUNCH	1	ALL	ROOM 8
	FURTHER MATHS	AFTER SCHOOL	1 & 2	INVITED 11	ROOM 1
	SCHOOL BAND — ANYONE WHO PLAYS AN INSTRUMENT IS WELCOME	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	MUSIC
	FOOTBALL	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	FIELD
	STAGECRAFT	LUNCH	1 & 2	7 - 10	DRAMA STUDIO
	MATHS CLUB	LUNCH	2	7 - 9	ROOM 2
	GIRLS FOOTBALL TRAINING	AFTER SCHOOL	1 & 2	ALL	VARIOUS
	TRAMPOLINING	AFTER SCHOOL	1 & 2	ALL	BALL HALL
	DT (LIMITED NUMBERS DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY AND NUMBER OF WORKSTATIONS)	AFTER SCHOOL	1 & 2	ALL	ROOM 15
	KS3 GRAPHIC DESIGN & KS4 DT/GRAPHIC DESIGN COURSEWORK	AFTER SCHOOL	1 & 2	ALL	ROOM 16
	CATCH UP (LIMITED NUMBERS DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY AND NUMBER OF WORKSTATIONS)				
	YEAR 7 SCIENCE CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL	1 & 2	Year 7	LAB 3
ART CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL	1	7 - 9	Room 26	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>WEEK</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
	SAMBOTELER	FORM	1 & 2	ALL	MUSIC
	INTERNATIONAL CLUB	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	HALL
	MUSIC COMPOSITION CLASS	LUNCH	1 & 2	11	MUSIC
	MATHS HOMEWORK HELP	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	ROOM 19
	CHESS CLUB	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	ROOM 12
	FOOTBALL	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	FIELD
	BOYS DANCE CLUB	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	GYM
	GIRLS DANCE CLUB	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	DRAMA STUDIO
	FRENCH CLUB	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	ROOM 6
	SPANISH CLUB	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	ROOM 5
	BTEC SPORT COURSEWORK	LUNCH	1 & 2	YEAR 10	ROOM 29
	BASKETBALL TRAINING	AFTER SCHOOL	1 & 2	7 - 10	BALL HALL
	BOYS RUGBY FIXTURES & TRAINING	AFTER SCHOOL	1 & 2	ALL	FIELD
	DANCE CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL	1 & 2	ALL	GYM
	GUITAR CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL	1	ALL	MUSIC
	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>WEEK</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
LGBTQ+ COUNCIL		LUNCH	1	ALL	ROOM 26
FOOTBALL		LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	FIELD
MFL GCSE SPEAKING CLUB		LUNCH	1 & 2	11	ROOMS 5/6

**THE LIBRARY IS OPEN EVERY LUNCH TIME FOR QUIET READING**





# We'll put the kettle on!



## Join us for a brew (and toast!) while meeting others in your area

Torus Foundation and local partners will be on hand with support including:

- Employment and Training**
- Health and Wellbeing**
- Money and Benefits**
- Activities for children**

Children's Centre teams will also be on hand to answer any questions about your children's behaviour and development

### Come and join us:



**Every Monday 9.30am – 10.30am, Birchwood CE School**

7 Admirals Rd, Birchwood, Warrington WA3 6QG

**Every Thursday 9am – 10.30am, Westy Children's Centre**

Tinsley St, Latchford, Warrington WA4 1PW

**Every Friday 9am – 10.30am, Little Stars Children's Centre**

Boulting Ave, Dallam, Warrington WA5 0HA

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WELCOME

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