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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well. School is a hive of academic activity at present as the Year 11 are in full swing in terms of their GCSE examinations. The students have been incredible, both in attitude and behaviour. I still have nerves for them every day, but they are very focussed and I am very proud of them.

Please can I just give you a reminder regarding **inhalers**. If your child has asthma, please can you ensure that they bring their inhalers with them to school. We are getting an increasing number of first aid calls when students are struggling to breathe and haven't brought their inhalers with them. With the warmer months coming and students spending more time outside, it is important to ensure they have their inhalers on them at all times. If there are any problems or worries regarding this then please do not hesitate to contact us.

It is really important that we have all the correct information and data on your child so if something medical or otherwise does change, then please inform us immediately as we want to ensure every child is safe at school.

Please can you also ensure that your child comes to school with a water bottle and that you encourage them fill it up at break and lunchtime. It is very important they keep hydrated and the best way is by them having their own bottle. We do have water machines and cups but the cups are not very big.

As you know I do duties every day where possible at break and lunchtime. This is primarily because I love seeing and chatting to the young people. However, it also helps me monitor the food in the canteen and the speed in which students go through the canteen. What I have noticed of late is students coming to the canteen for food 5 minutes before the bell, with the hope on occasion to maybe extend their lunch as they know I will not see them go hungry. However, I am very wise to this notion. They may be telling you the queue was too long. Therefore, I did timed research and on average, the whole queue had gone within 20 minutes. Therefore, there was plenty of time to get lunch before the bell, even on 'chip day'. Please could you have a conversation with your child on time management. I appreciate the draw of football, netball etc is way more exciting than queueing but they are responsible for their time at lunch.

As always thank you for your support and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards



Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

Homework/Independent Study

Developing effective independent study skills is a vital toolkit to acquire for students who wish to fulfil their academic potential. With this in mind we are currently trialling a few online systems to enhance study habits and techniques, improve knowledge retrieval and deepen learning. One of these systems is known as Educake and you may notice that your child is engaging with a different programme for some of their homework. Other programmes, some of which you will be familiar with, include Seneca Learning and Doctor Frost Maths, as well as our go-to app of Satchel One. We will be investigating the efficiency and effectiveness of these systems over the remainder of this term and will inform you of any changes that may be put in place for September.

Year 11 Exam Revision Timetable

Year 11 have now completed two full weeks of exams. This week has been intense with two exams on some days with next week being similar in terms of the volume of exams.

We are very proud of the students. They have continued to be excellent in terms of their attitudes and show great resilience every day.

Students will be looking forward to the half term break, but it is important students are still preparing and revising for the exams after the holiday as there will still be over two weeks of exams left to go (three weeks for some students).

On Friday 31st May, during the half-term holiday, there will be Maths and English revision sessions. Foundation Maths students will have Maths with Mr Koltan 10:00 - 11:30 and English with Mr Vallender 11:30 - 12:30. Higher Maths students will have English with Mr Vallender 10:30 - 11:30 and Maths with Miss Jones/Miss Matthews 11:30 - 13:00.

The second Maths exam is on Monday morning (3rd June), immediately when we return from half term so it is really important students take advantage of the offer from the Maths department, so they are fully prepared for that exam.

Our Exam/Revision Timetable continues with students seeing the benefit of the additional guidance and coaching from their teachers before sitting the exam paper in each subject.

Details of which exams and revision sessions are taking place next week are below:

	Date	Period One	Period Two	Period Three	Period Four	Period Five	Subjects Complete
Week 1	Mon 20 May	H Band – French/Spanish/ Hospitality C Band - Science English Lit (Component 2) Exam (2Hr 30)	Option C	H Band – Geography/History C Band - English Sport Science Revision	H Band – Maths C Band – History/Geography Sport Science Exam (1Hr 15)	H Band – English C Band – Spanish/French/ Art	English Lit

Tue 21 May	Option D	H Band - Science C Band - Maths Computer Science Revision	H Band – French/Spanish/ Hospitality C Band – History/Geography Computer Science Revision	Option C Computer Science (Concepts) Exam (1Hr 45)	H1 – RE H2/H3 - English C Band - Science	Computer Science
Wed 22 May	H Band – Core PE C1 – English C2/C3 - RE Combined Science: Phys 1 Exam (1Hr 15) Triple Science: Phys 1 Exam (1Hr 45)	H Band – Maths C Band – Core PE	H Band – Science C Band - Maths	H1/H3 – English H2 – RE C Band - Science	H1 – RE H2/H3 – English C1 – RE C2/C3 - English C1/H1 English Revision	
Thu 23 May	H Band – Geography/History C Band – Spanish/French/ Art English Language: Paper 1 Exam (1Hr 45)	H1/H2 – English H3 – RE C Band - Maths	H band – Science C1/C3 – English C2 - RE	H band – Maths C1/C3 – RE C2 English Ancient History: Paper 2 (2 Hours) French writing Revision	Option D	Ancient History
Fri 24 May	H Band – Science C band - Maths French Writing Exam (1Hr/1Hr 15)	H Band – Maths C Band - RE	H1 – English H2/H3 – RE C Band – History/Geography	H1 – RE H2/H3 – English C band – English	H Band – Spanish/French/ Hospitality C Band – Science	French

'Every Moment Counts'

At the start of the half term, we challenged students to make **'Every Moment Count'**, with many going above and beyond to do this. As a school we always adopt a 'support first' approach, and we encourage parents to reach out to school. All schools across the country face challenges regarding attendance and we know that there are many genuine cases where parents are struggling to break the cycle of school avoidance.

Please click this link to read more about Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA) and tips for parents [EBSA-Resource-for-Parents.pdf \(teentips.co.uk\)](https://teentips.co.uk/EBSA-Resource-for-Parents.pdf)

Remember to monitor your child's attendance via the Arbor App and have conversations with your child about their achievements or areas for improvement related to attendance.

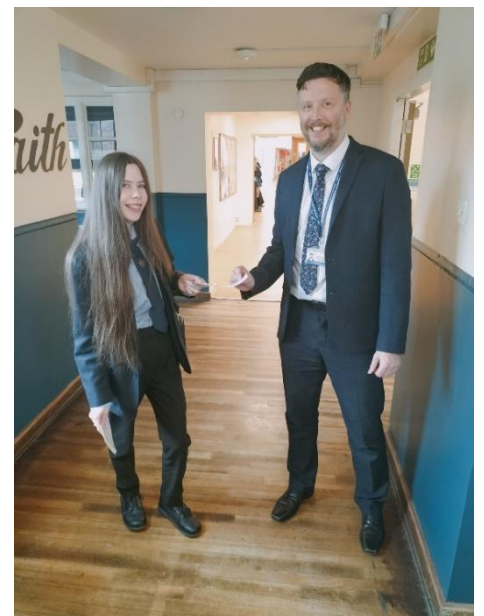
We would like to take this opportunity to also formally welcome Miss Mannion to her new role as the school Attendance Officer, moving across from her previous role as School Receptionist. Miss Mannion has been a key member of our school community and she is very much looking forward to her new role and the difference she can make to our students. Should you need to contact Miss Mannion in relation to attendance, her email address is smannion@boteler.org.uk.

Personal Development

The school have taken part in Mental Health Awareness Week, promoting the theme 'movement- move for your mind'. Students took part in workshops such as anxiety strategies, guided meditation and What is mental health? We held an affirmation session, where students learnt about how daily affirmations can support our practise of positive self-talk.

The students designed their own affirmation bookmarks and then went to spread the positive vibes by handing them out to other students and staff.

The Wellbeing Council also hosted a wellbeing walk outside on the field, to promote moving for your mind and the positive effects exercising in nature can have on our mental health.



Personal Development

Post 16 Year 11- Apprenticeship vacancies

For more information about apprenticeships go to [find an apprenticeship](#)

For more opportunities go to: <https://www.candwoopportunities.co.uk/apprenticeships/>

For more information on post-16 and post-18 choices, how they compare and where they can lead click here - [Get the Jump: explore your education and training choices | National Careers Service](#)

Post 16 - Year 10

Year 10 will have an assembly from Warrington Vale Royal College next week in preparation for their taster day on July 3rd. It is extremely important that your child is in school on time for this assembly. They will get to select which courses they would like to try on the taster day which will help them to decide if that course is right for them when they leave school.

Year 10 have had the link in forms to select their taster day options for the 8th July at Priestley College.

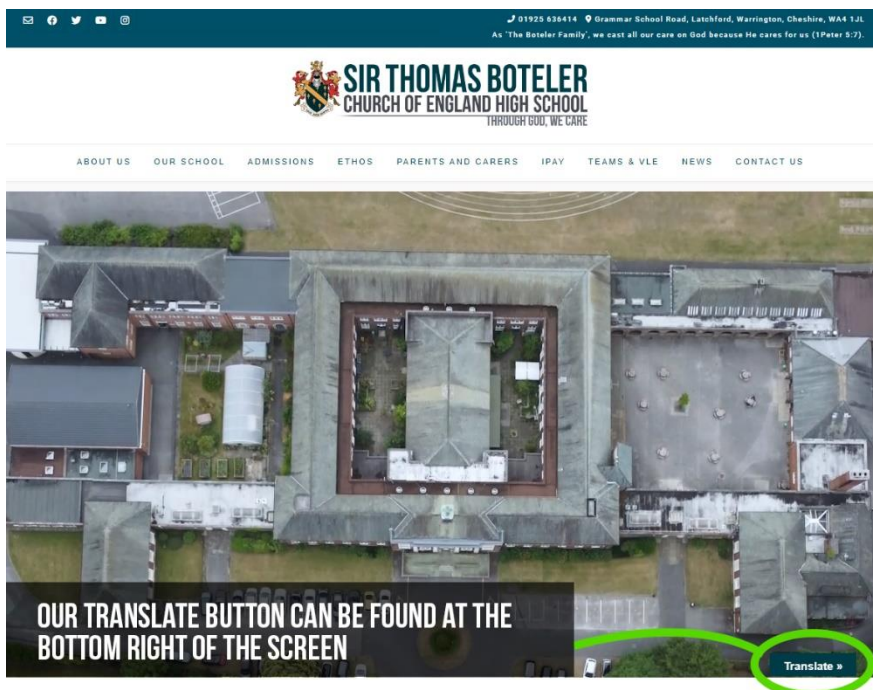
This week some Year 10 students took part in an Employment ready workshop. They heard from apprentices, learnt about why CVs are important and what skills they need for their futures. Next week will be their second session.

Languages Support

At Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School we are proud to celebrate diversity.

We have over 31 different languages spoken by our staff and students, and we are keen to provide support for students, parents and carers who need support with accessing resources and support in their home languages.

Our school website now has a translation tool which means visiting the site is more accessible to those who speak English as an additional language, just click the 'Translate' button at the bottom right of the screen and the option for different languages will appear.



LGBTQ+ Diversity assembly

This week our Year 7 – 10 students took part in an LGBTQ+ Diversity assembly as part of their PSHE programme. The virtual assembly was delivered by 'Just Like Us'. 'Just Like Us' is the UK's LGBTQ+ young people's charity.

Students asked an array of good questions to help further their awareness and knowledge. It is normal for students to have questions in the weeks after these sessions, so please support your child where you can, and please see our information poster which shows where to signpost them within school. Our LGBTQ+ Council meets every fortnight, on a week 1 Friday lunchtime in Room 26. Everyone is welcome.



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.**

Colomendy Visit – Year 7

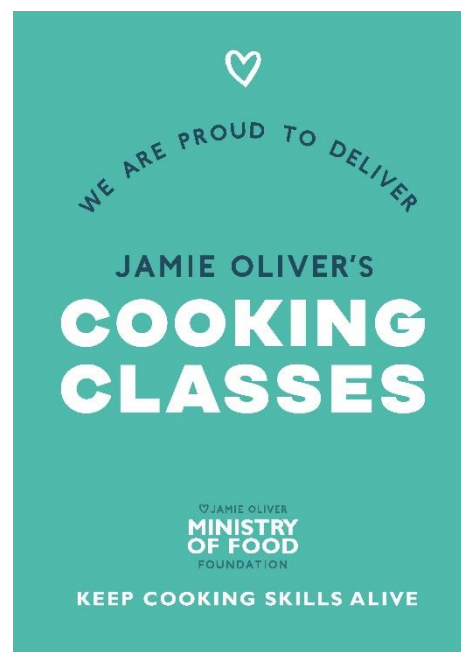
Reminder that the balance for the Year 7 Colomendy visit is now overdue. Please can any outstanding payments be made via iPay as soon as possible.

If you have any problems, please contact Mrs Brown, Head of Year 7. sbrown@boteler.org.uk

Food Technology – Ministry of Food

With special thanks to Mrs Callaway, we are proud to announce that we have been selected as one of only 100 schools in the country to be part of Jamie Oliver's new school initiative 'Ministry of Food'.

This is very exciting for us, and it will be rolled out to Year 7 students and studied alongside their Food Technology curriculum from September 2024. We look forward to supporting and helping to influence future generations in their understanding of the importance of food education. This is what Jamie had to say about the project:



'Dear lovely teacher. First of all I want to say a massive THANK YOU. You have one of the most important jobs in the country, especially as you're teaching young people how to cook. This skill is vitally important for the health and success of our future generations. Over the past few decades, we seem to have forgotten this. My goal is that together we can raise the profile of good food and food education in schools, and prove to the government that it deserves a prominent place in their health and education policies. There are so many benefits to having food education on the curriculum. Not only does it showcase some great potential career options, it's also an essential life skill. Everyone should have the opportunity to learn to cook because without it we become dependent on others to feed us, or on convenience foods – neither of which is sustainable. It's crucial young people have a good understanding of where food comes from, how to cook it and how it affects our bodies. And we have a great opportunity to do just that, to ensure the next generation grows up food smart. This is a new project that's growing and developing all the time, and you're one of the very first to give it a try, so I would love to hear your thoughts – it's your input that will make it the very best it can be. Good luck, and speak soon!'

Y10 football:

Our Year 10 football team have made it through to the final of the Warrington 11 aside football competition! Last night, they beat Cardinal Newman HS 4-1 with goals from Leo, Mathias, George and Marvin. An excellent performance all round.



U16's Cheshire Schoolboys representatives!

Congratulations to Joel and Mathias who have been selected to represent next year's U16's Cheshire Schoolboys football team.

This is a huge achievement and one that we are extremely proud of.

These two students work incredibly hard, training frequently in their own time so this is a much deserved reward. It's great to see our students competing at such a high level!



BE YOUR TRUE
You



THE LGBTQ+ COUNCIL ARE HOSTING A

CAKE & CLOTHES SALE

18TH JUNE · LUNCH · ROOM 25
ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO **PEACE IN MIND**



PROUDLY
SUPPORTING

PRIDE MONTH



**SIR THOMAS
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THROUGH GOD, WE CARE

DANCE EXPLOSION

SHOWCASING A VARIETY OF YEAR GROUPS
AND DANCE STYLES FROM ACROSS
THE DECADES



2ND JULY 2024 18:00

AT SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

£2 PER TICKET - TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE MAIN SCHOOL OFFICE