

BROUGHTON

HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter No 1

4th September 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a **relaxing and enjoyable Summer holiday**. A special welcome to parents of all **183 pupils who are new to Broughton**. As parents of youngsters in Years 8-11 will confirm, the first year at secondary school will go extremely quickly indeed and, before you realise it, your sons and daughters will be enjoying their Leavers' Ball. Yesterday, Year 7 enjoyed a day on their own, familiarising themselves with new classrooms, teachers and our environment. Their number one concern was 'getting lost', but this did not materialise and all went home having enjoyed themselves and, fortunately, 183 have re-appeared again today!



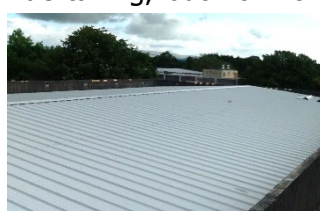
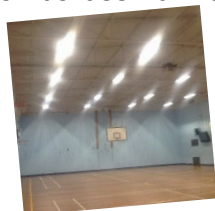
Our school has always prided itself on a unique 'family atmosphere' and supportive climate. All parents can be assured that we will do our utmost to ensure each and every child feels safe, makes academic and social progress, and is known to staff. We want all children to experience the joy of success in and out of the classroom and to enjoy and achieve in equal measure.

In addition to 183 new Year 7 pupils, there are also a number of staffing changes. **Mr Stuart Shepherd** is our new **Head of Music**, **Mr William Gaffney** will be teaching **Mathematics**, **Mr Matthew Tomlin** will be teaching **French/German** and **Miss Kim Lupton** will be teaching **PE**.

Over the Summer months we have made a number of **significant improvements to our Learning Environment**. Our main kitchen has been completely refurbished and we now have 'high tech, high spec' catering facilities, as good as any hotel/commercial establishment ... we even have an island!



To improve the temperature and visibility in the **Sports Hall**, we have installed a **new roof and lighting**. As you can imagine, this has been a major undertaking, but now it has been decorated, the improvements are impressive.



All the **Science Laboratories** have been fitted with the very latest **interactive whiteboards** and **new lighting** has been installed in various corridors. We have employed Barton Grange to **enhance the outdoor environment**; the area outside Reception and one of the quad areas.



Finally, **as voted for by the pupils, canopies** have been erected in the area where pupils can eat their lunch outside. Not only do they provide shelter, but they demonstrate commitment and a willingness to listen and act on 'pupil voice'. All the **£9,787** from last year's sponsored walk was used to pay for the canopies.



We are absolutely delighted with our GCSE results.

- **93% of all pupils** achieved **at least a grade 4** ('standard' pass) **in English**
- **91% of all pupils** achieved **at least a grade 4** **in Maths**
- **91% of all pupils** achieved **at least a grade 4** **in Science**

Overall **87% of pupils** achieved **grade 4** **in English and Maths**.

- **42% of all pupils** achieved **at least a grade 7** **in English**
- **37% of all pupils** achieved **at least a grade 7** **in Maths**
- **43% of all pupils** achieved **at least a grade 7** **in Science**

These results were almost as we predicted and are **well above national averages**.

We are very proud of the achievements of every youngster, but particular praise to the following pupils for their exceptional results:

Zara Adam 2 G9, 3 G8, 2 G7, 2 G6

Emilie Banks 4 G8, 5 G7

Olivia Bennett 1 G9, 4 G8, 4 G7

Alice Bryson-Edwards 4 G8, 3 G7, 2 G6

Hannah Clements 5 G8, 2 G7, 2 G6

Lucy Dewhurst 3 G9, 4 G8, 1 G7, 1 G6

Katie Hornby 1 A, 1 G9, 1 G8, 2 G7, 2 G6, 1 G5, 1 G4

Mia Glynn 2 G9, 6 G8, 1 G7

Arsalan Haidar 8 G9, 1 G8

Anna Henderson 5 G9, 4 G8

Thomas Harrison 6 G9, 1 G8, 2 G7

Aaliya Khatri 2 G9, 3 G8, 3 G7, 1 G6

Holly Marshall 1 G9, 4 G8, 3 G7, 1 G6

Courtney McNeil 1 L2D*, 3 G8, 5 G7

Jessica Nixon-Smith 5 G9, 4 G8

Ellie Pritchard 1 G9, 3 G8, 4 G7, 1 G6

George Shorrock 8 G9, 1 G8

Macey Smith 5 G9, 4 G8

Cameron Stantiford 1 D2, 2 G8, 4 G7, 1 G6, 1 G5

Olivia Timbrell 6 G9, 3 G8

Carys Wood 3 G8, 5 G7, 1 G6

Lewis Wray 6 G9, 1 G8, 1 G7, 1 G6

Amber Aldridge 8 G9, 1 G8

Eleanor Beckley 1 G9, 5 G8, 2 G7

Josh Black 4 G9, 1 G8, 2 G7, 2 G5

Madeleine Clayton 1 A, 5 G8, 2 G7, 1 G6

Zoe Collinson 1 G9, 3 G8, 4 G7, 2 G6

Matthew Drinkall 2 G9, 3 G8, 3 G7, 1 G6

Evie Eastham 1 G9, 4 G8, 2 G7, 2 G6

Harri Griffiths 1 G9, 5 G8, 1 G7, 2 G6

Holly Harness 1 G9, 6 G8, 2 G7

Georgia Hills 5 G8, 4 G7

Ibby Khan 7 G9, 2 G8

Mariam Manjra 4 G8, 4 G7, 1 G6

Poppy McBride 1 G9, 8 G8

Kate Moxon 1 G9, 6 G8, 2 G7

Evie Parkinson 5 G9, 4 G8

Jacob Shilton 1 G9, 1 G8, 4 G7, 3 G6

Ben Smith 2 G9, 2 G8, 1 G7, 2 G6, 2 G5

Shivum Solanki 1 A, 6 G8, 1 G7, 1 G5

Charlotte Sugden 1 G9, 6 G8, 1 G7, 1 G6

Bailey Watts 7 G9, 2 G8

Ilma Zaidi 3 G8, 3 G7, 2 G6, 1 G5

The Year 11 cohort that have just departed had an excellent attitude to school and the right work ethic. It should be reassuring to all parents that your child can achieve such superb results when pupils, staff and parents work together. High standards of achievement at Broughton are due in no small part to **excellent attendance**. Our final figure for **2018-19 was 96.8%**. This is exceptionally high and can I thank all parents for being so supportive throughout the year. The main legitimate reason for absence is illness. **I do not authorise absence for holidays in school time. If a pupil is absent for holidays, this will result in an unauthorised absence on their school record.** If you are in any doubt about holiday dates, please refer to the school website before you book, or simply ring school. The holiday pattern does change from year to year, so it is always worth checking. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Punctuality is equally important and we expect every pupil to be on the school site ready for an 8.40am start. As all pupils know, if anybody is late for school they will be in a detention on the same day at break.



Like you, we have high expectations in so many areas. **We expect all pupils to wear the correct uniform smartly at all times.** Ties should be knotted correctly and go to the waistband of trousers or skirts. Shirts should be tucked in at all times. **Skirts should be the correct knee length. Shoes must be plain black (no trainers).** Outdoor coats should be plain black or blue and must never be worn around school. They are to be stored in a bag or a locker. We do not allow coats or hooded tops with motifs or emblems, or jewellery (apart from plain studded earrings). All uniform can be purchased from **Monkhouse Schoolwear** (Preston) or from **The Uniform and Leisurewear Company** (Garstang). To place an order you can either visit the shop, telephone, or order from the website as both suppliers offer an online ordering service.

- **Monkhouse Schoolwear:** Fishergate Shopping Centre, Preston, PR1 2NJ
www.monkhouse.com or tel: 01772 259586
- **The Uniform and Leisurewear Company:** 66 Church Street, Garstang, PR3 1YA
www.ualonline.com or tel: 01995 605010



If you have **any queries regarding Broughton uniform, please contact Mrs Dumbell**, (tel: **01772 863849** or via email on dumbellr@broughtonhigh.co.uk).

We continue to self-manage our own kitchens. Meals are competitively priced, locally sourced and we can be responsive to the food requests of pupils whilst still complying with national healthy food standard requirements. **A hot meal, dessert and a drink costs £2.30** which represents excellent value for money. You can also pay for school meals online, as well as checking what your sons/daughters have been eating by using our cashless system. If you have any enquiries about this or Parent Pay, please contact **Mrs Englishby** (englishbyj@broughtonhigh.co.uk). We do not allow pupils to bring in energy drinks, large bags of crisps, packets of biscuits or extra large bars of chocolate. If we see these items they will be confiscated and you can come to collect them.



Every pupil who cycles to school must wear a helmet. This is compulsory and non-negotiable. As a keen cyclist, I would not conceive of leaving home without wearing a helmet and it is imperative that every youngster must do the same. It is so encouraging to see the number of pupils who routinely cycle to school, but they must do it safely. Any pupil who does not wear a helmet will not be allowed to come to school on their bike.



Thursday 19th September is our Open Evening. School will close at 1.00pm to allow us to prepare for the evening which begins at 6.00pm. I am sure it does not seem that long ago that you were looking around High Schools and deciding which would be the most appropriate for your son or daughter. I hope you have been pleased with Broughton. A reminder that **school is closed to all pupils on Friday 20th September** because it is an INSET day for teachers.

I continue to place a high premium on regular communication between home and school. Teenagers are not always the most forthcoming at telling parents about what is going on at school. **A newsletter will be sent home every Monday** highlighting a range of activities and events. This is usually sent directly to you by email. If we do not have your current email address, please email it to folletta@broughtonhigh.co.uk. Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

One of the main reasons Broughton is so popular with new prospective parents is because of 'word of mouth'. Your endorsement is the best form of publicity for the school and it is very much appreciated. I look forward to meeting many new Year 7 parents at the first **PTFA meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 11th September**. Meetings do not last for more than an hour and you will not leave with any job to do!

As always, if you are happy or unhappy with any aspect of life here at Broughton, please do not hesitate to get in touch. My email address is morrisc@broughtonhigh.co.uk.

Chris Morris, Headteacher

It's a Knockout

On Wednesday 17th July, pupils in Years 7-10 had the opportunity to take part in Graham Fisher's *'It's a Knockout'*. Anyone arriving in school on that morning, looking at the school field, would have been amazed at the transformation. The grass had been replaced by a mass of colours as the 'It's a Knockout team' had spent the evening before setting up an array of multi-coloured, fun-looking challenges. Pupils were organised into teams and they had to overcome several obstacle courses. This was not as simple as it looked as they also faced litres of water coming at them from all directions. Every participant accepted the challenges with a smile on their face and a determination not to let their team down. The whole experience was a great success. All the pupils and teachers who participated fully enjoyed the day. A big thank you to Graham Fisher and his team who ran the event extremely professionally.



PTFA

Annual General Meeting

All welcome

6.30pm

Wednesday

11th September 2019

Late Bus Service (403)

A late bus service will operate allowing pupils to stay late to complete school work or participate in activities after school.

The bus will **depart from school at 4.25pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**

60p per pupil per journey. Pupils are able to use their bus passes and return tickets.

Further details regarding the bus route is attached to this newsletter.



Austria Summer Sports Trip

At the start of the summer holidays, forty pupils embarked on an outdoor adventurous trip to the stunning Zell Am See area in Austria. They experienced a number of activities, including paddle-boarding, kayaking, white-water rafting, biking, hiking and even sledging on top of the Kitzsteinhorn glacier, over 3000 metres up. The hotel, which was perfectly situated on the edge of the lake, also had a sports complex right behind which the pupils were able to take advantage of each evening.



During the week, pupils were also treated to pre-season football game on the pitch, involving Watford and Bayer Leverkusen. It was quite surreal watching premier league players from our own balcony! I have to say, the pupils were superb throughout, embracing every activity undertaken. Many memories were made, many fears overcome and lasting friendships cemented - a fantastic trip.



A special thank you must also go to the staff, who worked hard to ensure the pupils had a great time (including sitting in corridors to ensure they went to bed on time): Mrs Bishop, Mr Marquis and Mr Ellis.

Mr Bailey

Year 7 Summer Enterprise Fair

The Year 7 Summer Enterprise Fair was held on Tuesday 16th July and was a fantastic event with over thirty stalls and over eighty stallholders from 7C, 7H and 7R. The event was visited by the rest of the school and was extremely busy.

Each group of pupils decided on their idea, then planned and organised all of their own resources to make their fantastic stalls happen. Most groups managed to break-even, which is an achievement in itself. There were a number of stalls that took over £50 in revenue; **Castle Ice Lollies**, owned and run by **Oliver Davis, Samuel Hughes** and **Oliver Wilcock** in 7B, made a huge profit of **£54.28**.

Well done to all of the Year 7 stallholders. You were highly organised and worked extremely hard to prepare for the event.



Castle Ice Lollies
Oliver Davis, Sam Hughes
and Oliver Wilcock (7B)



The attention to detail given by the stallholders was particularly memorable and impressive this year.

Mrs Donleavy



All peripatetic music lessons and ensembles will start from Monday 9th September

The London College of Music Examinations Pianoforte Pre-Preparatory Exams

At Broughton, many musicians will take exams with the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. To help them prepare for their first ever grade, pupils are offered the chance to sit a pre-preparatory exam. Below are names of pupils who were successful in passing their exam on the piano.



Anna Stonecliffe
Pollyanna Rostron
Victoria Latham
Isaac Watson
McKenzie Baker

Distinction (99/100 marks)
Distinction (99/100 marks)
Distinction (98/100 marks)
Distinction (98/100 marks)
Distinction (98/100 marks)

next level up from pre preparatory

The Associated Board of The Royal Schools of Music

ABRSM exams are a worldwide music qualification recognised by all major colleges and universities as an excellent achievement. Examiners travel as far as Hong Kong and Australia examining instrumentalists and singers. Grades range from 1-8 with grade 8 being the highest. Marks are out of 150 and pupils can pass with merits or distinctions. Not many students leave secondary school with grade 8 in either practical or theory exams. Congratulations to the pupils listed below for passing exams recently.

Lola Kopydlowski	Grade 5	Alto Saxophone	Pass
Eleanor Noblet	Grade 5	Alto Saxophone	Pass
Megan Sloan	Grade 5	Theory	Merit
Erin Kopydlowski	Grade 3	Alto Saxophone	Merit
Jessica Anderson	Grade 3	Singing	Pass
Niamh Atwal-Weir	Grade 2	Alto Saxophone	Pass
Rebecca Hollins	Grade 1	Singing	Merit
Grace Jemson	Grade 1	Piano	Pass
Anna Lenton	Grade 1	Singing	Pass
Alfie Lowe	Grade 1	Trumpet	Merit
Freya Nunn	Grade 1	Singing	Pass

Lancashire Youth Symphony Orchestra - Joshua Cartwright (11S)

Towards the end of last term, **Joshua Cartwright** auditioned for the Lancashire Youth Symphony Orchestra (LYSO) (which is a step-up from the Lancashire Schools' Symphony Orchestra (LSSO)) and was granted a place based on the strength of his playing and his audition interview. Many congratulations to Joshua; we wish him every success.

We are so fortunate to have such talented musicians and committed, enthusiastic parents. Music is a real strength at Broughton.

Mr Shepherd



You are warmly invited to attend our

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 19th September 2019

6pm – 9pm

Headteacher's Address:
6.15pm 7.15pm 8.15pm

For more information, please visit our website
www.broughtonhigh.co.uk
or telephone 01772 863849

You are also invited to see the school on a normal working day by coming along to our **Open Day** on **Monday 23rd September 2019** at the following times:
9.30am, 11.30am and 2.00pm

Charity Cycle Ride London to Brussels

The parents of two Broughton pupils are currently undertaking a charity cycle ride to raise money for the food bank at Preston's Salvation Army.

Rachelle Callaghan (mother of **Alfie, 8N**) and **Rebecca Hewitson** (mother of **Ruby, 10B**) are cycling to Belgium via Harwich, Hook of Holland, Amsterdam, Breda and finally Brussels. They set off from London on the morning of Wednesday 4th September and expect to arrive in Brussels on Saturday 7th September.

They are raising money for the food bank at Preston's Salvation Army as during the school holidays the supplies run desperately low and they are in dire need of help. Rachelle and Rebecca are trying to raise £4000 between them.

Further details can be found on Facebook (page ref. The 'It was all Callaghan's Idea' Tour 2019).

Should you wish to donate, their JustGiving pages are:
<http://www.justgiving.com/Rachelle-Callaghan>
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rebecca Hewitson>



Sponsored Jump for Dementia UK

Congratulations to ex pupil, **Jack Fullerton**, who completed a sponsored jump during the Summer holidays. Jack raised over £600 for Dementia UK.

Jack left Broughton in Summer 2019 and is going onto Blackpool and Fylde College to study Motorsports Engineering.





LATE BUS SERVICE

The late bus service allows pupils to stay late to complete school work, or participate in after school activities.

The **403 late bus service** from Broughton High School to Longsands, Anderton Arms travelling through Fulwood leaves the school premises at 4.25pm on **Mondays, Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** at a charge of **60p** per student per journey.

The only area served by the school not covered by the service is Goosnargh. A bus leaves from outside school at 15.20 to Goosnargh.

The route of the bus is:

From Broughton High School via Woodplumpton Lane, Whittle Hill, Woodplumpton Village, Tabley Lane, Nog Tow, Tom Benson Way, Merry Trees Lane, Cottam, Cottam Way, Tom Benson Way, Tanterton Hall Road, Tag Lane, Woodplumpton Road, Cadley Causeway, Black Bull Lane, Sharoe Green Lane, Sherwood Way, Eastway, Longsands Lane to Longsands, Anderton Arms.

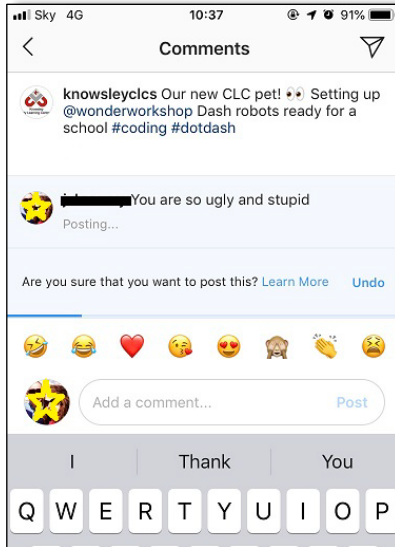
Broughton High School	16.25	Fulwood, Leisure Centre	17.02
Woodplumpton, Whittle Green	16.35	Black Bull	17.04
Nog Tow	16.40	Sharoe Green Lane, Booths	17.07
Wychnor, Turning Circle	16.45	Sherwood Way	17.10
Cottam, Ancient Oak	16.50	Longsands, Anderton Arms	17.17
Ingol, Cottam Avenue	16.57		

Headteacher: Mr Chris Morris

Online Safety Newsletter: September 2019

Instagram: new anti-bullying tool

Instagram is now using Artificial Intelligence to recognise when a message being typed is one that would quite often be reported as inappropriate so a user might try to send a comment "you are so ugly," but a message appears saying 'Are you sure that you would like to post this?' with the option to learn more or undo. The feature has been designed to encourage more positive interactions on Instagram. Discuss this with your children and explain what it's there for. Further information is available here: <https://instagram-press.com/blog/2019/07/08/our-commitment-to-lead-the-fight-against-online-bullying/>



Childnet answer parents most frequently asked questions about Instagram here:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/answering-parents-most-frequently-asked-questions-about-instagram>

What is clickjacking?

Where somebody maliciously tricks a user into clicking on a link which could result in downloading malware or sharing confidential information. Find out more here: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/clickjacking/>

What is skin gambling?

Skins are virtual items in games that can be won or purchased and are used to customise weapons. There are websites that let players gamble their skins. Find out more here: <https://parentinfo.org/article/skin-gambling-what-parents-should-know>

Games to play as a family

It is important to take an active role in your child's online life and playing games online with them is a great way to do this whilst demonstrating to your child good gaming habits. Internet Matters have compiled this list of games that you could play together based on your child's age.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/amazing-video-games-guide-for-families/>

In app purchases

Lots of apps/games are free to download/access but then contain in app purchases.

To prevent purchasing on your child's iPhone or iPad follow these instructions:

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT204396>

To prevent purchasing through Google Play follow these instructions:

<https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1626831>

PEGI ratings explained

If you see this rating on a game then it means the game contains bad language. This descriptor can be found on games with a PEGI 12 (mild swearing), PEGI 16 (e.g. sexual expletives or blasphemy) or PEGI 18 rating (e.g. sexual expletives or blasphemy).



Sky Broadband Buddy

Do you use Sky Broadband? If so, this app allows you to manage each screen in your home. The app allows you to create different filters i.e. PG, 13 or 18 so they don't see something that they shouldn't. It allows you to set Time Limits, schedule Off Time as well as view what each member has been doing online. Further information is available here:

<https://www.sky.com/help/diagnostics/sky-broadband-buddy/sky-broadband-buddy>

Fortnite (Rated PEGI 12)

Fortnite is still very popular with lots of young people. **It is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.** It is important to bear in mind that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the chat features of a game which Fortnite does include.

What do you need to be aware of?

Chat functionality:

Fortnite contains voice and text chat which can contain inappropriate language. You can turn the voice chat off but **not the text chat**. To turn voice chat off, go to Settings, Audio and switch to off. As always, show your child how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour (they can use the in-game feedback tool in the main menu, more information can be found here: <https://epicgames.helpshift.com/a/fortnite/>) and ensure that they know that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns.

In app purchases:

All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your credit card details.

We always recommend playing the game with your child so you can see what they are playing and monitor the sort of chat that they are listening to/contributing to.

For further information about Fortnite, Parentzone have produced this great article:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite-everything-you-need-know-about-online-game>



Using Google Play store

Does your child use the Google Play store? If so, have you set up appropriate parental controls? Parental controls allow you to restrict content based on your child's maturity level so you can set up parental controls for e.g. apps, games and TV shows to prevent your child from downloading items that are above the rating that you set. Further information is available here:

<https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738?hl=en-GB>



P.T.F.A

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 11th September 2019

at 6.30pm

AGENDA

Headteacher to Chair AGM

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Election of Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary/Treasurer
4. New for 2019-20
5. Sponsored Walk - Canopy
6. Open Evening
7. Financial Report
8. PTFA Programme 2019-20
9. School/Parental Issues