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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very busy but enjoyable week.

The main focus for us this week was Open Evening and whilst I appreciate that this is for future students, our current students were very much a huge part of its success.

The Evening demonstrates the Boteler Family in all its glory, but the main reason for why we are oversubscribed and so successful is because of your young people. We had over 150 students supporting and helping in a variety of roles and the majority are a part of our Ambassador programme. Our young people took the families on tours; the feedback was overwhelming and actually made me feel quite emotional and incredibly proud.

Listening to how our young people talk and feel about the school is something I think everyone should get to hear. The passion and dedication they have towards their subjects and teachers is so powerful. They love the fact they belong to the Boteler Family, that they feel heard and most importantly that they are happy.

We do not train our young people what to say because always want them to speak the truth and from the heart. I appreciate that some may think that is risky, but we don't. When deciding on a high school you want the true picture and to know what it is like day in day out. I am always honest as I know we are excellent at many things, but I also know there are areas to improve and that is why we have an action plan. We want to be the best we can be. In education there will always be things to improve on and we always rise to that challenge.

Every young person in school makes us who we are and everyone has an important role to play. As long as we always focus on our High Expectations, High Aspiration and High Standards we know that we will succeed.

Have a lovely weekend.

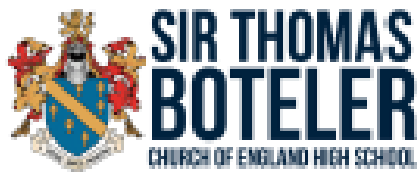
Best wishes



Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher







OUR SCHOOL RULES

AT SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL YOU MUST BE:

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

SCHOOL RULES – READY, RESPECTFUL AND SAFE

School rules play a crucial role in maintaining a safe, structured, and conducive learning environment. Here at school, we aim to keep the rules simple and easy to understand, therefore, we ask students to be **READY, RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE** at all times. We work hard on the consistent application of these school rules because we know that they serve several important purposes, including:

SAFETY: School rules are designed to ensure the safety of students, staff, and visitors. Rules about behaviour, dress code, and the use of equipment help prevent accidents and injuries.

ORDER AND DISCIPLINE: School rules provide a framework for maintaining order and discipline within the school. They help establish a structured and predictable environment where students can focus on learning without disruptions. Rules related to classroom behaviour, respect for authority, and consequences for misconduct help create a positive learning atmosphere.

PROMOTING RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY: School rules emphasise values such as respect, responsibility, and fairness. By adhering to these rules, students learn important life skills and values that are essential for their personal and social development.

ACADEMIC FOCUS: School rules can support academic excellence by minimising distractions and ensuring that classroom time is used effectively. Rules related to punctuality, attendance, and the use of electronic devices help create an environment conducive to learning.

PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE: Following school rules teaches students about the importance of adhering to rules and regulations, which is a valuable skill in both their academic and future professional lives. Learning to respect deadlines, follow instructions, and work within established guidelines prepares students for success in the real world.

INCLUSIVITY: School rules can also play a role in promoting inclusivity and equity. Rules that prevent discrimination, harassment, or exclusion based on factors like race, gender, or disability contribute to a more diverse and inclusive school community.

Parent and carer support in ensuring their children understand and follow rules is crucial to them reaching their full potential, and we very much appreciate the partnerships we have with all of our families.

Attendance Matters at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School

Students who have very good attendance are more likely to gain 5 or more Level 4 or above GCSEs or equivalent qualifications.

Students whose attendance is 100% will be able to make the best of all the opportunities available to them here at Sir Thomas Boteler church of England High School

Our School target for each student is 96% or above.

Punctual and regular attendance is an essential requirement for successful learning. You need to be in school to achieve your best.

A student who ends the school year on 90% attendance will have missed four complete weeks of school.

90% over 5 years at secondary school equates to half a school year and the achievement at GCSE will be one grade lower

Holidays

In total there are 175 non-school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to:

- Spend time together
- Go on family visits and days out
- Go on holiday
- Go shopping
- Attend routine appointments

Taking a holiday during term time seriously affects your child's attendance and their attainment. Booking holidays during term time may result with involvement from the Attendance team at the Local Authorities.

The Law

- The Education Act 1996 requires parents to ensure their children of compulsory school age receive efficient full-time education.
- The law says that parent/carers whose children of compulsory school age are absent from school without a good reason are committing an offence

Personal Development

Next week we welcome Higher Horizons into school. They will be delivering workshops on Post 16 to Year 10 and 11 during their PD lessons.

Year 11

Year 11 received an assembly from Warrington Vale Royal College on Monday which raised their awareness of their options post 16.

Please take a look at the application process for college:

Warrington Vale Royal	https://wvr.ac.uk/
Priestley College	https://www.priestley.ac.uk
Cronton and Riverside	https://www.cronton.ac.uk/ https://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/

If you would like to meet with our career advisor (Kim Dickson) with you child please call reception to book a time. Kim is in schools on Tuesday and Wednesdays.

Year 8

Year 8 received an assembly from the RAF this week. They were given information on joining the cadets.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening is **Monday 2nd 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.**

London Parliament Visit

Students involved in our School Council and Student Leadership Body had the opportunity to tour the Houses of Parliament on Friday 22nd September, as well as explore key sites in London such as Buckingham Palace and Trafalgar Square. They thoroughly enjoyed the guided tour through the Palace of Westminster and had brilliant questions as they walked around, many comments were made regarding their exemplary behaviour and we are incredibly proud of how they represented our school that day.



Upcoming School events

- Year 11 Cronton College Assembly – Monday 2nd October
- Year 11 Parents' Evening – Monday 2nd October
- Conservative Party Student Conference Visit – Tuesday 3rd October

Updated Boteler Wider Curriculum



BOTELER WIDER CURRICULUM

	ACTIVITY	TIME	WEEK	YEAR	LOCATION
MONDAY	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 15:00-16:00	1 & 2	ALL	ROOM 17
	ACTIVITY	TIME	WEEK	YEAR	LOCATION
TUESDAY	DRAMA CLUB	LUNCH	1 & 2	7 - 10	DRAMA STUDIO
	BTEC SPORT COURSEWORK	LUNCH	1 & 2	10	ROOM 29
	GCSE HIGHER MATHS REVISION	LUNCH	1 & 2	10 & 11	ROOM 1
	ETHOS CLUB	LUNCH	2	ALL	ROOM 19
	POST-16 ADVICE	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	LIBRARY
	BOYS FOOTBALL FIXTURES & TRAINING	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:15*	1 & 2	7 - 10	FIELD
	GIRLS NETBALL TRAINING	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:15	1 & 2	ALL	BALL HALL
	GIUITAR CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:00	2	ALL	MUSIC
	YEAR 10 MARINE BIOLOGY CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL 15:10-16:00	1 & 2	10	LAB 5
	HOMEWORK CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:00	1 & 2	ALL	PROGRESS HUB
	ACTIVITY	TIME	WEEK	YEAR	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY	ECO COUNCIL	LUNCH	1	ALL	ROOM 8
	WELLBEING COUNCIL	LUNCH	1	ALL	ROOM 19
	WELLBEING DROP IN	LUNCH	2	ALL	ROOM 19
	POST-16 ADVICE	LUNCH	1 & 2	ALL	LIBRARY
	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 15:00-16:15	1 & 2	ALL	VARIOUS
	TRAMPOLINING	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:15	1 & 2	ALL	BALL HALL
	DT (LIMITED NUMBERS DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY AND NUMBER OF WORKSTATIONS)	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:00	1 & 2	ALL	ROOM 15
	KS3 GRAPHIC DESIGN & KS4 DT/GRAPHIC DESIGN COURSEWORK CATCH UP (LIMITED NUMBERS DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY AND NUMBER OF WORKSTATIONS)	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:00	1 & 2	ALL	ROOM 16
	YEAR 7 SCIENCE CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL 15:10-16:00	1 & 2	Year 7	LAB 3
FURTHER MATHS	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:00	1 & 2	INVITED 11	ROOM 1	
	ACTIVITY	TIME	WEEK	YEAR	LOCATION
THURSDAY	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 13
	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 15:00-16:15	1 & 2	7 - 10	BALL HALL
	BOYS RUGBY FIXTURES & TRAINING	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:15*	1 & 2	ALL	FIELD
	DANCE CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:15	1 & 2	ALL	GYM
	GIUITAR CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:00	1	ALL	MUSIC
	ART CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:00	1	7 - 9	Room 26
	HOMEWORK CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL 15:00-16:00	1 & 2	ALL	PROGRESS HUB
	ACTIVITY	TIME	WEEK	YEAR	LOCATION
FRIDAY	HOUSE POP UP CHALLENGES	BREAK	1 & 2	ALL	VARIOUS
	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

*Times relate to training sessions only. Fixtures will finish approximately 17:15.



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Who's your
**UNSUNG
HERO?**



Do you know a student at your school/college who deserves recognition for a recent achievement or something they have done at home, school/college or in their local community?

**NOMINATE THEM FOR YOUR
SCHOOL'S UNSUNG HERO AWARD!**

HOW TO NOMINATE

Submit your nomination(s) online by scanning the QR code below, or pick up a nomination form from your school/college's reception.

**The closing date for nominations is
Friday 1st December 2023.**

WIN

All nominations will receive a certificate, & your school's overall winner will be awarded the Unsung Hero trophy at a presentation assembly.



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Who's your **UNSUNG HERO?**



NOMINATION FORM

If you know a student at your school/college who deserves recognition for a recent achievement or something they have done at home, school/college or in the local community, then nominate them for Vision for Education's **Unsung Hero 2023**.

You can make as many nominations as you want, but you will need to complete a separate nomination form for each person you nominate. Completed nomination forms should be given to your school/college's reception. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below to submit your nomination online.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 1st December 2023.

Details of the student at your school that you are nominating

Full name	
Name & address of the school/college attended	
Year group	
Details of achievement Why are you nominating this student? Why do you think this student should win?	

Rules and conditions: There is no restriction on the number of nominations you can make, but each entry must be made on a separate nomination form. Nominations are free of charge. Nominees must be educated at a school/college in England or Wales. The school will select the overall winner.

Details of nominator

Full name	
Name & address of the school/college attended	
Year group	
Tutor	



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