

# head'sherald

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## VOLUME 22 | DATE 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well and are managing to stay safe. As you are aware face coverings are not mandatory in classrooms anymore but are still in place in communal areas. Hopefully this will not be for much longer. We really appreciate your support and understanding with this.

### **Jubilee – extra bank holiday**

Due to us having an extra bank holiday for the Jubilee, this means that schools have had to find an extra days holiday. We have put our extra day in July. We did not want to lose any curriculum time mid-year due to the disruption that students have already faced. Therefore, students now finish on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon instead of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. This will be formally communicated next week but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible as this decision was made today.

### **Covid Update**

We currently have 36 positive cases taking us to a total of 137 cases since the beginning of the academic year.

### **Girls in Chess**

The English Chess Federation is hosting an initiative to encourage girls to play chess – “She Plays to win” – this involves free online coaching for girls regardless of level (from absolute beginner) – if your daughter would like to learn to play and to represent the school at chess then please ask them to speak to Mr Miller in the first instance and he will provide details for the sign up for the programme and the chance to play for the school in January.

### **Cheshire Schools Media Challenge**

Thank you so much for your passionate support of the Cheshire Schools Media Challenge. Over 39,400 votes were cast this year – a Cheshire record! 10,113 of those votes were for Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School, which has put us at second place! This is an amazing achievement for all involved.

### **School Council**

We have been working hard with our School Council to ensure that the voices of our students are heard by staff and senior leadership. We have opened a clear dialogue between our Form Captains and Senior Leadership team so that students' ideas and concerns can be raised safely. The feedback process has meant that students can see the effect of their voice on the workings of our school and we are now working on the next phase of our School Council

journey to ensure that the voices of all students can be channelled through their form representatives.

During Apprenticeship week on the 8th February, the School Council will take part in a workshop focusing on how to run and record meetings so that they are confident relaying information back to their form classes following each meeting. We hope this will help further built the character of our young leaders and allow for more voices to be heard in School Council meetings.

We are incredibly proud of our student councils and are keen to establish a strong student voice across our school, we want to say a massive congratulations to our current Form Captains who have attended meetings consistently and taken part in fundraises events.

### **Medical – Important message**

Students who require an inhaler must have one on them at all times. Please remind your child to bring their inhaler to school.

### **Sports Fixtures for next week**

#### **Tuesday 25th January:**

KS3 Futsal Inter House competition. Ball Hall 3.-4.30pm. See Mr Burbidge

#### **Wednesday 26th January:**

Warrington Schools Netball League Year 9. Ball Hall 3.15-5pm. See Mrs Hughes

Warrington Schools Boys Football Year 7 Football at Padgate Academy. See Mr Burbidge

Warrington Schools Boys Football Year 8 at Birchwood High School. See Mr Johnson.

#### **Thursday 27th January:**

TCAT Girls Football for Year 7 and Year 8 at Bridgewater. See Mr Burbidge

### **Parents Evening**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Year 9 Parents’ Evening – Appointments with subject teachers from 3:30pm-7pm on School Cloud.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Year 10 Parents’ Evening – Appointments with subject teachers from 3:30pm-7pm on School Cloud

Booking for both Year 9 and Year 10 Parents’ Evening are now live.

If you experience technical difficulties – please contact Mr Koltan [jkoltan@boteler.org.uk](mailto:jkoltan@boteler.org.uk)

### **Options**

Year 9 will be having their Options Assembly on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January in the school hall during registration. This assembly will run into Period 1. Mr Koltan will explain how the options process works, subject combinations and important dates and deadlines. Subject teachers have been delivering assemblies explaining what it is like to study their subject and where

their subject could take our young people when they are older. Information for parents/carers will be available on our school website from 6pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

### **PSHE – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

'Here At Last' are a band from all over the UK. Formed in 2020, 'Here at Last' sold out their first headline UK tour & will be headlining another tour later this year. They are also the biggest UK boyband on TikTok with over 2.5 million followers. Having all had their own issues with cyber bullying and mental health, the boys are in the perfect position to deliver such a positive message to pupils and are excited to be given the opportunity to educate and inspire.

links to their music videos below

[Here At Last - Ocean Eyes](#)

[Here At Last - Someone To You](#)

**Year 8 and 9 students** will watch a unique and entertaining performance from the band, which is followed by the PSHE message. The main message of the presentations is to empower students to make healthy life choices, as well as providing them with real life stories and sound advice. These messages around mental health are aimed to empower students with confidence to speak about their state of mind, tools to recognise when to reach out and who to talk to. All band members have had their own issues around these topics at some point, so are eager to discuss these issues with the younger generation.

Thank you as always for all your support it is very much appreciated and please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help or support with anything.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverley Scott-Herron'.

Beverley Scott –Herron  
**Headteacher**