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## VOLUME 5 | DATE 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well. Please remember if there is anything I can do to help or support you then please contact us. Just a reminder that we have had some very inclement weather and we would advise students to wear a coat to school where possible.

### Teaching and Learning

#### Independent Practice

In our lessons we have two main periods of focus. These are called '**Task Time**' and '**Teacher Time**'. When a teacher calls 'Teacher Time' it means they are modelling or delivering the new learning for that lesson. This is very precisely planned and delivered in such a manner as to ensure students can understand i.e. it is delivered at a slow pace with real clarity. We call this approach 'gradual release of 'granular' information. On 'Teacher Time' nobody is permitted to speak other than the teacher. This is to ensure full attention.

The second focus area is called 'Task Time'. Task Time requires students to work independently in silence. During this period students are applying their learning following the modelling phase. We expect students to be spending more time on 'task time' as they move through the school. This prepares them for their assessments and GCSEs where they will be required to sit and apply their knowledge for up to two hours in some cases.

#### Curriculum

Year 7 Form Tutor Parents' Evening is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm - 7pm in the School Hall. Appointments are made on school cloud, link [SchoolCloud - Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School](#) Please make a booking if you have not already done so.

Year 11 Mock Exams start on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November which is only 6 school weeks away. Please read Mr Koltan's article in the Boteler Observer about why Mock Exams are so important.

For students in Year 7-9, their Working At (WA) assessments will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November and last for two weeks. Students will be issued with a timetable to

record when these assessments are scheduled for each subject. More information to follow from Mr Koltan who will be writing to you shortly about these assessments.

## **Personal Development**

Warrington Vale Royal College will be delivering an assembly to Year 11 students on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October

### **Sir Thomas Boteler holds our first all councils conference: The Boteler Union**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September we held our first Boteler Union Conference at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School. This was the first of four conferences across the academic year where the representatives of every council and house come together and experience a conference atmosphere to build career skills. Communication is the number one skill for jobs in Warrington, and this event provided all students with the opportunity to practice this skill and better prepare themselves for the world of work.

We want to congratulate our Student Leadership Body who were incredible during the event, as they liaised with their councils and showed real leadership qualities when listening and engaging with students across Year 7, 8, 9 and 10.

We are very excited for our next Boteler Union Conference which will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022, where our council and house representatives will get the chance to set out their plans for the rest of the academic year.

## **Careers**

Students from Year 7 – 11 follow a Careers programme throughout their time at school. This prepares them for post 16 Education, Employment and Training. The careers platform that we use is called START. Students have been given their user name and password this week. Their username is their school email and their password is their school email password. Please support your child on logging onto this platform this weekend. They can browse the site and complete some of the activities.

Please find an updated version of our extra curricular programme here:

<https://www.boteler.org.uk/bwc/>

## **World Mental Health Day Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Mental health is just as important as physical health and deserves the same quality of support, there is always someone you can talk to.

<https://bridgewater.nhs.uk/chathealth/warrington/> - chat Health Warrington - text service to Nurse/ Health professionals for confidential advice/ signposting.

<https://happyoksad.warrington.gov.uk/> - a Warrington based website to support students with issues relating to mental health.

[https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/?WT.mc\\_id=MentalHealthGeneric&gclid=EAiaIQobChMI78TNnqHL-gIVVODtCh3BzQ\\_mEAAYAyAAEgKJJPD\\_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds](https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/?WT.mc_id=MentalHealthGeneric&gclid=EAiaIQobChMI78TNnqHL-gIVVODtCh3BzQ_mEAAYAyAAEgKJJPD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds) - NHS based website around tips/guidance of being kind to yourself and dealing with Mental Health

<https://www.kooth.com/> - a free online, anonymous, confidential website where young people can go for help with relationships, feeling low, bullying, abuse, eating disorder or self-harm.

<https://undressed.lgfl.net/> - Video for families around keeping safe and not sharing pictures online

<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/> - NetAware- a comprehensive guide for parents on over 50 of the top social networks, apps and games that young people use. It includes key facts for each site, recommended age ratings, and information about safety features.

## **Sports Fixtures**

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 8 Football in the Warrington Schools League @ Padgate Academy 3-5pm

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 9 Football in the Warrington Schools League @ Birchwood High School 3-5pm

Year 10 Football in the Warrington Schools League @ Padgate Academy 3-5pm

Year 7 Netball in the Warrington Schools League @ Ball Hall 3.30-5pm

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With very best wishes



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