

HEAD'S HERALD

HIGH EXPECTATIONS | HIGH ASPIRATIONS | HIGH STANDARDS | YOU WILL SUCCEED

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have finally made it to the end of a very successful half term. I am sure we are all ready to recharge our batteries and the next half term is always a long one in the run up to the Christmas period. We are really pleased with everything we have achieved since September and the school is in a strong position.

Please can I ask you to ensure that any uniform or equipment issues are addressed in this half term holiday. You now have a week to replace items of uniform that are broken, or equipment that is lost. I have communicated so many times regarding jewellery, but it is not allowed. The answer "I cannot take it out, I have just had my nose pierced" is just not acceptable. The communications are very clear and your child will face sanctions. If you attend Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School, then you abide by our rules and expectations. We are consistent and fair in our approach and we communicate regularly and clearly because we do not want it to be a barrier.

Any jewellery that is seen is confiscated and put in a safe place. Currently, jewellery is always returned to the student at the end of the day. However, after Half Term, if jewellery is confiscated a Parent/Carer will need to come in and collect it from the School Office. I would therefore appreciate you having a conversation with your child regarding the wearing of jewellery, as I know you will not be happy if you are having to come into school to collect it. If you are not able to collect it then it will remain in the safe until you are able to do so. I am giving you warning so you are able to have this conversation with your child over the next week.

Next term we will be looking to practice our Health and Safety procedures/drills with our young people. This is everything from the Fire Drill to Lock Down procedures/drills. Whilst the likelihood of us needing to do some of the procedures/drills for real is very small, they still need to be practiced, so we feel confident and prepared. What I do not want to do is worry you unnecessarily and therefore I would always give you the exact time of when the more complex practice procedures/drills would happen. In the event of any incident, we would always get in contact with you, but we would also always follow the advice of the professionals too.

Thank you as always for all your support in ensuring we have High Expectations High Aspirations and High Standards, as by working together we will always succeed.

I look forward to seeing our fabulous young people on Monday 28th October at 08.20.

Kind regards

Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher



Careers Fair

This week we held a careers fair for our Year 10 and 11 students with SEND and their parent/carers. Our Post 16 providers joined us for the afternoon. Students gained an insight on the offers available to them once they leave school, what subjects and what qualifications they could do.

On the 5th November we will be holding a Careers Fair for all our students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11. We will welcome over 20 employers and colleges into the school. Students will gain an insight into the World of Work and Post 16 college opportunities. They will gain understanding of which employability skills different industries need as well as which subjects to study for various different careers. Students will use their essential skills when talking to employers and gain confidence in this area.

Careers Information

Year, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 careers information can be found here:

Year 7 – <https://t.ly/6z8eo>

Year 8 – <https://t.ly/r9f8j>

Year 9 – <https://t.ly/PY9H1>

Year 10 – <https://t.ly/Llp3>

Year 11 – <https://t.ly/zfFTT>



Mock Trial Event – A Hands-On Legal Experience

This week, we were thrilled to host a mock trial event led by a legal professional from Liverpool John Moores University, with the assistance from Mr McDonald. Room 10 was transformed into a courtroom where students took on the roles of prosecution, defence, and jury. They gained insight into the workings of a court, prepared opening statements, and conducted questioning, culminating in the enactment of a full trial.

The students' enthusiasm was incredible, and the event offered valuable learning opportunities. Their confidence and public speaking skills improved significantly, and it will be a great addition to their CVs.

With so much interest, we're excited to announce that we'll be planning another event later this academic year.

Halloween disco

We held a Year 7 Halloween disco this past week in the school hall. Parents supporting Boteler supported the event with Gary Finn as our DJ, they set up the hall as a spooky area and sold drinks and sweets. Year 7 outfits really were amazing, and the event enabled our students to end their first term with some designated social time together. A huge thankyou to PSB.



PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

As we come to the end of the first half term, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. It's been a busy and productive start to the year and we're delighted with what's been achieved so far.

Here's a quick reflection on the key events we've shared this term:

Year 7 Inauguration Evening: A warm welcome to our newest students to the Boteler Family as they embark on their secondary school journey.

Year 11 Parents' Evening: A valuable opportunity for families to connect with staff and discuss students' progress and next steps.

KS4 Parent Forum: Focused on exam preparation and study skills, this session was a huge success, offering vital advice and resources to support our students through this crucial period.

Year 7 Tutor Evening: Parents and carers had the chance to meet their child's tutor and discuss the transition to secondary school.

Looking ahead, here are some important dates for your calendar:

18th November: Year 8 Parents' Evening and the start of Year 11 mock exams.

28th November: Our second Parent Forum of the year, where we will be offering support on Arbor and SAM Learning homework resources.

2nd December: Year 7 Parents' Evening.

We look forward to continuing our work together as the year progresses and appreciate your partnership in supporting our students' success.

Collective Worship

This week the Ethos Council and Worship Ambassadors have been leading Collective Worship every day in our Harvest Service. We have discussed the purpose of Harvest as a season of thanksgiving and offered our donations to Warrington Food Bank. Our Chaplain Mike has reminded us to be 'good soil' listening to the message of Jesus and bringing it into our lives. Our school choir has sang a wonderful rendition of 'Lovely Day'. Well done Ethos Champions and Worship Ambassadors!

In Collective Worship this week we have talked about Hate Crime by looking at scripture from the letter of St. James (5:9)

"Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged"

This scripture reminds us that God expects us to care for one another. We are all different, yet equal. This is a perfect reminder during National Hate Crime Week that we should celebrate our differences and not be scared of them. Treating people differently because of protected characteristics is a criminal offence; we should remember to follow the example of Jesus and treat people with kindness. The Ethos Council are planning lots of exciting activities for Autumn Term 2- Please keep up to date with our weekly prayer and scripture via social media.





Great turn out from our Performers and Stage Management Teams for the first read through of our National Theatre Connections production 'Brain Play'. A brand new play written by Chloe Lawrence-Taylor and Paul Sirett. The play centres on 'Mia', whose dad suffers a traumatic brain injury and struggles to leave the house. Mia makes it her mission to find the cure for his symptoms. Delving deeper and deeper into the world of neuroscience, Mia is desperate to make him better, but first she must contend with her own brain.



Ms Armstrong is attending a workshop at the National Theatre on Saturday 19th October to learn more about the play with other teachers and youth workers, from around the country, who are also taking part in the festival. We're really looking forward to developing and rehearsing the play. Have a great half term.



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

DANCING IN DECEMBER

SHOWCASING A VARIETY OF YEAR GROUPS AND DANCE STYLES
FROM ACROSS THE DECADES - INCLUDING CHRISTMAS SONGS!



12TH DECEMBER 2024 18:00

AT SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

WILL INCLUDE SHORT INTERVAL WITH REFRESHMENTS SERVED BY THE PSB
£2 PER TICKET - TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE MAIN SCHOOL OFFICE