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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. I cannot believe we have reached half term already and I just want take this opportunity to thank you all for your support.

It is really important that the batteries are re-charged this week as the next half term is always very intense in the run up to mock exams, assessments and eventually Christmas.

Please can you ensure that your child has all the correct uniform and equipment on their return. We should have a new stock of ties to purchase, so please make sure you purchase one if needed.

If a child is wearing any incorrect uniform they have an instant detention that day. We do have high expectations and 98% of the school conform on a daily basis. We need to ensure this is everyone though as it is not fair on those that abide by the rules. I appreciate there are times when things do not go according to plan. If this is the case then please email and let us know how we can help.

Jewellery is not allowed and I have written several times regarding this and it is very clear what the expectations are. Immediate sanctions will be in place for non-compliance.

There seems to be a new craze emerging of carrying blazers instead of wearing them. The young people are really polite and put them on when requested. However, blazers are compulsory and must be worn when moving around the building. This is not negotiable. A gentle reminder would be appreciated. I ensure staff are role models as they are expected to wear jackets when moving around the building too.

Please can you make sure that we have all the correct details for any home communications and also that you sign up to the Arbor app www.boteler.org.uk/arbor. We have an incredibly good uptake, but I am really concerned that some of you are still missing key information. We do communicate also by Facebook, X and Instagram, letter, text messages and of course the Head's Herald. If there are any other forms of communication you think we are missing then please do let me know. [Facebook.com/thomasboteler](https://www.facebook.com/thomasboteler) | [X.com/thomasboteler](https://www.x.com/thomasboteler) | [Instagram.com/thomasboteler](https://www.instagram.com/thomasboteler)

Please have a wonderful half term and I will see all my fantastic students in full uniform and ready for learning on Monday 6th November 2023 at 08.25.



Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

Learning to Learn

It is very important that our students are not spoon fed in the classroom and that they develop the ability to learn independently. If you look in your child's books, you will notice that on tasks or questions that require an extended response, there will be a 'scaffold' or a 'model' in place by the teacher. This is to provide anchor points for your students to 'hang' their knowledge on.

The idea is that over time these anchor points are removed so that by the time the students complete significant assessments or exams they will be able to do so without support. Different subjects use different methods to help students remember what the 'strategy' to answer a question is. For example, History and RE use P.E.E.L. This stands for Point, Evidence, Explain, Link and provides a strategy for students to follow. Learning to learn in education is commonly known as 'metacognition' and this is currently a significant priority for us.

Personal Development

Year 11

Over the half term break please talk to your child about their next steps when they leave Sir Thomas Boteler. They should have either applied to college or know which college they would like to apply for, and which subjects they will take.

Years 8, 9, 10, 11 students will have their Careers Fair on November 14th.

Over 20 exhibitors will be in the school hall from colleges, universities, apprenticeships and employers. This is a chance for all our students to gain valuable information about their post 16 options.

On Monday December 18th all students will be invited to our Christmas Fayre from 3pm - 5pm. If you would like to donate any prizes for the raffle please drop off at our reception.

Students have had their House assemblies this week and at the end of half term 1 the results are as follows:

1st	Arbitrium
2nd	Veritas
3rd	Molitiā
4th	Honoris
4th	Virtus
6th	Viribus

Year 8 Parents' Evenings

Our next Parents' Evening is Year 8 on Monday 20th November. This will be in school with bookings being made on School Cloud. The link for booking will be sent out on return from half term.

Year 11

A reminder that Year 11 Mock Exams start on Monday 27th November which is just three whole teaching weeks away (three teaching weeks after half term). Students should be spending time preparing and revising for these exams over half term.

YEAR 11– MOCK TIMETABLE NOV/DEC 2023

WEEK	Date	Morning 08.55	Break 10.55	Morning 11.15am	Lunch 12.15	Afternoon 13.00	School Ends 15.00
2	Mon 27 Nov	GEOGRAPHY Papers 1&3 1 hour 30 HISTORY (Elizabeth and the Cold War) 1 hour 45				SPANISH Writing 1 hour 15/ 1 hour FRENCH Writing 1 hour 15/ 1 hour	
	Tues 28 Nov	ENGLISH LANGUAGE Paper 1 1 hour 45				OPTION D Subjects Design Technology 2 hours Hospitality (11D + 11HL) 1 hour 45 Sport 1 hour 15	
	Weds 29 Nov	MATHS Paper 1 1 hour 30				RELIGIOUS STUDIES Study of Religion 1 hour 45	
	Thurs 30 Nov	SCIENCE Paper 1 Biology 1 hour 45/ 1 hour 15				MUSIC 1 hour 15 (Library)	
		Morning 08.55	Break 11.10	Morning 11.25	Lunch 12.25	Afternoon 13.00	
	Fri 1 Dec	OPTION C Subjects Computer Science 2 hours Sport 1 hour 15 Design Technology (11C/GDC +11C/DTC) 2 hours DRAMA		DRAMA		FURTHER MATHS 1 HOUR DRAMA	

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1	Mon 4 Dec	SCIENCE Paper 1 Chemistry 1 hour 45/ 1 hour 15				HISTORY Medicine 1 hour 15	
	Tues 5 Dec	MATHS Paper 2 Calculator 1 hour 30				RELIGIOUS STUDIES Themes 50 mins	
	Weds 6 Dec	COMPUTER SCIENCE Computing Concepts 1 hour 45 Ancient History 1 hour 45				FRENCH READING 1 hour/ 45 mins SPANISH READING 1 hour /45 mins	
	Thurs 7 Dec	ENGLISH LANGUAGE Paper 2 1 hour 45				GEOGRAPHY Paper 2 1 hour	
		Morning 08.55	Break 11.10	Morning 11.25	Lunch 12.25	Afternoon 13.00	
	Fri 8 Dec	SCIENCE Paper 1 PHYSICS 1 hour 45/ 1 hour 15				ENGLISH LITERATURE 1 hour	
2	Tues 12 Dec	ART ALL DAY					

Rewards and Recognition

Here at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School, we recognise the importance of rewards and recognition. We believe it is a key feature of fostering a positive and productive learning environment. We believe that such recognition can:

- Serve as a powerful motivator for students. They provide tangible goals and incentives for students to perform well in their studies, participate actively in class, and excel in extracurricular activities. When students know that their efforts will be acknowledged and rewarded, they are more likely to be engaged and enthusiastic about their learning.
- Help us to reinforce positive behaviour and academic success. By acknowledging the desired behaviour, high standards, achievements, and academic progress, schools can encourage students to consistently display these positive attributes and strive for excellence.
- Boost the self-esteem and confidence of students. When students receive acknowledgment for their achievements, it reinforces their belief in their abilities and encourages them to continue striving for success. This positive self-perception can have a long-lasting impact on their academic and personal development. We pride ourselves on praising students for their efforts, as well as achievement.
- Promote healthy competition, where rewards and recognition can inspire healthy competition among students, encouraging them to work harder and push their limits in a positive way. This can lead to higher academic performance and personal growth. We do this in many ways, including Form and House competitions.
- Enhance the learning experience of students. When they feel that their efforts are valued and acknowledged, they are more likely to engage in the learning process. This can lead to a more positive and enriching learning experience for students, which, in turn, can improve their retention and understanding of the content.
- Help students prepare for the real world. Individuals are often rewarded and recognised for their accomplishments and contributions in their future jobs and lives. By experiencing this in school, students are better prepared for the expectations of the workforce and society at large. They learn the value of hard work and the benefits of striving for excellence.

Of course, we are always careful to ensure there is the healthy balance of extrinsic motivation, and the work we do with our students regarding intrinsic motivation. We know that intrinsic motivation is a vital factor in a student's learning and development, with this motivation coming from within the individual. This is typically driven by the personal interest of the student, their curiosity and their genuine desire to learn and achieve.

Following the half term, we will be delivering our Year Group Reward Assemblies. It is crucial your child is on time and present in all assemblies, with this particular assembly celebrating the successes of both groups and individuals during half term 1.

Reward Assemblies WB Monday 13th November

Useful Links for Half Term

Below are two links that maybe useful for half Term

<https://warrington.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/> – Food banks should any family need support over half term.

<https://warringtonyouthzone.org/young-people/> – This is a list to the Youth Service offering activities for 50p a session for Young People.

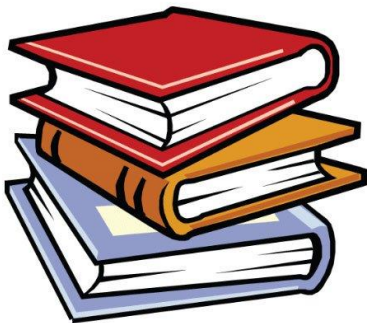
ADHD medication

We did not want you to be concerned or worried by what has been in the news recently and want to try and help if we can. If you have been, or expect to be, affected by the national shortage of ADHD medication. Please get in touch with us by emailing send@boteler.org.uk

Please see: [National supply shortages of medicines for ADHD – Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust](#) if you are concerned.

Years 7 – 10 Childhood Flu Immunisations

Please click on the following link to view a letter from the School Immunisations Team regarding the upcoming Flu Immunisations (Year 7 – 10). If you have any questions, please contact the School-aged Immunisation Team on 01925 946808 <https://t.ly/mK1m4>



Library Books return

Reminder for any students who have borrowed a library book from school, to please return it to Miss Owen (in the Library at lunchtime) when they have finished enjoying it.

Pink for Peace Day 7th November

We will be supporting "Pink for Peace" day on Tuesday 7th November and are asking students to wear a pink t-shirt or jumper over the top of their shirt and tie. Alternatively, they could wear a pink accessory such as a headband or hair clip. Blazers must still be worn.

This is in memory of Brianna Ghey, a 16 year old from Birchwood who was tragically murdered in February this year. Her Mum has set up the campaign "Peace in mind" to raise money to support mindfulness in schools. November 7th would have been Brianna's birthday, so we will wear pink to remember Brianna and to support mental health awareness for young people.

WEAR PINK FOR PEACE ON TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER WOULD HAVE BEEN THE 17TH BIRTHDAY OF BRIANNA GHEY, WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN OUR TOWN IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR. STUDENTS CAN WEAR A PINK TOP OVER THEIR SHIRT & TIE AND UNDER THEIR BLAZER, AND/OR A HAIR BAND/SOCKS TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PEACE IN MIND CAUSE. PEACE IN MIND IS A CHARITY CAMPAIGN IN MEMORY OF BRIANNA. WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM STUDENTS TOWARDS THE CAUSE. THANK YOU.

PLEASE SUPPORT AND WEAR PINK



**PROUDLY
SUPPORTING**



Peace in Mind

"REMEMBER THIS, WHOEVER YOU ARE, HOWEVER YOU ARE, YOU ARE EQUALLY VALID, EQUALLY JUSTIFIED, AND EQUALLY BEAUTIFUL." - JUNO DAWSON

Collective Worship

This week as part of Collective Worship, students have been focusing on Jesus' Greatest Commandment. We have used the scripture from John (13:34) to discuss the importance of caring for one another.

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other."

We celebrated the Harvest Service last Friday with Year 7 and it was a wonderful celebration. Reverend Rob welcomed us into Christ Church and we had 30 students leading worship with prayers, scripture, drama and song. We are very grateful to Reverend Rob, our chaplain Mike Wildsmith and Kim Wellens their support in preparing for this service.

The Ethos Ambassadors have worked hard to collect donations for the local food bank, thank you for supporting this important cause. The food bank will collect your donations and they will be used to support families in our community.

We thank God for the blessing that this successful term has been and we ask are looking forward to preparing for Advent after the half term break. Please keep up to date with our weekly prayer and scripture via social media.



Remembrance Service

On Thursday 9th November we will hold a service of remembrance ending with a moment of silence at 11am.

In our school library we have permanent memorials to past students and staff who were tragically killed in conflict so November is an important time for our school community as we honour together the sacrifice made by those in the armed forces in the many wars, but particularly the two Great wars.



Our Ethos Ambassadors will be selling poppies during form time for a small donation if any student wishes to get one.

History

Thank you to all Year 7, 8 and 9 students who entered our Black History month poster competition. We asked our students to research a significant individual from the past or present and create a poster to explain why they inspire them.

Well done to all the students who entered!

Year 7 winners – Sofia Mitile, Grace Caddick, Lula Ireland, Oliver Carruthers, Rebeca Dinu, Ellie-Mae Barber

Year 8 winners – Kara O'Donnell, Summer Whittaker, Thaliyah Darani

Year 9 winners -Katrina Lam, Miles Stapylton

Mary Seacole

1825 - 19th Nov 1881

Brave

Determined Courage

Inspiring!

Modest

Strong

Black History Month

Who was inspirational to me -

Coretta Scott King

Why was she inspirational?

Why was he inspirational?

Why was she inspirational?

Why was he inspirational?

Jay Blades

Furniture restorer, Charity worker
TV presenter

Why was he inspirational?

Why was she inspirational?

HENRY "Box" BROWN

Henry "Box" Brown was a slave who escaped in the 1840s by hiding in a wooden crate for 27 hours.

Why does he inspire me

MADAM C.J. WALKER

Mrs. C.J. Walker (Sarah Breeders, Dec 16, 1867 - May 25, 1919) was an African American entrepreneur and political social activist. She is recorded as the first female self-made millionaire in America in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Why does she inspire me

RUHUNNABAD

Achievements

Why is Ruhanabadi famous?

Why does he inspire me

PITCH SIDE



SIR THOMAS BOTELER
CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL
THROUGH GOD, WE CARE

f /THOMASBOTELER X /THOMASBOTELER
@ /THOMASBOTELER v /SIRTHOMASBOTELER

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Warrington Schools' Cross Country League

Early October was the second race of three for our Cross Country Team at Walton Hall and Gardens. Excellent finishes from E. Barker (Year 10) 1st place for senior Girls, W. Kenwright 2nd place for senior Boys and T. Darbyshire 3rd place for Year 9 Boys race. Well done to all our runners!



Academy Sport+ News

Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in their application to be part of our Academy Sport+ Programme for 2023-2024. This is a TCAT wide initiative aimed at supporting and developing athletes who represent in their sport or activity at Regional or National Level.

Academy Sports+ 2023-24		
Name	YEAR	Sport
Chloe Herridge	8	Basketball
Daniel Tienert	8	Ice Hockey
Ellie Barker	10	Athletics
Tom Darbyshire	9	Athletics
Maisie Seed	10	Rowing
Clara Cummings	10	Ballet

Kristopher Miller-Foster	9	Swimming
Lewis Robinson	10	Muay Thai
Ryan Davidson	11	Rugby League
Oliver Bishop	11	Rugby League
Mathias Lui	10	Football
Luke Yam	9	GB Taekwondo
Ruby Wells	10	Rowing



Congratulations to swimmer K. Miller – Foster (Year 9) who smashed his PB's in the 50m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 50m front crawl, 100m backstroke and the 100m individual medley – incredible achievement!

R. Wells and M. Seed (Year 10) both competed at Agecroft Rowing Club Autumn Head Race, in a WJ15 4x+ quad, 3.2km race. and took 1st place. Our very own Lily-Mae Kelly was cox.



R. Davidson (St Helens RLFC scholar) helped steer his community Rugby League team Woolston Rovers to North West County Cup winners last weekend.



Muay Thai fighter Lewis Robinson (Year 10) is in training for his upcoming World Title fight in Luton Dunstable Conference Centre on 25th November.

Results and Fixtures

North West Counties Rugby League

Congratulations to our Year 8 and Year 10 teams who have qualified to represent Warrington at the upcoming Regional Competition, leading to National representation.

Year 8

Pool D			
Saints Peter and Paul		Vs	Sir Thomas Boteler
Sir Thomas Boteler		Vs	St John Fisher
Sir Thomas Boteler		Vs	Bedford

Year 11

Pool D			
Sir Thomas Boteler		Vs	Canon Slade
Wade Deacon		Vs	Sir Thomas Boteler
St Edmund Arrowsmith		Vs	Sir Thomas Boteler

Year 7 Football Team

After an unbeaten start to the Warrington Schools' Football League our Year 7 Team are now in the Premier Division for the next round of fixtures. Games will be at Bridgewater High School as we take on the best schools in the Town at this age group.

Boteler Boys march on in the Football Cheshire Cup....

Well done to our Year 10 Football Team against a competitive Wade Deacon High School team. 1-1 at full time and then E. Barnett stepped up to score the winning penalty. Headed goal from E. Hayes in the first half. We await our opponents in the next round. Great effort lads!

PE Kit Standards

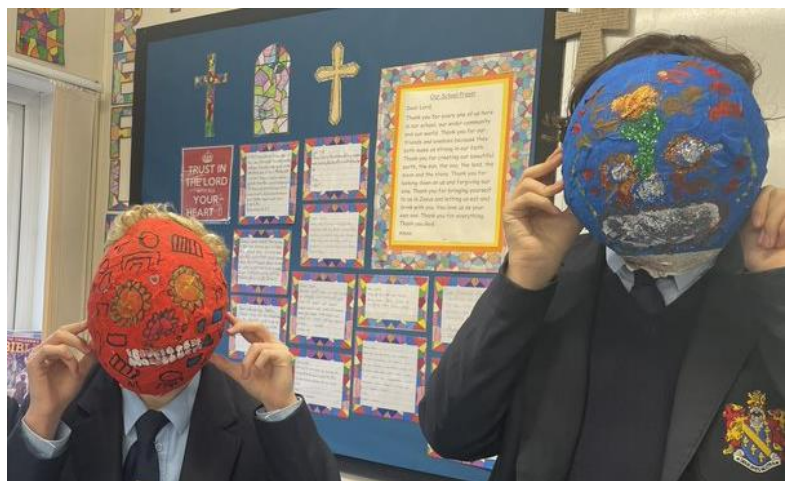
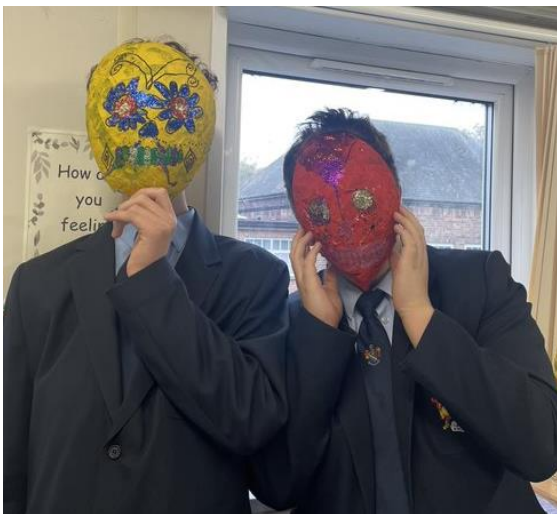
The vast majority of students come to school ready to learn for PE and thank you for your support at home to ensure students know when they need their PE kit. To help maintain high standards please ensure your child:

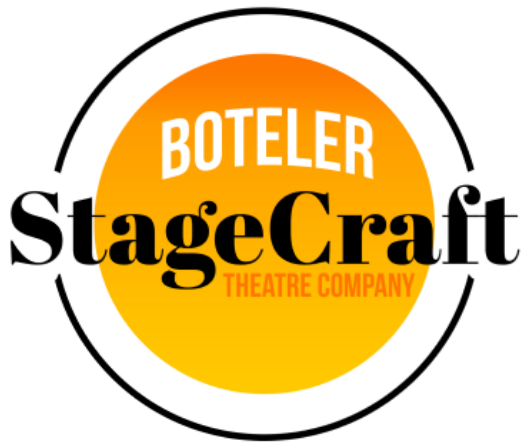
- Checks their timetable within their ISP every night before school
- If students have an injury that prevents physical participation, please can they bring a note and their PE kit as they will be expected to take on a different role (scorer, referee, coach etc)
- Hoodies and other sports clothing is not to be worn. If students are cold they can wear layers underneath and 'skins'.
- Blue sports socks must be worn if a student wishes to wear a skort or shorts.

Day of the Dead Festival

The students in the Designated Provision have been learning about the Day of the Dead Festival and how it is celebrated in Mexican culture. They made paper mâché masks which they have painted and decorated themselves using repetitive and symmetrical patterns.

"I enjoyed painting the masks and drawing the patterns. I liked the learning about the Day of the Dead"
Layla Roberts 7SW.





Amazing turnout today during our first meeting since last week's 'Sign Up' for this year's school production.

Over 60 Students came to the Studio, at lunchtime, to have a first look at the story synopsis and description of the characters. They then worked on two scenes to get a sense of the play and storyline.

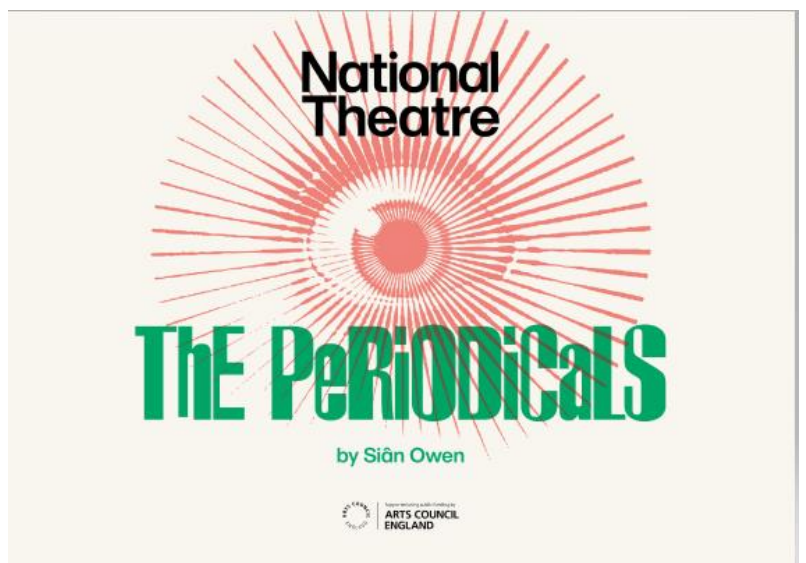


Ms Armstrong will be visiting the National Theatre on Friday and learning more about the Festival and our involvement, so lots of exciting things to learn and share after the half term.

Letters will soon be sent to Parents and Carers with confirmed dates for the performance at The Lowry.

Many thanks to Mrs Hughes and Mrs Tarry for their support.

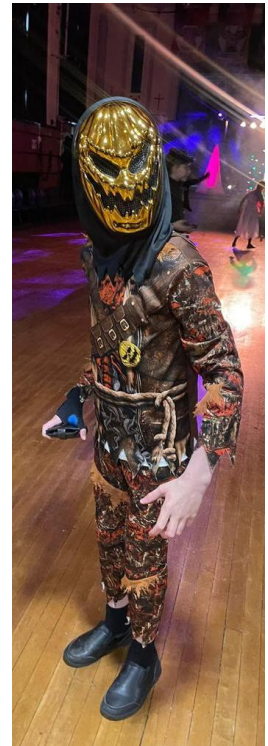
Have a great half term.



Year 7 Halloween Disco

Our Year 7 students had a great Halloween party this week! Well done for all the effort made with costumes. Mrs Brown witnessed some brilliant dance moves by students and teachers!

Lots of fun had by all, and thank you to our PSB group for providing the refreshments.



£15
Per Person

Elf Dash

Sunday 19th November
Gulliver's World, Warrington

WARRINGTON
Teaching Hospitals Charity
AN NHS CHARITY
Registered Charity: 615165

WARRINGTON
YZ
An OnSide Youth Zone

Breakfast with Santa

TICKETS
£15

WARRINGTON
YZ
An OnSide Youth Zone

Saturday 9th | 16th | 23rd December
Join us at Warrington Youth Zone for
breakfast with Santa and some fun activities
Event open to non members too