

Frequently Asked Questions

How many Year 7 pupils are admitted every September?

Our Pupil Admission Number (PAN) is 180.

What type of school is Broughton?

Broughton is a mixed comprehensive school for pupils aged 11-16 and is maintained by Lancashire County Council.

Who do I contact if I have a specific question about my child's needs?

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Mrs H Hardman

hardmanh@broughtonhigh.co.uk

Will my child qualify for a free bus pass?

Yes, if they qualify for free school meals.

How will I find out about my child's progress?

All parents receive three reviews each year highlighting progress and effort, plus a personalised report from their child's Form Tutor at the end of the year.

There are two Year 7 parents' evenings.

You can see all rewards via Synergy.

Can my child catch a bus to/from school?

There are six dedicated school buses transporting pupils to/from a variety of areas: Tanterton, Ingol, Fulwood, Deepdale, Garrison, Elswick, Inskip, Plough at Eaves, Whittingham, Cottam, Bartle, Catforth, Longsands, Sherwood, Lightfoot Lane. A detailed timetable is available.

For further information contact:

schooltransport@lancashire.gov.uk

Is there a late bus?

There is one late bus which normally leaves at 4.25pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at a cost of 60p per single journey. It stops at most of the areas where pupils live.

How are the pupils grouped in lessons?

At the beginning of Year 7 most pupils are taught in mixed ability tutor groups. As the year(s) progresses, we use relevant attainment data to allocate pupils to the most appropriate teaching group in each subject. Whilst some groups will be based on ability, there is no strict setting. The majority of middle ability pupils are evenly grouped. There is no numerical labelling of teaching groups.

Are there specialist Music lessons?

Peripatetic music and singing lessons are taught on a one-to-one basis by specialist staff. There is a cost for these lessons dependent on the length of the lesson.

15 minutes £6.75 20 minutes £9.00 30 minutes £13.50

Pupils will come out of normal lessons for instrument/singing tuition.

For further details, please contact Mr S Shepherd, Head of Music.

shepherds@broughtonhigh.co.uk

Does my child qualify for free school meals?

If you think you qualify for free school meals please contact Lancashire County Council (tel: 01772 531809) for advice and guidance.

What are the arrangements for School Meals?

We employ our own catering team and set our own menus. We operate a cashless catering system, via facial recognition, which deducts the cost of a meal when the pupil pays at the till; c.90% of pupils eat our school meals, which gives you an indication of their popularity.

Can my child cycle to school?

Approximately 200 pupils regularly cycle to/from school.
Any pupil who cycles to school must wear a helmet.

How does my child get a place at Broughton?

All admissions undertaken by LA – NOT school – we do not choose / select our pupils. The Form and admission booklet are given to parents from primary school and returned to LA not school.

We have 180 places for Year 7 each year.

What are the chances of our son/daughter getting a place at Broughton?

This has always been impossible to answer as it depends on the numbers choosing to apply, where they live, number of siblings.

Note: it is an EQUAL PREFERENCE system.

You must indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd preference, but all preferences will be treated equally.

Priority given to Geographical Priority Area (but not enough people live there!).

Put simply, the closer you live to Broughton, the better your chances of being allocated a place.

Is there are PTFA?

We are fortunate to have the support of a successful and committed PTFA. Meetings are held half termly and provide an opportunity for parents to QA Senior Staff. Each year the PTFA raises approximately £10,000 to enable the school to purchase numerous 'extras'.

How will my child be helped to settle in to life at Broughton?

Once your child has been allocated a place, a member of staff will visit them in their Primary School. An Induction Day is held on the first Monday of July, with a meeting for parents that evening.

In September, the first day of term will be exclusively for Year 7 and Year 11 pupils.

What 'new' subjects will my child be studying?

Computing, Drama, Design Technology and Personal Social Health Education.

Are there any extra-curricular activities?

Normally there are over sixty extra-curricular clubs and activities ranging from sport to singing, computers to comics, ethics to engineering. There is something for everyone. The key message is 'Get Involved'.

Are there visits abroad?

There are a number of visits abroad each year e.g. French/German exchange, ski trip, music trip.

What is it like at Broughton?

We believe Broughton is a happy, vibrant school in which every pupil has the opportunity to experience the joy of success in and out of the classroom. Ask somebody who attends the school or whose children go to Broughton.