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I hope you are well and are staying safe. I apologise for not being in touch via this format for a while, but the GCSE exams policy and protocol for the student's grades has had to be a real priority. It is vital that our process is both fair and robust and that no child is at a disadvantage. I am happy to say that it has been now uploaded and it has been shared with all our parents/carers, so the process is completely transparent and everyone is clear on how the grades have been reached.

Our Year 11 students are doing exceptionally well in their assessments in terms of their attitude and preparation. They have worked really hard and they are maintaining both focus and momentum. They will finish their formal exams on Friday 21st May 2021. On the 28th May 2021 the Year 11 students will be invited back into school (in non-uniform) for their Leavers' Service which will begin at 2pm. From the 21st of May the Year 11 students will be invited into school at a set time for their Exit Interview. These appointments will be sent home shortly. It is crucial that these interviews are attended please. If they are unable to make the time given then they are to contact Mr Koltan and this can be rearranged. jkoltan@boteler.org.uk

Face Coverings

From Monday 17th May 2021 the use of face coverings in classrooms for both staff and students is no longer recommended. Staff and students who wish to choose to continue to wear face coverings in classrooms are able to do so.

In corridors and communal areas, students are no longer required to wear face coverings but may continue to choose to do so. Staff and visitors should continue to wear face coverings in corridors and communal areas where they cannot maintain 2m social distancing from other people.

The rules around staff, students and visitors who are exempt from wearing face covering remain.

The regulations on wearing face covering on public transport remain in force with adults and children and young people over the age of 11 required to wear face coverings unless they are exempt.

Changing rooms back in action

From Monday 17th May 2021 the changing rooms in PE will be utilised. The PE staff will coordinate staggered entry but students will be able to get changed for their PE lesson. Therefore ALL students are to come to school in full school uniform and NOT PE kit and the correct PE will be needed. Students have been really pushing the boundaries with the PE kit and whilst we are understanding and empathetic to certain situations, the PE kit must be correct. We are giving you the next two weeks to rectify any issues. If the PE kit is not perfect

after half term, there will be consequences. We have been very understanding but we have High Expectations. High Aspiration and High Standards for all our young people in everything they do.

Hoodies

Hoodies are banned in school and if they are seen during the school day they will be confiscated. Students can wear a school navy jumper if they are cold or they can bring a suitable coat. A hooded top is not a substitute.

School Day Change

Many thanks to everyone for their support with this. The changes were communicated out last week.

Standards

Please ensure all students come to school prepared with a Knowledge Organiser, a fully stocked pencil case, calculator and reading book every day. They are checked on the door as they enter. The students have been superb since their return and we need to keep this up.

We recommend a coat where possible due to the inclement weather, but this is not a replacement for the blazer. Also coats needs to be removed when in the building. We appreciate that the young people wear many things in a morning to keep warm on the way to school, that is fine but these must be removed on entry to the building and stay off until they have left site at the end of the day. However I would always recommend a coat where possible. Hopefully we will have some lovely spring weather, but unfortunately I cannot guarantee that.

Breaks and Lunch times

We will be moving back to one break and lunchtime after half term as our Year 11 students will have left and it gives us some more flexibility. The Year group bubbles will remain. Also, Year 10 will move in to the Year 11 teaching spaces, as they currently in laboratories and they need to go back into normal classrooms. More information on the logistics to follow.

School Day Finish

On Monday 7th June the School Day will revert back to the 'normal' finish at 14.50. This is just to give you a 'heads up'.

Many thanks for your continued support; it is very much appreciated. If there is anything I can help with then do not hesitate to contact me.

With very best wishes



Beverley Scott –Herron

Headteacher

***John 13:63** Be of good cheer: I have overcome the World.*