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Dear Parents/Carers

Many thanks for all your support and patience over the parking arrangements. By working together we have found a solution. Many thanks also for your kind emails around the fact we are addressing the safety of the young people.

Please can I ask that those who are dropping off in a morning please just take care when opening your car doors. When parking in the bays please make sure that when opening the car doors that it does not strike the car next to you. If it does, by accident, then please apologise and not just drive off, or just let us know the registration number or leave a note, so it can be addressed. We have had a few issues this week regarding this. I know we do not mean to and invariably it is the young people who are overzealous in their haste to leave the car in a morning.

A few of you said that you have not had any correspondence from me. Please ensure we have the correct details on the system for you. I appreciate if you say you are not getting anything from us then you probably will not be reading this, but those of you who are, please can you pass the message on to your wider networks. We have 98% of you all signed up on Arbor which is excellent, however, if you are not signed up then you will not get the messages. I do communicate by all means possible and things may be missed but we really do our best.

A polite reminder that if students wish to wear trousers to school, they must be formal, tailored trousers. No flares, skinny styles, jean-type material, leggings, lycra or similar is acceptable. Our full uniform list can be found here www.boteler.org.uk/uniform

The Year 11 students have been fantastic again in their application to their second round of mock exams and they are working hard. I know some of them feel the pressure and we are mindful of this and have put support in place where appropriate and necessary. We are very proud of them.

It has been a superb week here in school with it being National Careers week and World Book Day (yesterday). We have had so many different activities and experience in place for all our students and there has been a real buzz around school. We have also had some Boteler Alumni come back into school to present to the students, which has been fabulous and I felt like I had just welcomed them all home.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives and thanks for the support.



Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 will sit their last Mock Exam papers on Monday 11th March. The results from these Mock Exams will be sent out to parents on Friday 22nd March.

I would like to congratulate Year 11 on their conduct during this assessment window. It was excellent.

There will now only be six full school weeks until the main GCSE exams start on Monday 6th May.

It is really important now, that Year 11 keep their momentum going and continue working independently at home, revising for the real GCSE exams. The 6 weeks will disappear very quickly. All exam papers will be returned to students to support with their revision.

Year 9 Options

The deadline for the submission of the Year 9 Options forms has passed. The vast majority of students have now submitted their returns, which Mr Koltan is now working on. Option choices will be confirmed by letter on Friday 22nd March.

Kooth National Webinars

Please click on the link below for information on how to sign up to a webinar to help support your child in the lead up to the examinations. It looks really easy to sign up and the focus of the session will be:

1. An overview of how Kooth works as a mental health service:
2. How to support your child to manage exam stress
3. Tips when talking to young people about their feelings
Q&As

[KoothTalks for parents and carers: How you can support your child to manage exam stress \(google.com\)](https://www.kooth.com/parents-and-carers/how-you-can-support-your-child-to-manage-exam-stress)

AT SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL WE BELIEVE IN RESPECT



R Rights and Responsibilities

All individuals have the right to feel safe in school and the right to be treated fairly, with respect. Students must follow the school rules and responsibilities, including the rights of all individuals in the school community.

E Ethos

Through God, we care. All of our work is underpinned by Christian Values.

S Self

Students make positive contributions in lessons and to the wider life of the school, taking pride in their efforts. Individuals will have high expectations, high aspirations and high standards in all they do.

P Property

There is a clear respect for other people's property and work that is displayed around the school. Students are required to report any theft or damage to the nearest member of staff.

E Environment

We benefit from working in a clean and tidy environment. We belong to the same community and we must show respect for our surroundings, equipment and resources. No member of the school community should ever drop litter, use chewing gum or eat outside of the designated areas.

C Culture

All members of the school community are valued. Students must be polite and courteous to each other, showing respect for the feelings and beliefs of others. Discrimination will not be accepted and we demonstrate respect and tolerance of different faith, race and ethnicity.

T Teaching and Learning

Teachers have the right to teach and learners have the right to learn. This right must be respected by all.

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National Careers week

Please click on the link for a guide to NCW for parents/carers. <https://shorturl.at/pFG05>

College Experience Evening

Warrington & Vale Royal College's final **College Experience Evening** is taking place on **Tuesday 26th March** from **4.45pm – 7.00pm** at **Warrington campus**.



This exciting event is open to your **Year 11 pupils who have applied** to study with us in September, offering them the exclusive opportunity to gain first-hand experience of what it's like to be a student on their chosen course.

They will spend two hours in our state-of-the-art classrooms with their tutor and future classmates, taking part in engaging subject activities and perhaps even making some new friends ahead of starting college! Parents are also invited to join us on this evening and attend a presentation by our Principal & Chief Executive. Feedback from both prospective students and parents following the event is unanimously positive, in that it is invaluable to supporting school leavers with their transition from high school, and feeling more confident in their choices.

To secure a ticket to attend this event, pupils **MUST** register

Invitations were sent to thousands of applicants via email earlier this week. As you can appreciate, we do have limited spaces due to classroom capacities, so it is essential that they register as soon as possible to secure a place on the night. To register for their ticket, they simply have to complete the form on our website: <https://wvr.ac.uk/events-news/cee>

**Registrations for the event will close at 12.00pm on Friday 22nd March.*

POST 16

Year 9, 10 and 11 please see the attached poster for **Myerscough College Course Advice Mornings** at each of our **Preston, Blackburn, Liverpool** and **Warrington** centres on **Saturday, 16th March** 2024.

Hopefully the events might be of interest to your Year 9s, 10s and 11s, as potential progression routes for some of your pupils.

There's additional information at <https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/>

Myerscough have a choice of more than 30 different subjects, covering a wide range of land-based subjects (from Agriculture and Equestrian Studies to Motorsports and Veterinary Nursing.) There's also a choice of Sports Coaching and Performance routes - across Football, Rugby, Cricket, Golf and Basketball.

There are options at a range of levels within each subject, from bespoke Foundation Learning courses through to Level 3 Diploma suites and dedicated T-Level routes.

Plus Apprenticeship opportunities in most subjects!



Myerscough
College & University Centre
INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

School Leavers | University Degrees | Apprenticeships

COURSE ADVICE MORNINGS

Saturday 16th March
Saturday 8th June
Starts 10.00am

CENTRES IN PRESTON, BLACKBURN, LIVERPOOL AND WARRINGTON

The poster features a collage of six small images showing students in various settings: a student with a bouquet of flowers, a student riding a horse, a student working on a car, a student in a lab, a student with a dog, and a student on a golf course.



Attendance Rewards

All students who achieve 100% attendance from the 4th March to the 28th March will be entered into a raffle.

This means everyone has a chance of winning no matter what their current attendance is.

Students will have the opportunity to win Easter eggs.

To be in with a chance of winning you must have 100% attendance during the 4 weeks leading to Easter.

Good luck everyone!

Food Technology

Mrs Callaway was quick to register for a very special delivery – This week we have had 12 418g tins of Wild Alaska Pink Salmon supplied to us, worth £42 ... ALL FOR FREE!!

These were provided by the Food Teachers Centre and Sir Thomas Boteler was one of 300 schools in the country lucky enough to receive it.

Watch this space to see what delicious dishes we make!



World Book Day

Mrs Woodcock and the English Department were delighted to host an all day event with published local writer Kate Martin on Thursday 7 March to celebrate creative writing and inspire each of our students to develop their love of words and powers of expression.

Kate writes fiction but from personal experience and students and staff were moved by her brilliant novel 'Are you OK, Elliot Hart' with many of our students keen to develop ideas from their writing session with Kate much further.

Watch out for the next generation of Boteler writers!



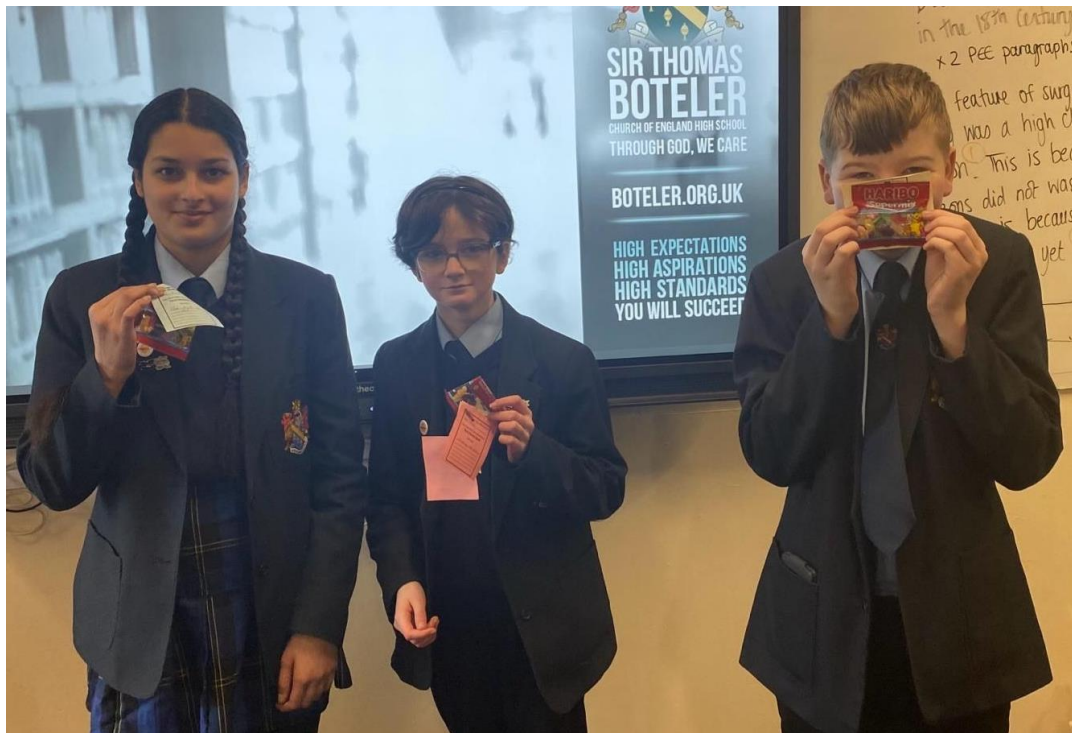
Collective Worship

This week as part of Collective Worship, students have been focusing on International Women's Day. We have used this as an opportunity to reflect how we can be more inclusive and recognise the role of important women in our lives. We used the scripture from Genesis (1:31) to discuss the importance of recognising equality:

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

This scripture also reminds us of our Christian value for this term, *humility*. We are all equal in the eyes of God, none of us better than the other and we should include each other. We have been using the theme for International Women's Day #inspireinclusion to promote the role of important women in society. Please see our social media for examples.

Following World Kindness Day, we challenged students to complete 'random acts of kindness' and then they nominated people for a 'Pay it forward' award. We are proud to say over 100 students and 15 staff were nominated and received a sweet treat as a reward! Please keep up to date with our weekly prayer and scripture via social media.



PE Kit 'what ifs'

- If your child is feeling unwell but in school please bring PE kit and we will adapt the lesson accordingly.
- If your child is injured or cannot take part in a PE lesson, please bring PE kit and we will ensure they still have a role within the lesson such as a referee or scorer or coach.
- If students have long hair, bobbles are compulsory and they will need to borrow if forgotten.
- If students choose to wear a skirt or shorts, navy blue sports socks must be worn.

Consistent high standards of PE is needed to ensure students access the full PE curriculum and are ready to learn. Having PE kit every lesson also ensures students can change into dry, warm uniform after the lesson.

What can you do to help?

- Have conversations with your young person about when their PE lesson is and check their timetable (which will be in their ISP).
- Ensure students pack their equipment the night before.

Many thanks for your support.

The PE Department.

Rowing

Congratulations to two of our Academy Sports+ students Maisie and Ruby (Year 10) who have qualified to represent North West England at the upcoming British Junior Inter Regional Regatta in April.

Incredible to see these ladies progress so quickly!



Girl's rugby

A big well done to our Year 9 and 10 girls tag rugby team! They won both of their games last Thursday, scoring 8 tries and conceding 0. Thank you for your efforts.



Boy's football

Our Year 10 boys football team will play in the Cheshire Cup 15's Emberton Cup this Thursday. The students will take on Calday Grange Grammar School from West Kirby for a place in the semi-finals. Fingers crossed for a good result!





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

**PROUDLY
SUPPORTING**

RED NOSE DAY

WHAT'S ON



**THURSDAY
14th MARCH**

STALLS IN THE HALL AT LUNCH!

**RAINBOW PING PONG, CHOCOLATE HAMPER
RAFFLE, PIN THE RED NOSE ON THE TEACHER,
CALE SALES AND MORE! BRING YOUR CASH!**

FRIDAY 15th MARCH

WEAR AN ITEM OF RED TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

CYCLONE!

**STAFF V STUDENTS! OBSTACLE
COURSE ON THE FIELD AT LUNCH-
TIME - WITH STAFF IN INFLATABLE
COSTUMES! VOTE FOR YOUR WINNER!**



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ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO COMIC RELIEF



LGBTQ+ COUNCIL ★ WEEK 1 FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES ★ ROOM 26
LGBTQ+, QUESTIONING OR AN ALLY - HOWEVER YOU IDENTIFY, EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

NEED TO TALK? MEMBERS OF STAFF YOU CAN SPEAK TO:



LGBTQ+ COUNCIL LEAD
& GRAPHIC DESIGNER
MISS ROBERTS



LEADER OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
& TEACHER OF MUSIC
MRS BUTCHER



SAFEGUARDING OFFICER
& ASSOCIATE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER
MR LEONARD



**VISIT THE PROUD TRUST WEBSITE FOR ADVICE,
INFORMATION & DETAILS OF LOCAL GROUPS:
WWW.THEPROUDTRUST.ORG**

**YOU CAN ALSO TALK TO ANY TEACHER,
TEACHING ASSISTANT, SUPPORT STAFF - EVERY
SINGLE MEMBER OF STAFF IS HERE FOR YOU.**



FRESH

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

CHRISTIAN UNION

Everyone is welcome, no matter what you believe, to make friends, eat donuts, play games, and chat about God, life, and faith.

FRIDAYS 3-4PM
DRAMA STUDIO



All students are invited to Fresh after school club, which has now moved to the Drama Studio (no longer in the library until further notice)

We are currently enjoying a series all about Pixar, and the big questions about life that are raised from some of your favourite films.

All welcome! Speak to our Youth for Christ worker Kim if you want to know more, or just turn up.

National
Theatre

CONNECTIONS
2024

SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE
PERIODICALS

WRITTEN BY SIAN OWEN

19TH & 20TH MARCH 6.00PM
MATINEE - 19TH MARCH 1.30PM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS £2.50 ADULTS & £1.50 CONCESSIONS
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE MAIN SCHOOL RECEPTION



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