

# head'sherald

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is wonderful to be back in a more 'normal' environment and to be interacting with our amazing young people. The term has started incredibly well and we have been so impressed with our students and their attitude and commitment to learning. We have had a busy couple of weeks and achieved so much in a short space of time.

### **The Tour of Britain**

Our Samba Band – Samboteler had the opportunity to play and support the Tour of Britain. The feedback from the local community was overwhelming and the atmosphere was electric. It was such a fantastic opportunity for our young people to be involved in such an event.

### **Neighbourhood Weekender**

We supported the Warrington Neighbourhood Weekender by allowing the school to be accessible for transport arrangements. We feel it is so important to support local events and help where we can. We had some great emails from people all over the country thanking us, which was lovely.

### **Year 11 Parents' Evening**

We have already had a Parents' Evening for Year 11, as we felt it important to outline the year ahead especially following the disruption of lockdown. Thank you for all the parental support around this and how you work in partnership with us, as it really does make a difference.

### **TCAT Parliament**

The TCAT Parliament had their first meeting here on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and Cllr Dr David Ellis was in attendance. Climate Change was a hot topic for discussion and this was all linked to the work the Parliament are doing on plastics, as Recycle Week began on the 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Inauguration Evening**

Our new Year 7 students are no longer new and have settled into Boteler Family life. We have already appointed Form Captains and Ethos Champions and they are really getting involved in the wider life of the school. We had our annual Inauguration Evening on the 16<sup>th</sup> September at St. Elphin's Parish Church. We had over 120 of the Year 7 students attend what was a really wonderful evening. To hear the pen portraits from the Primary Headteachers was really inspiring and they are certainly living up to all expectations.

## **Open Evening**

We had our Open Evening on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and it was extremely busy and very successful. If you know of anyone who was unable to attend please can you ask them to contact the school so we can arrange a personal tour for them.

## **COVID Update**

Please continue to test your child twice per week using the LFD tests that we send home. These tests really are proving efficient in identifying positive cases for asymptomatic students. If your child feels ill at all please keep them at home and book a PCR test if they are displaying any Covid symptoms. All positive cases are to be reported to school by either calling the school office or emailing [jmuckley@boteler.org.uk](mailto:jmuckley@boteler.org.uk) Please include the following details:

- Which test was used to identify the positive case (LFD or PCR)
- The date your child tested positive
- The date your child developed symptoms (if any)

## **Attendance**

I know there is a lot of illness at the moment, but good attendance is so important. Being punctual to school is essential. I am aware of some families who have difficulties with transport and we are working with you.

Year 11 start at 8.15am (on site 8.10am) Monday to Thursday. It is crucial that they are in school and ready to learn at that time. The majority of students are very good, however there is room for improvement in some cases and this must be addressed.

Year 7-10 need to be on site by 8.25am as learning starts at 8.30am (Monday to Thursday).

Please remember that on Friday all students are to be on site by 8.50am as learning starts at 8.55am.

If there are any issues please contact the relevant Head or Assistant Head of Year.

## **Year 7 data packs**

Some of our Year 7 students have not yet returned their data packs. Can you please ensure this is returned to school as soon as possible. If you have misplaced the documents then please request a new one by calling the school office immediately. This is a real safeguarding issue if we have no way of contacting you in an emergency.

## **School Photographs**

These will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September and are for Year 7 and Year 11 only.

## **Year 7 Form Tutor Evening – School cloud**

Year 7 parents/carers will be invited to a Year 7 Form Tutor Evening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30-19:00. Please attend the Evening online with your child, as this gives Tutors the opportunity to feedback on how your child has settled in to the first few weeks of Secondary School. All Parents' Evenings are held virtually at the moment and this is due to the positive feedback we received on them during the Pandemic. We are reviewing this and we do not know whether this will be a long term shift or not, as we like the interaction we really value seeing parents/carers in person. We use a system called School Cloud and Mr Koltan will be

sending out details of how this works. All the appointments are made by the parents/carers online and the system is very efficient. It also allows you to have control over who you see.

### **Neighbourhood Consultations**

As part of the central 6 masterplan, Warrington Borough Council are organising a public consultation in the Westy and Orford areas to ask residents to let them know how they could improve the safety of their neighbourhood in relation to traffic and supporting sustainable travel. Once the consultation has taken place, various schemes and designs will be drawn up based on the community's feedback, which will be followed by another public consultation.

We would like to encourage our whole school community to take part in the consultation as your thoughts and ideas will be invaluable – this is all we know so far, more information is to follow mid-October and as always, I will keep you updated.

### **Social Media**

Please continue to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter as we post regularly about all the many things that are happening in school.

Please do feel free to contact us with any questions or queries as we are only too happy to help. We do endeavour to get back you you within 48 hours but sometimes this is not always possible. We thank you for your patience in these circumstances.

Many thanks for your continued support, it is much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend and 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 and cursive.

Beverley Scott –Herron

**Headteacher**