

# head'sherald

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## VOLUME 1 | DATE 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a lovely summer break. It was amazing to welcome all of our students back on Monday morning and we have had a superb start to the term. Please ensure that your child is punctual to school as excellent attendance is crucial in order for them to succeed.

We are now entering a period of national mourning, for the loss of our beloved Queen Elizabeth. This is a very significant event in all our lives and our Collective Worship and Form Time activities during this period will reflect this. We have created places for reflection and have set up a book of condolence in our reception.

### **A prayer on the death of Her Majesty The Queen**

Gracious God, we give thanks  
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,  
for her faith and her dedication to duty.  
Bless our nation as we mourn her death  
And may her example continue to inspire us;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen

### **Contact**

If you have any issues or concerns about anything at all, no matter how minor it may seem, please get in touch with us. It's not always possible for a certain member of staff to be available if you come into school without notice, so please either contact our reception team and they will pass a message to the teacher you wish to speak with 01925 636414, or follow this link to our school handbook which contains all staff names, roles and contact details.  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1usb1FkMApEwrgOc9BjlEWNw8Fr5VmE-1/view>

### **Information and School Systems**

Please ensure we have the correct data regarding your child. We need email addresses and accurate mobile phone numbers as this is how we communicate regularly. It is also important from a safeguarding point of view as we need to be able to contact parent/cares in an emergency. Please ring school on 01925 636414 or email [info@boteler.org.uk](mailto:info@boteler.org.uk) to update your details.

**Cashless Catering** – We use a system called iPay. Year 7 signup details will be posted out shortly. For other students and parents not yet registered, please email [ipay@boteler.org.uk](mailto:ipay@boteler.org.uk). For more details, please visit [www.boteler.org.uk/ipay](http://www.boteler.org.uk/ipay)

**Satchel One/Show My Homework** – Year 7 parent account details will be posted out shortly. All students can access via their Microsoft 365 school email address.

**Arbor** – Arbor has replaced SchoolComms/School Gateway as our parent information portal and school communication system. Year 8 to Year 11 parents have been sent automated emails explaining how to access. At the moment, we have nearly 70% of parents/carers signed up which is fantastic. Year 7 parents will be emailed shortly. More details are at [www.boteler.org.uk/arbor](http://www.boteler.org.uk/arbor).

## **Standards**

Upholding standards is integral to the smooth running of any successful school. The start of the school year is always a key time to ensure standards are met by all students. As you will know from other communication we have a significant focus on 'preparedness for learning'. This means we expect our students to be punctual to both the start of the school day and all lessons. To support this, we expect our students to have their Independent Study Pack (ISP) with them in their bag at all times. The first page of this booklet should always have their timetable in it. Having access to this takes away any punctuality concerns and ensures students are organised and know where they should be at all times. Further information regarding the Independent Study Pack is detailed in 'The Boteler Observer' which will be sent out to Parents/Carers this week. Students should also have all equipment needed for each lesson in their bag. i.e. pencil case, calculator, reading book etc. This readiness to learn means the teacher can start to deliver quality first teaching as soon as the students enter the room. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Extra-Curricular**

All extra-curricular sport clubs are set to start next week! Students are to keep an eye out during form-time and on social media for more information regarding all the clubs and activities.

## **Awards Evening**

We will be celebrating the successes of last academic year at our annual Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School Awards Evening on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

We are excited that we can once again celebrate together, following a two-year absence, with the evening being held in the school Hall. Our Awards Evening is a prestigious event and will celebrate the outstanding performance of the overall winners within a range of categories. We have extremely High Expectations, High Aspirations and High Standards at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School and we wish to formally recognise the performance of your child.

Those who have won an award will be informed shortly, with further details on the evening to follow. This is an evening not to be missed and we would really appreciate your support should your child have won an award an invited to the evening. I must inform you that due to the capacity of the Hall, we are restricted to two guests per winner.

## **Year 7**

As you will be aware on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September we are holding our Inauguration evening at St Elphins Church at 6pm. All Year 7 students must attend. Please make sure you have returned your reply sheet. We look forward to formally welcoming your child into The Boteler Family. Our new Year 7 students have made a fantastic start and have settled in well. If there are any worries or concerns then please do contact Mrs Brown – Head of Year 7

## **All Years Post 16 (Careers)**

The platform we use for Careers Education is called STARTProfile. Every student in the school should have a log in. Year 7 will receive theirs shortly. Please speak to your child about the world of work, college and higher education and use this platform regularly with them.

## **Personal Development**

The wider curriculum programme will be out next week. You will be able to find it on the website. Please encourage your child to attend the different activities. Every form has 6 ambassador roles. Your child will have been taken through these roles this week. Again, please encourage them to be involved with the wider life of the school and apply for a role.

With very best wishes

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

Beverley Scott –Herron  
**Headteacher**