



# SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

THROUGH GOD, WE CARE

## WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

ENGLISH	ROOMS 20 - 24
MATHS/NUMERACY	ROOM 19
SCIENCE	LABS 1 & 2
MFL	ROOM 6
HISTORY	ROOM 10 & LIBRARY
GEOGRAPHY	ROOM 9
PERFORMANCE	DRAMA STUDIO
ART	ROOMS 25 & 26
SPORT	GYM & BALL HALL
TECHNOLOGY	ROOMS 15 & 17
LINKS	LINKS
MUSIC	ROOMS 4 & 4A
COMPUTING	ROOM 12
CITIZENSHIP	MOBILE 2
RE	MOBILE 1
CHAPEL	MOBILE 3
DESIGNATED PROVISION	DP CLASSROOM



WE ARE A GOOD CHURCH SCHOOL  
WITH **OUTSTANDING**  
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT  
SIAMS INSPECTION 2017



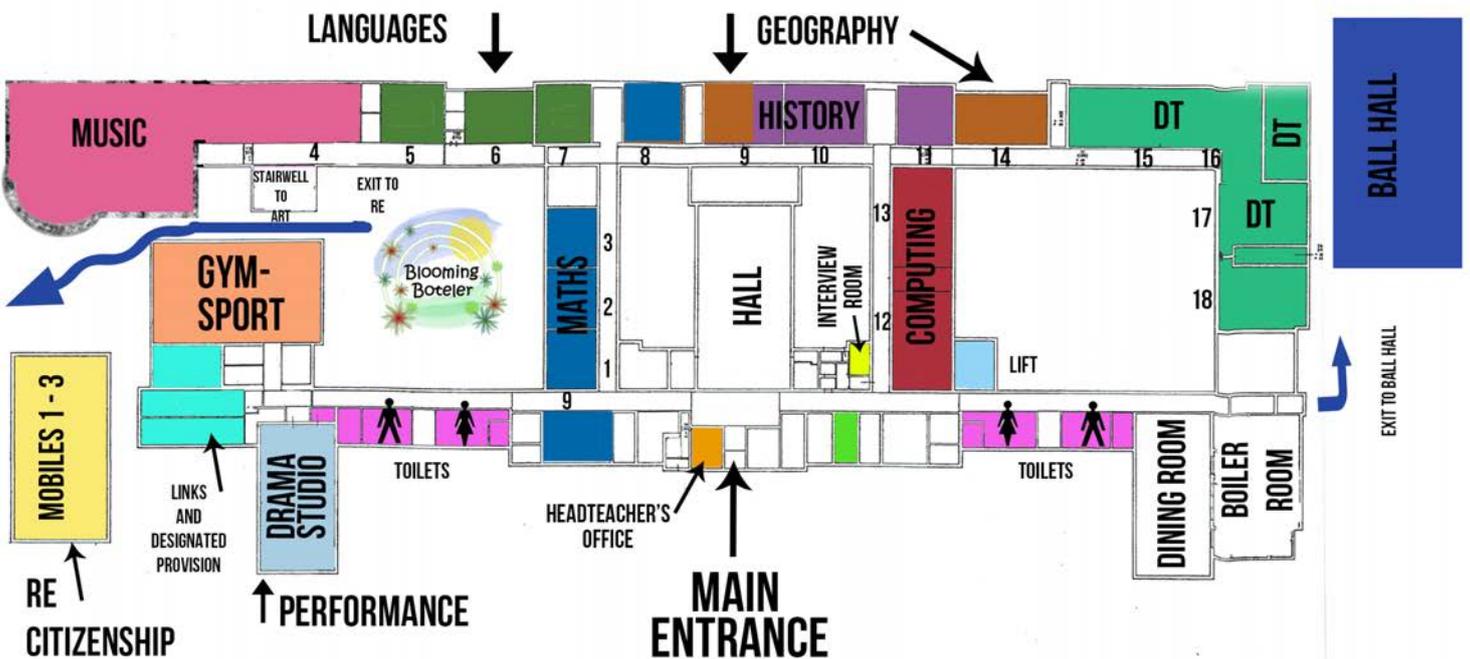
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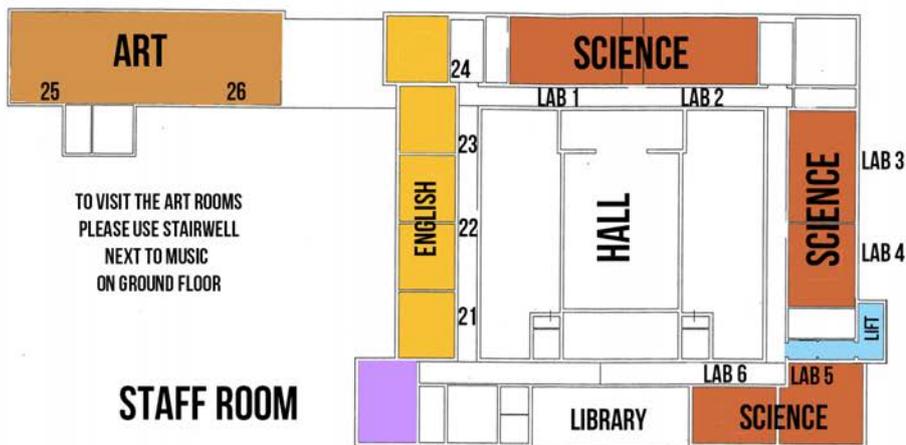


# OUR SCHOOL MAP

## GROUND FLOOR



## FIRST FLOOR





## A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR SUBJECTS...

### **ENGLISH** Head of Dept: Mr N Vallender - [nvallender@boteler.org.uk](mailto:nvallender@boteler.org.uk)

We are Team English. Firstly, we would like to introduce you to our team, Mr Vallender is our Head of English, the rest of our amazing team consists of: Mrs Hough; Miss Farrar; Mrs Woodcock; Miss Brown and Mrs Fox. You may have met some of the English department before as we have been involved in many of the Year 5 and Year 6 taster days and evenings. We are a fun department who like to make English enjoyable and exciting: active learning is a big part of our department and we like to get you really involved in your lessons. Team English have organised several exciting school trips, including visiting the cinema, local colleges and the theatre (where we were privileged to attend a Royal performance of Blood Brothers with HRH Prince Edward!). We like to go to local sixth form colleges and we have great links to Priestley College and many local primary schools who we like to visit in the summer term. Team English look forward to meeting you soon.

### **MATHS** Head of Dept: Mr C Murray - [cmurray@boteler.org.uk](mailto:cmurray@boteler.org.uk)

Firstly, we would like to introduce you to our team, Mr Murray is our Head of Maths, the rest of our amazing team consists of: Miss Jones; Mr Koltan; Mr Sutcliffe and Mr Jackson. You may have met some of the department before as we have been involved in many of the Year 5 and Year 6 taster sessions. We are passionate about mathematics and our aim is that all students will develop this same passion, through a challenging and engaging mastery curriculum.

The Mathematics department have organised several school trips, including an excursion to New York to visit the Museum of Maths, have a guided tour of the Financial District and soak up the local culture! We have also led a residential STEM visit to the University of Chester to allow our students to see where a degree in science, technology, engineering or maths can take them.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School and sharing our love of Maths!

### **SCIENCE** Head of Dept: Mr D Iqbal - [dqbal@boteler.org.uk](mailto:dqbal@boteler.org.uk)

We believe Science is an extension of everyone's natural curiosity and is important for everyone in understanding the world around them. We teach active and engaging lessons providing opportunities for students to carry out scientific experiments enhancing their analytical and investigative skills. Our team of specialists in: Biology- Miss White (2nd Science) and Mrs Meldrum; Chemistry- Mr Iqbal (Head of Science) and Mrs Potter; Physics Mr Antrobus (Progress Leader Years 8 & 9) provide expertise in each field ensuring students can achieve their potential and flourish in Scientific careers should they wish to.

We provide a range of extra curricular opportunities for our students including visits to places of scientific interest such Chester Zoo and Daresbury Laboratories. We are currently developing links with United Utilities and TCAT to provide exclusive STEM opportunities for our students. We also run a regular STEM club within school.

Having met many of you through Year 5 and Year 6 taster days, or possibly having visited you in your primary schools we look forward to welcoming you to our laboratories here at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School.



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### **ART** Head of Dept: Mrs S Joice - [sjoice@boteler.org.uk](mailto:sjoice@boteler.org.uk)

"Every child is an Artist" Pablo Picasso

We are privileged at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School to have such an extensive Art department which also houses an Art Gallery. Our exhibition is held annually where we showcase every GCSE student's work throughout the whole department. We are very proud of the pieces created at school and we display artwork throughout the school.

In the Art department we understand that every child can achieve. At KS3 it is important to us that we find your child's talents. This is why we encourage experimentation, creativity and the use of a variety of skills and media testing through sketchbook work.

In Year 7 we start by looking at the theory of colour mixing and tonal skills. During Year 8 and 9 we base our experiments on projects just like we do at GCSE so students are fully prepared if they decide to opt for the subject at GCSE. We look forward to discovering your child's talents in the future.

### **DESIGN TECHNOLOGY** Head of Dept: Mr A Robinson - [arobinson@boteler.org.uk](mailto:arobinson@boteler.org.uk)

In Room 15, students will be utilising old and new technologies to produce pewter castings. Students will be using CAD CAM (Computer Aided Design, Computer Aided Manufacture) to produce accurate MDF moulds and then pour molten pewter into them. Students will then show finishing techniques which can be applied to non ferrous metals.

In our school foyer, there will be an exhibition of extremely high level practical work from our recent Year 11 students. I look forward to meeting you.

### **CITIZENSHIP** Head of Dept: Mrs K Coleclough- [kcoleclough@boteler.org.uk](mailto:kcoleclough@boteler.org.uk)

Citizenship education is reflected across the whole curriculum and specific aspects are explicit in PSHE lessons and Religious Studies. Students look at democracy and justice and are able to participate in mock elections and national competitions such as the Magistrates Mock Trial. In Year 9 & 10 Citizenship is offered as a GCSE option and is widely taken up. We study Life in Modern Britain, Rights and Responsibilities, Politics and Participation. There are opportunities to meet key people from the local council, the mayor, magistrates and the local MP. We also visit the Houses of Parliament to see where the Government is based. This is a very popular GCSE course and we are proud to be the recipient of the Parliamentary Teacher Ambassador Gold Award.



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### **GEOGRAPHY** Head of Dept: Mr M Heath - [mheath@boteler.org.uk](mailto:mheath@boteler.org.uk)

Mr M Heath and Mr M Jagger welcome you to the Geography department at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School. We are a well-qualified department with an excellent track record of good and outstanding teaching. We believe in delivering lessons which inspire our students to think about many of the dominant issues that make up the nightly news; ranging from decision-making exercises on whether or not to protect the rainforests, role plays about attitudes to coastal management or creating a home-made volcano complete with explosions!

The curriculum in Year 7-9 helps to engage and inspire students, with many of them opting to take the subject at GCSE. Numbers of pupils taking Geography at GCSE have increased in recent years as the subject becomes more and more relevant in an ever-changing world.

The study of Geography stimulates an interest in and a sense of wonder about places. It helps young people make sense of a complex and dynamically changing world. It explains where places are, how places and landscapes are formed, how people and their environment interact, and how a diverse range of economies, societies and environments are interconnected. It builds on students' own experiences to investigate places at all scales, from the personal to the global.

The Geography department uses fieldwork to enhance learning outside of the classroom. These trips have been a vital part of the curriculum and enjoyed by all.

### **HISTORY** Head of Dept: Mr P Williams - [pwilliams@boteler.org.uk](mailto:pwilliams@boteler.org.uk)

In History we are committed to fostering a love of the subject in our students and encouraging them to make History a part of their life. We deliver high quality teaching and learning in the classroom and provide a range of opportunities to learn outside the classroom. In the last two years we have taken various groups to the Empire Theatre, the Imperial War Museum North, The Battlefields of WW1 in Belgium and hosted several visits from holocaust survivors. Please visit us in Room 10 and the Library to find out more.

### **COMPUTING** Head of Dept: Mr J Koltan - [jkoltan@boteler.org.uk](mailto:jkoltan@boteler.org.uk)

The Computing department is committed to providing a fully inclusive, challenging and engaging curriculum where students can become confident, independent users of computing equipment, whilst having an appreciation of technology and the role it plays in the modern day world. Students in Years 7 - 9 will learn to become informed and safe and responsible users of computing skills, gaining experience of transferable skills they can flexibly use across their schooling, future workplaces and own lives. In Years 10 & 11 students have the option to choose a more focused route, with options to suit the diverse interests and learning styles of students. Students can choose between GCSE Computer Science; delving deeper into the fundamentals of hardware and software and data representation whilst developing expertise in designing algorithms and programming solutions to solve problems. Alternatively, students can study for a Cambridge National in Creative iMedia; a course focussed around the media sector, where students here will be able to express their creative side with unit options in pre-production skills, multimedia, the power of digital imagery or creating a product using sound and vision.



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### **MODERN LANGUAGES**

**Head of Dept: Mrs O Ward - [oward@boteler.org.uk](mailto:oward@boteler.org.uk)**

Bonjour. Hola. Hello! In the Languages department you will have the opportunity to learn not one but two languages; French and Spanish. All the hard work you have done so far learning a language will not go to waste. Knowing two languages will be a massive benefit to you now and in later life. Not only does it help a great deal on holiday but languages are much sought after by universities and employers alike. In the language department we concentrate on the four skills of reading, writing, listening and most importantly speaking. We learn grammar and vocabulary through playing language games, interactive activities and songs. We also learn about French and Spanish culture and traditions which includes a continental breakfast in Year 7 and an opportunity to go to France.

### **MUSIC**

**Head of Dept: Mrs A Clarke - [aclarke@boteler.org.uk](mailto:aclarke@boteler.org.uk)**

The Music department is a vibrant, lively area of the school where students have the opportunity to develop their musical abilities in as many different ways as possible.

We have achieved National awards for the excellence achieved in our GCSE results for the last two years. Music lessons are active and allow students to develop performing, composing and listening skills in a range of ways, for instance through playing african drums, steel pans, keyboards or ukulele. There are a range of music clubs for students to be involved in, for example our world music groups such as Djoliba and Samboteler who have performed for the Queen and the arrival of the Olympic flame. We have singing groups for everyone - Year 7 vocal singing group, Years 8/9 singing group, The Crunchy Harmonies who have performed at the Parr Hall and Chester Cathedral and the Boteler-tonix - a singing group for Years 9/10/11 students only. We also run an annual school show that involves students in both performing and backstage.

Instrumental lessons are also available within the department and students are encouraged to engage with this element which is provided free of charge. Students are also encouraged to study for external instrumental/ vocal exam accreditation and last year students gained qualifications at the standard required for A level. Everyone is always welcome to come down to music, get involved and achieve.

### **PSHE**

**Head of Dept: Mrs K Coleclough- [kcoleclough@boteler.org.uk](mailto:kcoleclough@boteler.org.uk)**

PSHE is delivered mainly via Religious Studies lessons where students cover specific units covering topics such as internet safety, moral thinking and critical questioning, sex and relationships, drugs and alcohol, study skills, exam preparation amongst other things. They can discuss and learn about these issues in a safe environment with a strong teaching team with a wealth of experience. PSHE skills are also reflected across the whole curriculum as we seek to build resilience and social skills to enhance the learning experience of students here at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School.



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### **SPORT AND PERFORMANCE** Head of Dept: Mr C Burbidge- [cburbidge@boteler.org.uk](mailto:cburbidge@boteler.org.uk)

The Sport and Performance faculty at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School prides itself on enabling students of all abilities to succeed. The faculty encompasses the teaching of Physical Education and Drama and has close links with external agencies and organisations, allowing students to engage with performance both on and off the playing field and stage. We believe that a broad and tailored curriculum that is enhanced by learning outside the classroom during our extensive enrichment programme will develop the holistic child. Our faculty vision is to ensure that all students at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School have the opportunity to participate in Performance activities throughout their time at the school. Within Performance we want to inspire young people to participate in and enjoy performance activities and to recognise the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle as well as playing a central role in the life of the school. We will instil this through effective teaching and learning that is constantly looking to move forward, providing opportunities for students to assume responsibility for their learning, to engage inquisitive minds and provide those students with a high standard of learning that should be expected by them in every lesson. A wide variety of extra curricular options are available in performance; sports teams and leadership opportunities are in abundance, as well as Drama productions, and choreography clubs. Drama plays a huge part in the wider community of the school with an annual production which encompasses Music, Drama and Dance bringing the school stage to life.

### **RELIGIOUS STUDIES** Head of Dept: Mrs K Coleclough- [kcoleclough@boteler.org.uk](mailto:kcoleclough@boteler.org.uk)

Religious Studies in Years 7-9 at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School focuses on the 6 major world religions as a thematic study. We look at how the religions respond to the issues we are faced with in life and consider our own viewpoints in relation. Issues such as Why are we here? What happens after death? War and peace, the environment and other issues are covered in a creative and inspiring curriculum. Lessons are engaging utilising a variety of learning activities designed to make pupils think.

In Years 10 & 11 we cover the AQA Religious Studies GCSE focusing on Christian and Jewish beliefs and practices and thematic studies covering Relationships, justice, war and life issues. The course is challenging and engaging enabling pupils to discuss issues in a safe environment and develop their own views and opinions on the issues covered. All pupils are entered for the exam.

### **SCHOOL CHAPEL**

The school chapel (Room M3 in the RE mobile) is where any students can come and take time to pray, reflect, chill out, or have someone to talk to. This is where the school Eucharist, Sharing of the Supper, takes place on a Thursday form-time, led by our school chaplain Rev. Stewart McTaggart. There are also some great extra curricular activities in the chapel on a Friday - during lunchtime we have a debate club and after school we have Fresh Christian Union where students can come and discuss some of life's big questions about God, faith, and life. There's always snacks to eat and games to play at Fresh, so students of all years can come along to make friends, have fun, and explore what they believe.

The school chapel is a place where students will always find that God cares for them and that, through God, we care.



## YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 TRANSITION PROGRAMME 2017/ 2018

Mrs A Mawby, Assistant Headteacher: [amawby@boteler.org.uk](mailto:amawby@boteler.org.uk) or phone 01925636414

### SUBJECT TASTER SESSIONS:

For Year 5 and 6 (email [amawby@boteler.org.uk](mailto:amawby@boteler.org.uk) to book your place)

Tuesday 10th October 3:45pm- 4:45pm

Tuesday 17th October 3:45pm- 4:45pm

Tuesday 5th December 3:45pm- 4:45pm

Tuesday 12th December 3:45pm- 4:45pm

Tuesday 30th January 3:45pm- 4:45pm

Tuesday 6th February 3:45pm- 4:45pm

Tuesday 20th March 3:45pm- 4:45pm

Tuesday 27th March 3:45pm- 4:45pm

### SPRING / SUMMER TERM

For Year 6 students who have selected us as their high school:

- Parents/carers meeting with Year 7 team – 15 minute meeting to discuss your child
- Year 7 team will meet all students in their primary school
- Year 7 team will meet all year 6 teachers to discuss each student
- The SEND department will meet parents/carers of EHCP and vulnerable students
- The SEND department/keyworkers are in the primaries developing relationships with vulnerable students

### SUBJECT TASTER SESSIONS 3:45PM - 4:45PM

Wednesday 23rd May

Monday 11th June

Wednesday 13th June

Monday 18th June

Wednesday 20th June

Monday 25th June

Wednesday 27th June

### YEAR 6 INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 2nd July 7:00pm For all parent/carers and students starting in September 2018

### YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS

Monday 2nd July and Tuesday 3rd July. For all students starting in September 2018

### AFTERNOON TEA

For vulnerable students/EHCP students and parents/carers in links. Tuesday 3rd July at 2:30pm – 4:00pm

### SUMMER SCHOOL - FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS

This will be run by Miss E Dowling (edowling@boteler.org.uk) and Mr D Willcock (dwillcock@boteler.org.uk) - Monday 30th July – Friday 3rd August, 10am – 3pm

### YEAR 5 TASTER WEEK

- Monday 9th July – Wednesday 11th July. Year 5 classes spend the day with us experiencing various subjects.

Additionally:

- Christmas Concert Thursday 14th December 7:00pm – Primary schools are involved
- School Show Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th February – Primary schools are involved
- Spring Spectacular Wednesday 28th March – Primary schools are involved

Monday  
30th July to  
Friday  
3rd August  
10am - 3pm



SUMMER SCHOOL  
2018

#### Why Summer School?

Summer School is for all Year 6 students who are joining us in September. Get to know your school, make new friends, be able to find your way around. Work with the Year 9 Ambassadors, complete activities in a fun environment.

#### Summer School helps with:

Improvement in personal and social skills for learning

Increased confidence to attend secondary school

Improved attendance, behaviour and achievement of your students.

Enhanced leadership and employability skills of older students through development of mentoring skills.

Engagement of parents and carers in their child's learning before secondary school life begins.

#### What you will achieve:

You will develop your personal and social learning skills that you require to be happy, successful learners who believe that they can achieve. As a result, students will demonstrate improved attendance, behaviour and achievement.



## QUOTES FROM STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED OUR SUMMER SCHOOL

### WHAT DID YOU ENJOY TODAY?

"Today in Summer School I met new people and made new friends"

"Today at Summer School I enjoyed the sporting activities! E.g Hula Hoop, Human Knot"

"I enjoyed playing table tennis with my friends after lunch"

"Today I enjoyed designing the Australian mascot and playing Basketball"

"I enjoyed all of it"

### BEFORE SUMMER SCHOOL, WHAT WERE YOU WORRIED ABOUT?

"Before Summer School I was worried about getting bullied and laughed at"

"Before Summer School I was worried about people will laugh if I do something wrong"

"Before Summer School, I was worried about not making new friends and not fitting in"

"Before Summer School I was worried I would get bullied"

"Before Summer School I was worried about my hand writing"

"Before the first day of Summer School came I was scared and afraid"

### WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY?

"Today I learned more team work skills"

"Today I learnt how to play Basketball"

"Today in Summer School I learnt how to socialise well with others and learnt how to play new games"

"Today at Summer School I learnt how to help others"

"Today at Summer School I learnt how to be more confident"

# TEN REASONS

*to attend*



# SIR THOMAS BOTELER

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

THROUGH GOD, WE CARE

1. Most improved School in Warrington and one of the most improved schools in the country. An increase in exam results by 23% in one year.
2. The school has performed above the National Average on many performance indicators.
3. Outstanding transition programme which is fully inclusive and starts in Year 4, addressing the academic progression for all learners to ensure learning from Primary to Secondary is seamless.
4. Collaborative working partnerships with the community, which is underpinned by our Christian Ethos and strong moral purpose.
5. Excellent choice of academic qualifications which meet the needs of all our learners.
6. Leadership qualifications available for all students (Year 7-11) which lead to key roles within the School Council, the House System and Ambassador programmes.
7. Superb pastoral care, guidance and support available from trained professionals, who really do emulate 'Through God, we care'.
8. Extensive Extra-Curricular programme on offer, which incorporates Educational visits to Iceland, New York, The Battlefields and an everyday enrichment programme.
9. Extremely strong links with our Post 16 Providers to ensure every student follows their correct pathway post GCSE.
10. Happy caring, polite and aspirational young people, who are thriving.



**HIGH EXPECTATIONS  
HIGH ASPIRATIONS  
HIGH STANDARDS  
YOU WILL SUCCEED**



# PASSPORT

**DID YOU VISIT EVERY DEPARTMENT?  
DON'T FORGET TO TICK IT OFF YOUR PASSPORT!**

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>ALL ROOMS</b>	★
<b>MATHS/NUMERACY</b>	<b>ROOM 19</b>	★
<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>LABS</b>	★
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<b>LINKS</b>	<b>LINKS</b>	★
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