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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well and looking forward to the Christmas break. I appreciate there may be uncertainty and worry about what lies ahead, however we will do everything we can to support our young people and families. I also understand that I have sent out some rather large correspondence of late, that is just so you feel fully informed and prepared for the new term. If there is anything that is bothering you, then please do get in touch. Staff will be taking time off during the Festive period but if you need a question answered urgently then please do get in touch and we will do our best.

### **COVID-19 LFD Testing and Plan B Update**

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January all students will be LFD tested in school during school hours as advised by Government. Please read the January information I sent out via text and email. It's really comprehensive and help you and your child/ren understand the process for our return to school, it will also answer some questions you may have. This booklet includes a link to the consent to testing which needs completing before 5<sup>th</sup> January. All students should arrive at their usual time with proof of their negative LFD test result. This can be in the form of a message of the recorded result or a screenshot of the negative LFD test.

Face coverings will still be mandatory to all students, staff and visitors in communal areas, unless exempt. If your child is exempt then we will issue them with a pass so that they are not challenged throughout the school day. You can let us know by contacting the school office on either 01925 636414 or [info@boteler.org.uk](mailto:info@boteler.org.uk)

We currently have 4 positive cases taking us to a total of 78 cases since the beginning of the year.

### **Schools Infection Survey 2**

The Schools Infection Survey team are coming back into school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January to test all of the students who are signed up to the programme. If you registered your child for this first round of testing then they are automatically registered for future rounds of testing. If your child did not take part in the previous round of testing but you would like them to take part in January, please follow the links below for more information on the programme and how to register. If you have signed your child up but no longer want them to take part, please contact the helpline to cancel your registration on 08081961270 or [covid-19@ons.gov.uk](mailto:covid-19@ons.gov.uk)

<https://tinyurl.com/stbsisparent>

<https://tinyurl.com/stbsisletter>

## History Trip

Our History students in Year 11 went on a rewards trip to the History of Medicine tour in Chester's 'Sick to Death' on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December. They visited the streets of Chester to revisit the breakthroughs in medicine as they study this topic in Year 10 and was a useful way of refreshing what they did during Year 10. The students were excellent and enjoyed the visit!



## Standards

In our continued pursuit of high standards, we will maintain the highest expectations of both appearance and preparedness for learning in January. Students should be smart and ready to learn. Trainers will not be accepted, this includes black Nike 'Air Force' trainers which previously some students have tried to wear instead of a proper school shoe. Students will be made to remove these and wear our pumps. All jewellery is to be removed prior to entering the school building. Any items of jewellery will be confiscated and put into envelopes to be collected at the end of the school day. Piercings of no kind are accepted. Students refusing to cooperate when it comes to removing piercings or complying with uniform requirements will be placed in isolation.

Every student should have with them their school bag, fully stocked pencil case, including a calculator, and their knowledge organiser. Year 7 - 10 students should also have a reading book. This equipment means all of our students are ready to learn as soon as they enter the classroom which enables excellent sharp starts to our lessons which in turn enables a high standard of learning. We will continue to drive high standards as it leads to successful outcomes for our students.

### **Results Day**

It's Year 11 Mock results day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January Year 11 Parents' Evening**

Our Year 11 Virtual Parents' Evening using School Cloud will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 from 15.30 – 19.00. This is a very important evening where Parents/Carers will be able to discuss their child's Mock Exam results with their subject teachers. Further information will be sent out very soon.

Thank you as always for all your support it is very much appreciated. Please have a wonderful Christmas and new Year and please continue to stay safe.

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**