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I hope you are well and are staying safe. Just a reminder that it is incredibly important that we have the correct contact details for parents/carers. This is a Health and Safety necessity as we must be able to get hold of parents/carers or named contacts in the case of an emergency. We communicate so much via email and text and it is clear that messages in some cases are not getting home. Communication is vital to the school operating and running smoothly so your support with this is very much appreciated. From September we are going to go paperless where possible, so if we do not have an email address and mobile phone number then you won't be able to get key information including reports on your child. If you are ever unsure of any of the messages that we communicate then please do get in touch with us. We would rather you ask then we can help and support.

Changes to breaks and lunchtimes

As you know we have been operating multiple breaks and lunchtimes and that staff have done an amazing job staffing all the many duties to keep our young people safe. As our Year 11 students are leaving us, this gives us a little more flexibility. Therefore, please see the changes below.

From Monday 24th May 2021

Year 9 will move to a 11.05 break and a 13.20 lunch

Year 10 will move from the Old Gym at break and lunchtime and will move into the canteen

Breaks from 24th May 2021

Year 7 10.45 Old Gym

Year 8 10.45 Canteen

Year 9 11.05 Hall

Year 10 11.05 Canteen

Students will still be escorted to break/lunch and picked up from break/lunch by their teachers.

From 7th June 2021

All students will have break at 11.05 and lunch at 13.20. There are venue changes see below:

Year 7 Old Gym

Year 8 Hall

Year 9 Canteen

Year 10 Canteen

There will be new social areas for them too, please see below:

Year 10 will have access to the Ball Hall and tennis courts

Year 9 will have the area outside near the boiler room and field

Year 8 will have the middle of the field

Year 7 will have the basketball courts and field in front of the air raid shelter

The end of the school day will revert to 14.50 for the whole school and the students, where possible, will be escorted off site to ensure that there is a calm end to the school day.

Year 10 moving rooms on Monday 24th May 2021

Year 10 will be moving into classrooms rather than the labs from Monday. Mr Koltan has constructed a new timetable for Year 10 students so they know where they are going. This will be communicated to them during Form Time.

Changing rooms back in action

There were still students coming in PE kit this week saying that they had not got the message that the students were able to get changed for PE. Some of the students came to speak to me about feeling self-conscious when getting changed and I want to try and support them, so we are looking at a redesign of the changing rooms to help them with this.

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.

Standards

Students who opt to wear a skirt must adhere to the fact that they need to be knee length. I completely understand that students grow and I am completely reasonable about that. However, this message is directed at the students who alter their skirt length. Those students who continue to roll their skirt up will face a sanction. I appreciate that this may seem harsh, but the appropriateness of how the skirts are being worn by some is not acceptable and not representative of our high standards. We really welcome your support with this.

Rewards and sanctions

The vast majority of students continue to meet our high expectations and standards, therefore we are currently looking at what opportunities we now have to reward them following such a challenging academic year. Further information will follow.

As you will know from the school handbook, we adopt 'The C System' in the classroom to address behaviour that does not meet the high standards expected. Those students who continue to make the wrong choices and reach a C3 level will, from the 7th June, complete a detention on the same day after school. You will receive a text message to inform you, with this system allowing us to immediately address any concern, allowing students to have a truly fresh start the following school day.

Year 11

Our wonderful Year 11 students complete their last examination today. They have been amazing and have worked so very hard within challenging circumstances. As they embark on the next chapter we wish them all the very best. We will miss them all, but they will always remain a part of our Boteler Family and we will be here to help and support them if they should ever need us.

Just a reminder that over the next few weeks the Year 11 students will be invited in for an exit interview. These bespoke dates and times have been sent home separately.

The Leavers Service will be held on Friday 28th May 2021 at 2pm in the School Hall. The students do not have to wear uniform, but if they could dress appropriately that would be appreciated. They are welcome to bring a shirt or Leavers Books to sign. We will be providing a pizza take out delivery for them as a farewell treat.

We look forward to seeing them again at both the Prom and on Results Day.

In terms of transition to 6th Form/College/ Apprenticeships/ Work we will be signposting them to transition units that they can complete in readiness for September. Mrs Armstrong and Miss Dowling will be in touch regarding this package.

Many thanks for your continued support, it is much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend and let us hope the weather improves. If I can be of any help or assistance then please do not hesitate to contact me.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverley Scott-Herron'. The signature is stylized with a large 'B' and 'H'.

Beverley Scott-Herron

Headteacher

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