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Arbor Parent and Guardian Portal/Parental Engagement

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your support in engaging with our communication about the need to register with our free system called Arbor. This platform is crucial to ensure that information regarding your child's education is shared with you.

By signing up to this system, you are helping us to send free messages, reducing text message costs and ensure that you are able to do the following:

- Keep up to date with the latest information about your child/ren
- View your child's timetable
- View attendance information about your child
- Notify us of any reason for absence
- Check and update your contact details
- View the latest news from School.

As a school we can:

- Send real time notifications to you when new information is available
- Save money on admin time, printing and paper
- Ensure our contact details for you are up to date.

If for any reason you are not registered, please follow the guidance in the School Handbook, which can be found by clicking this link [School Handbook – Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School](#).

The Arbor Portal also has the facility for you to view your child's attitude to learning and conduct. I would like to inform you that this function will now be enabled, with a small number of changes.

- In summary, students will now receive a House Point for all types of positive behaviour and efforts. This could include:
 - House Point – Ambassador role
 - House Point – Outstanding Attitude to Learning
 - House Point – Good Manners
 - House Point – Extracurricular Club
 - House Point – Excellent Piece of Work
 - And much more.

You will be able to access this information by clicking on the 'Behaviour' tab in your Arbor app.



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- Students will receive a Negative Behaviour Point due to any undesirable behaviour, both in lessons and outside of lessons
- You will be able to see your child's conduct points, celebrating the successes and supporting school in addressing any areas of concern
- Staff will strive to ensure that conduct points are entered in a timely manner, however, please be aware that there may be retrospective logging (within reasonable working hours)
- For more serious matters, although Negative Behaviour Points will be entered, parents will always be contacted to discuss the matter
- House Points and Negative Behaviour Points will always be considered when making decisions regarding rewards initiatives and events, therefore, this is a good way for parents to monitor their child's performance and have informed conversations
- This system will also further develop our House system and boost competition between Houses
- Please turn on notifications to make sure you are making full use of the Portal/App, with the alerts informing you that you have a message from us.

Finally, we really hope that this can support with parental engagement and information sharing. We know from experience, when parents are actively involved in their child's education, it has a positive impact on academic performance, including improved attitude to learning better attendance.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully



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