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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well. I have sent out a formal letter reiterating a few key points around standards and I would really appreciate it, if you are able, to engage and support me in ensuring the messages are understood by our young people. Only the whole most people adhere to all the rules all the time and I am very grateful for this. However, we all need to be consistent. I have included the key uniform point below.

School Uniform and standards reminders - key points

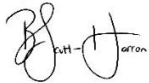
- Skirts need to be worn just on or above the knee.
- Only black knee socks or black tights to be worn when wearing a skirt, ankle socks are not permitted.
- All students must be in full school uniform every day.
- School shoes are to be black and be able to be polished. Trainers, canvas shoes or any shoes with a sports logo on are not permitted, even if it is in the 'school shoes' section of a shop.
- Trousers must be school tailored trousers. Skin tight trousers, cargo trousers, sportswear or shorts are not permitted.
- Hoodies and leggings are banned.
- Jewellery is not permitted and will be confiscated and will be available for collection at the end of the day. All piercings must take place at the start of the summer school holiday so they can easily be removed. Plasters are not acceptable to cover piercings. Clear piercings are not allowed.
- Hair must be of a 'natural' colour. 'Natural' high and low lights are permitted. Hair must not be shorter than a Grade 1. Skin heads are not permitted. All long hair must be tied back in practical subjects for Health and Safety reasons.
- All students must have a bag for school and a fully stocked pencil case (black pen, purple pen, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener and scientific calculator)
- All students must have a reading book with them.
- All students must have an ISP with them which contains Knowledge Organisers from each of their subjects.
- Mobile phones and electronic gaming devices are not permitted in school. They are to be switched off and placed in bags on entry. If they are seen they will be confiscated and be available for collection at the end of the day.
- Students must be lined up ready for Form by 08.25

It does not matter where we are in the school year, the school uniform rules and school standards must be adhered to. I appreciate there are always exceptional circumstances but these need to be sent in writing to myself or Mr Leonard and or the relevant Head of Year.

If the rules are not followed then there are sanctions and sometimes this may result in a student being isolated.

Again, thank you for all your support with this I really appreciate it.

Best wishes



Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher

Warm weather

We have of late been enjoying some lovely weather and it looks set to continue. We are not currently in a major heatwave so there are no anticipated changes at school despite the fact that in this country we seem to have disproportionate responses to any weather beyond average conditions. It is worth taking the opportunity though to remind all students of certain expectations. These include:

- Uniform expectations remain exactly the same. Blazers can be removed in class if students are warm and of course they can be removed on the field at breaks/lunchtimes.
- Students have the opportunity to buy a drink or fill up water bottles on the way to form-time and at break and lunch, not during lesson time.
- We encourage students to bring a bottle of water to school every day regardless of the weather.
- Students must leave the school site at the end of the day in their school uniform.

If the temperatures do rise further, of course we will make changes and reasonable adjustments and these will be communicated out via text and email so there is clarity.

Warrington Borough Council Healthy Steps Campaign Launched

This free 8-week email programme encourages families to eat better and move more, with budget conscious, easy and practical ideas.

As this is a new email programme, we need your help to spread the word.

The aim is to get as many families as possible with 5-11 year olds going to www.healthysteps.uk to sign up in the local area. To help support the programme, a range of free and useful resources can be found on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#). Here you will find recipe cards, newsletter copy, a social toolkit and more.

How does Healthy Steps work?

Parents/carers can sign up at any time by completing a quiz about their current eating and physical activity habits. Once they've completed the quiz they will receive weekly emails on one of these themes, tailored to their quiz results:

- Reducing sugar
- Eating 5 a day
- Meal planning

The content in the emails will then provide families with simple ways to take steps towards healthier behaviours.

As part of the programme, families are set goals or tasks to complete every other week, such as swapping out sugary fizzy drinks, or adding fruit or veg to their breakfasts. Regular feedback points give families the opportunity to celebrate their successes and continue to make positive changes.

Read more about how Healthy Steps works on our [Campaign Resource Centre](#)

Duke of Edinburgh – Postponed

Our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze awards candidates were due to have their qualifier this Saturday and Sunday. This has now been postponed to **Friday 23rd June**. Further details to follow.

Mrs Williams and the D of E Team

Year 11 Exams

Normal timetabled lessons will continue to run until all exams in a subject have been completed. Where possible, students have a one-hour revision session either the day before or the morning before sitting a GCSE exam. These revision sessions are compulsory and are highly beneficial to how your child performs in their exams. Students must attend all revision sessions in full school uniform and bring the correct equipment.

The last main exam that **all** students sit is the **Science exam** on **Friday 16th June**. This exam will start at 9am and finish at 10:20am for Combined Science students and finish at 10:50am for Triple Science students. Students who study Geography are to remain in school for a revision session during Period 3 and the exam which starts at 1pm. There is also a GCSE DT revision session taking place at 2pm. If students do not study either of these subjects, they are free to leave school after the Science exam has finished.

Only students still to sit remaining exams in GCSE DT, Hospitality (revision session P1 and P2 Tuesday 20th June) or Further Maths are required to come into school following Friday 16th June.

All students are invited to attend our leavers' service at 1pm on Monday 19th June in Latchford Methodist Church which provides the final opportunity for students to join together as a year group. Students are required to attend in full school uniform. The service will be a celebration of the students' time in our school and further instructions will be provided regarding the behaviour expectations in what we hope is a very memorable experience.

Many thanks for the role you are playing in encouraging your child to revise in the final weeks of the exam period.

Drama Department

With only 3 weeks to go rehearsals for 'Our Day Out' are in full swing. Pictured are Lexi Watson and Bea Fox who play the characters 'Carol' and 'Briggs' in a pivotal scene from the play.

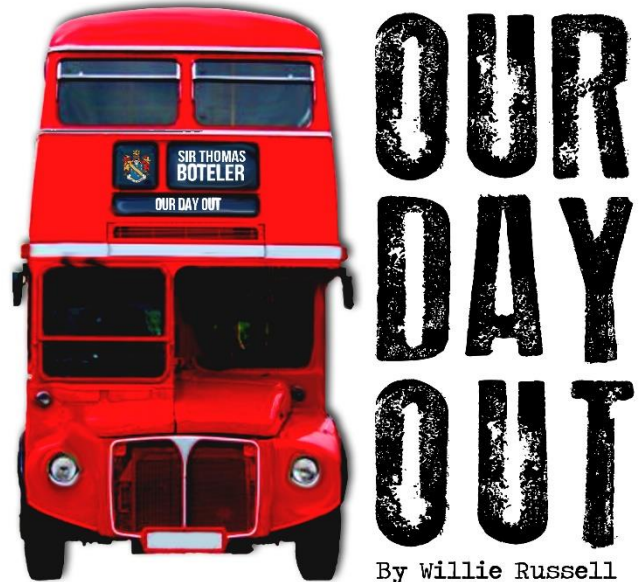
We have 30 students involved either acting or stage management and myself and co-director Miss Cliff are excited for the production. Tickets will be available from Monday 12th June and available from reception. Please see poster for information.

Good Luck to everyone involved and thank you for your hard work.

Ms Armstrong
Leader of Drama & School Productions



SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS



Tuesday 4th July 2023

Matinee - 1:30pm - doors 1:00pm

Evening - 6:30pm - doors 6:00pm

in the Boteler Drama Studio

Tickets: £2 adult - £1 concession
Tickets available from school's Main Reception

Reward Trips

In recognition of our students' behaviour and attitude to learning this academic year, many received an invitation to one of, a trip to Chester Zoo or Warrington Cineworld. We are pleased to report that both trips will be running.

The parents of those students who have requested a place on the trip, will receive a text message with a link of how to make payments and to also confirm some key details (e.g film selection, how to request payment via the school FSM voucher system).

The payment deadline is Friday 23rd June 2023. Unfortunately, we are unable to meet any late requests to now attend the Chester Zoo trip, however, there will be flexibility for students to swap to the Cineworld trip from the Zoo.

Please contact your child's Head of Year if you have any questions.

Pride Month – 1st - 30th June

This month, we are celebrating Pride Month. Some of our students ask, 'why do we need Pride Month?' Having the general conversation around Pride and the LGBTQ+ community creates an environment where people can feel acceptance of themselves. It allows others to become more familiar with seeing LGBTQ+ people being themselves in their local communities, which can help to encouraging acceptance from others. A positive consequence of this is that some people may feel more able to come out to friends and family; when the world is already talking about LGBTQ+ people. This Pride Month, Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School would like our LGBTQ+ community to know that our school is a safe space for you. We see you, and if you are experiencing any challenges; please talk to us. We are always here to support you.

Events Next Week

On Monday we welcome Andy Carter the conservative party MP for Warrington South into school. He will deliver a workshop to students in Years 9 and 10 on politics.

Next week will see the first of our Year 6 subject taster sessions. Year 9 Ambassadors will be helping to lead these sessions.

Year 7 reading stars

So proud of our Year 7 reading stars: Harry-Leigh, Harrison, Amy and Dylan. These students chose a book of their own to keep today after developing their 'Reciprocal Reading' in English.



Well done, everyone, and keep on using these valuable RR skills in other subjects too!

Mrs Woodcock

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AND BELONG TO AN ENVIRONMENT
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