

# HEAD'S HERALD

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## VOLUME 5    DATE 4TH OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well. Please can I ask your support with communications. As a Headteacher and school we pride ourselves on our involvement with our parents and carers. Whilst we do our utmost to address everything and find solutions to problems, occasionally we may not get it right the first time. We will always work with you as we both want the very best outcomes for your child.

Unfortunately, I am not going to please everyone, despite my very best efforts. I try and go above and beyond for students, parents and carers wherever possible, as I want to provide the best education and service I can.

There may be instances where you have an opinion and I will always listen and always respond. I have clarity in my expectations around the rules and those non-negotiables are exactly that, non-negotiable. These expectations are clear when any child joins the Boteler Family and we do stand firm in these, our values and principles.

Some of you may have noticed there was some real unpleasantness directed towards some staff and the school last weekend on social media. This is absolutely not acceptable. I would not tolerate this behaviour from the young people and I certainly will not tolerate it from parents/carers. If there is anything at all you are not happy about, please just come to me directly and I will meet you face to face to find a solution. Behaving like this in a public forum goes against all our values and whilst parents/carers are entitled to an opinion, there are ways in which these should be shared appropriately. I will always be there to listen and help.

We have sought legal advice and we are working with the Police, who have been very supportive. I will always meet a problem head on and will always be open and transparent. The reason I am sharing this, is because I know some of you might have seen it and I want you to know that I will not accept it and I am not afraid to deal with these situations.

I would like to stress that this is not something we deal with regularly at all. I am overwhelmed by the positivity and kindness from you and I will not let rare incidents such as this detract from that.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Beverley Scott-Herron  
**Headteacher**

## Safety Alert: E-Scooters

The number of children and young people riding E-Scooters is continuing to increase in the UK, and given this is illegal, the police have now issued some guidance.

The link below will take you to the legal position of the use of E-Scooters in a public place.

[Advice on e-scooter usage | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)



E-Scooters come under the category of 'powered transporters', which means they are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988.

This means that the rules that apply to cars, also apply to E-Scooters, including the need to have insurance, a license and tax. Therefore, as it is illegal for children to be riding them on the street, road or any public place, the school does not support their use by our students and does not allow them on the school premises.

# PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

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A reminder that our first Parent Forum will take place on **Thursday, 10th October** from **18:00 to 19:00** in the **Main Hall**. The focus for the session will be **Exam Preparation and Study Skills**, which is tailored for **KS4 students**.

The session will feature presentations from the Heads of Department for **English, Maths, and Science**, offering a breakdown of each course, key assessment dates, and strategies to support your child's learning at home. Refreshments, including **tea, coffee and cake** will be provided.

As part of our goal to achieve the **Leading Parent Partnership Award**, parents will also receive an email to evaluate our current parental engagement and support provision. Please check your inbox for the survey link, which will expire on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

## Personal Development

### Year 11

College and 6<sup>th</sup> form Open evenings are now underway. If you haven't booked to attend one yet, please do so. Applications need to be completed for Priestley by 29<sup>th</sup> November and this will ensure that your child is interviewed by the end of January.

On Monday we have UTC delivering an assembly to Year 11. Year 10 start their Young Enterprise journey on Monday after a successful assembly led by Young Enterprise.

This week Senior Head Students led a Student Leadership meeting where they discussed many issues in school including the new Catering Company 'Harrison's' which got a big thumbs up from all.

Please find below information about Myerscough college advice morning this weekend.

✓ School Leavers  
✓ Apprenticeships  
✓ University Degrees

# Course Advice Mornings

The North West centre for land-based, sport, engineering and science education

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**Saturday 5th October 2024**  
**Saturday 16th November 2024**

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[www.myerscough.ac.uk](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk)

## **World Mental Health Day**

As we approach **World Mental Health Day** on the 10th of October, it's a perfect time to reflect on any challenges your children face, especially with the recent changes in social media safety.

According to a recent [BBC](#) article, nearly **60% of young people** have experienced negative impacts from online interactions. At Kooth, they provide a clinically safe and moderated digital space where you and your children can seek support for their mental health without fear of trolling, discrimination, or sharing personal details. Their team reviews all user-generated content, and anonymity is strictly maintained.

## **North West Kooth Webinars**

Supporting your child with their mental health. We will be sharing information about how **Kooth** supports young people. We will also share information about our adult service **Qwell**. Our upcoming sessions will be taking place on the following dates:

**For parents/carers: Wednesday 16th October - 6:30-7.30**

[Parents/Carers TEAMS link](#)

## **Helping young people stay safe on their new smartphone**

With over a third of parents and carers feeling uneasy about their child having their first smartphone, we've put together this session to explore supporting a child's mental wellbeing whilst using the device plus information on UK law and social media usage and online safety tips. We are also offering a KoothKlass live stream morning assembly session for Year 7 students on staying safe on your new smartphone.

[Click here to view.](#)

## **Trigger Warning – Year 10**

All Year 10 students will be watching the following documentary as part of their Personal Development lesson on Monday:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001s1mm/roman-kemp-the-fight-for-young-lives>

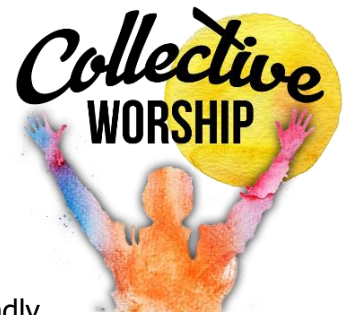
The documentary contains sensitive topics around mental health and suicide.

Please contact [lbutcher@boteler.org.uk](mailto:lbutcher@boteler.org.uk) with any questions.



## Collective Worship

Last week some of the Ethos Council and Worship Ambassadors promoted Collective Worship and the Inspire Programme on Open Evening. They took over the Library with examples of a selection of our inspiring projects; inspired by our Christian Values of Hope, Thankfulness, Endurance, Humility, Compassion and Friendship.

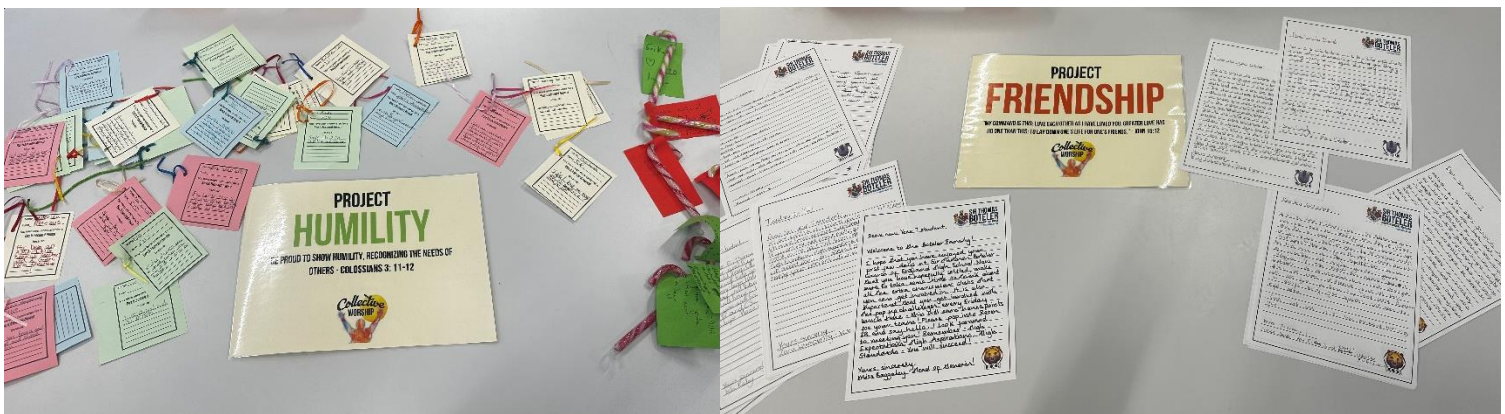


They represented the Ethos council in an approachable, supportive and friendly manner- showcasing exactly who we are! Invitational, inspiring and student focused. Our Year 7 representatives Bethany, Ewa and Aaron reassured our Year 5 and 6 visitors, by telling them how much they love being part of the Boteler family. Well done Ethos Champions! In Collective Worship this week we have looked at scripture from Genesis (1:27):

**“So God created mankind in his own image.”**

This scripture reminds us that God has created everyone equally. This is a perfect reminder as we begin Black history Month UK that we are all equal in God’s eyes and we should treat each other with respect. There are several different activities taking place during Black History Month in school, including House activities and projects in lessons.

The Ethos Council are also holding a food collection for our local food bank, as we enter the period of Harvest. Please donate non-perishable items if you are able to. Please keep up to date with our weekly prayer and scripture via social media.





## Physical Education

The girls' football season is well and truly underway with some fabulous performances so far in round 1. It is not too late for you to join. Training is every Thursday on the school field until 4pm and all are welcome. Tournaments take place on Wednesday nights and rotate weekly between the year groups. The next round of matches are as follows:

**KS4 Wednesday 9th October**

**Year 9 Wednesday 16th October**

**Year 8 Wednesday 6th November**

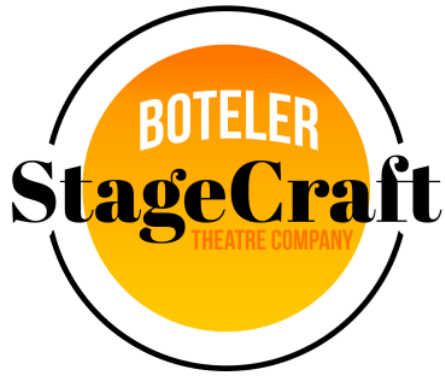
**Year 7 Wednesday 13th November**

Well done so far to all the students who have attended training and played in the matches, you have been amazing.

If you require any further information please see Mrs Hughes or Miss Isaac.







Amazing turnout today during our first meeting since last week's 'Sign Up' for this year's school production. Over 50 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 plot and storyline.

Ms Armstrong will be visiting the National Theatre on 19<sup>th</sup> October and learning more about the Festival and our involvement, so lots of exciting things to learn and share after the half term. Rehearsals will start at our next lunchtime meeting and information regarding after school rehearsals will be sent to parents and carers.

