BROUGHTON

HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

A new week, a new set of challenges. Hope you are all still fit, healthy and remaining positive. Life goes on as we all adapt to the constraints and changes in our daily routines as a consequence of COVID-19. Here at Broughton we are still open to sons/daughters of key workers, with approximately ten pupils every day.

We are busy planning and improving ready for the pupils' return. Last week the first project was completed; the extension of the English yard and the widening of the walkway between the 'kiosk' yard and 'English' yard.







Other projects this Summer include:

- refurbishment of the kitchen in the Senior Block
- installation of **new toilets** in the Sports Hall
- removal of the obsolete gymnasium equipment (remember Pirates?)
- installation of mirrors to create a dance studio in the gym
- improvements to the PE store
- further resurfacing of car parking areas
- new electronic, interactive boards in all Maths rooms
- new 'high tech, high spec' laser cutter in Design Technology

We have also installed a **thermal temperature camera** to check the temperature of every pupil and every member of staff at the beginning of each day. This will enable us to identify anybody with a high temperature, which is one of the symptoms of COVID-19.







We shall be writing **end of year school reports for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9** (Years 10 and 11 have already had theirs). However, we shall not be sending home paper copies, but instead **reports will be available using the Parents' Firefly app only**. If you have not already downloaded the app, please see the attached details regarding how to do this.

As you are aware, the Government has indicated that it expects there should be some 'face to face' education from 15th June for Year 10 pupils only. However, currently Lancashire County Council is advising schools in the county NOT to open to more pupils, but instead to continue with the current arrangements. This is because in LCC's assessment, they do not currently meet all five of the government's tests in Lancashire which would allow this decision to be taken safely. LCC will regularly review the situation and provide further advice so that they can advise schools to open to more pupils as soon as they judge it safe to do so.

Lancashire County Council advice to schools on reopening to more pupils

"Locally, we are currently able to meet the requirements of the first three tests; however, we do not meet the requirements of the final two tests. The test and trace programme is not at a state of readiness to respond to COVID-19 community setting outbreaks in a timely manner, which poses a risk to school environments. Furthermore, we are not confident that adjustments to the current measures of the lockdown policy will not risk a second peak of infections locally. Consequently, our advice to schools is not to re-open to more pupils on 1st June, but to continue with their current support systems that are in place. The safety and wellbeing of children, their families, and school staff outweigh the benefits of opening school on 1st June. Schools will be kept well informed on a regular basis from the Director for Public Health in Lancashire and Lancashire County Council. We will regularly review the situation and provide further advice so that schools can re-open as soon as it is safe to do so."

Dr Sakthi Karunathini Director of Public Health and Wellbeing Lancashire County Council

This decision was reviewed today (8th June) and the updated guidance is that schools should **not** welcome more pupils. This advice will be reviewed again on Monday 15th June. So, the **very earliest the school will be open to Year 10 pupils is Monday 22nd June**, **as long as it is deemed safe to do so**. We plan for **every Year 10 pupil to be in school** for one day (the same day) each week. Detailed arrangements will be communicated to you once an opening date has been confirmed.

As always, if you need to contact me about any issue, please do not hesitate to get in touch. My email address is morrisc@broughtonhigh.co.uk.

Chris Morris, Headteacher

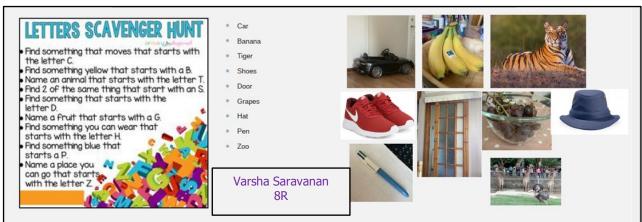
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Year 8 Scavenger Hunt

Year 8 had been set the task of a Letter Scavenger Hunt over half term, requiring pupils to hunt high and low to find the answers. Well done to all those that took part. These are some of the fantastic answers I received.







Excellent work from pupils in 10R





Jay Chauhan has been effectively using his time to learn new software with his 90 day free trial of affinity.

https://affinity.serif.com/en-gb/90-day-affinity-trial/

Jay's excellent work included a movie poster, on affinity designer, for a film he created.



Charlotte Chan-Wenske recently demonstrated how creative she is. Charlotte made a doll and also a monkey as a gift for her cousin who was turning 7, which is currently in the mail on the way to Singapore.





Crocheting

Charlotte has also been working on a bigger project with her crochet. She made a drawstring backpack, inspired by Nintendo's Animal Crossing bell bag. 'Bells' are the game's form of currency and once past a certain amount of money, they are put into bags. Charlotte made the majority of the components used all by hand. She said, "I crocheted the star, cords, front and back panels, stitched these together and sewed the inside lining separately before attaching to the bag. It is fully functioning and something which I am very proud of having made."









Over the past few weeks, **Liyaa Akbar** has been volunteering with Fulwood Food Bank on Saturdays.

The Food Bank delivers food to people in need (they help people/families all throughout Preston, not just Fulwood). They are a volunteer-run organisation working purely off donations delivering parcels with basic necessities, like food and water.

Liyaa said, "The charity is very professional, efficient and successful in the way they run ... even the mayor visited last Saturday. I made a carrot cake which I am proud of and it tastes delicious."



Miss Duckworth

















Excellence in Art



Year 7 artists have been creating mini scrap sculptures of man-made objects inspired by Designer: Lydia Ricci/

Six excellent responses are shown below.

Ms Smith

Cameron Whalley



Emily Shaw



Mae Thompson

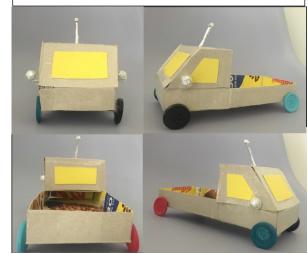


Y7 Man-made objects:
Mini Scrap Sculptures Project





Elizabeth Smyth



Patrick Yates



William Yates





Go Wild!



It's not too late to sign up for **30 Days Wild!** Here's the link: https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/57739/petition/1

It's not as challenging as it sounds! My 30 Days so far have looked like this:

Day One: Went for a walk.

Day Two: Watched a spider lower itself on its thread, then looked up 'spinnerets' online.

Day Three: Walked barefoot on the grass after the rain.

Day Four: Counted the baby blue tits in the nesting-box. (Seven – just about ready to leave the nest!)

Go on – give it a go!

Miss Winter

Year 11 BTEC Level 1 Construction



Congratulations to Year 11 pupils **Kian Booth**, **Dylan Lawrenson** and **Lewis Nicholson** who have all successfully completed the **BTEC Level 1 in Construction** delivered by our colleagues at Preston Vocational Centre. The boys have attended PVC for one afternoon per week over the last two years and developed skills in brickwork, plastering, joinery, plumbing and painting and decorating.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible for the annual Awards Evening to be held at Preston Vocational Centre this July, but the boys will receive their certificates in due course. We are delighted that **Dylan** has won a **special award** for **'Outstanding Achievement in Brickwork'**. Well done to Kian, Dylan and Lewis.

Mr Church

Food Technology

Congratulations to the following pupils for achieving their Cooking Awards last week.

The standard and range of food products have been superb.

Keep cooking.



Bronze Award

Yahya Aribi Sam Judge Jo Eskdale-Lord



Silver Award

Isaac Watson Ellis Goodwin



Gold Award

Mrs Newton

Year 9 Flying Start GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition

Year 9 pupils rose to the challenge of planning and preparing a healthy "Food Fakeaway" and completing a nutritional analysis of their product. Dishes ranged from Samosas to Stir Fry Chicken Curry. Examples are highlighted here.

Well done to all the Year 9 Food pupils; I am looking forward to future creative dishes.



Grace Kellett

Eva Jones







Mrs Newton

Library News

First News



As you may be aware, the Library subscribes to '**First News**' children's newspaper. As pupils are no longer able to read the physical copy in the library, First News has kindly made digital copies available to us. Containing lots of great articles, competitions and quizzes, you can find the most recent edition downloaded on the LRC firefly page.

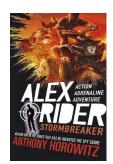
British Library - Discovering Children's Books

The British library currently has a fantastic free online resource for children's books lovers, young and old. You can explore a huge array of children's literature on a range of themes: **'changing the world'**,' **'morals and mischief'** and **'magic and fantasy'** to name but a few. There are a host of author and illustrator masterclasses, interviews and activities designed to inspire your child's creativity and encourage them to create stories of their own. There really is something for everyone. After all, who does not want to know how to draw a Gruffalo? Follow the following link for more details:

https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books

Alex Rider

For those of you with access to Amazon Prime, the popular Alex Rider series by Antony Horowitz is being brought to life in a new TV series (starting 4th June) so, if you are trying to encourage your child to read more and they haven't read the books, now might be the ideal opportunity to start. Pupils will also be able to find the book series in the school library when school reopens and on Borrowbox -the Lancashire library free e-book lending service. You can catch Anthony Horowitz, the best-selling author of the series, reading



`Stormbreaker' the first book in the series on the Alex Rider you tube channel by following this link:

https://www.youtube.com/user/alexriderinsider

Dream Big Festival 8-14th June

Puffin children's book publishers will be celebrating its 80th birthday by hosting a week long book festival on its YouTube and Facebook channels. Sessions include: story time with **Jacqueline Wilson**, solving a crime with **Robin Stevens** (author of the **Murder Most Unladylike** series), and an exclusive tour of the '**Wimpy Kid**' studio. Please follow this link for details: https://www.penguin.co.uk/puffin/dream-big.html

Remember, lots of your favourite authors and illustrators are providing content for you to engage with online whilst you are learning from home. It is always worth having a look to see what is out there. Please do also keep an eye on the **LRC section of Firefly**. I will be posting more reading lists (including what to read after Wimpy Kid!) and book reviews this week. A new **'Story Book Island'** quiz is also coming soon. Please send in details of any 'Booky' activities you take part in. It is always great to see what you have been reading/creating and feature it in the newsletter.

'A book is a dream that you hold in your hands'-Neil Gaiman

Student App for Firefly

To help you with tasks, homework and learning resources we are launching the student app for Firefly.

We would like **all students** to download the app onto their phone or device to make working at home as easy as possible.

Steps are to **download the app**, **turn on notifications** and use the pass code 'Broughton'.

The app is available on Google store and the Apple app store.

You should then be able to use your normal school log in to compete the process.

If you need help please click on the link below:

https://helpcentre.Fireflylearning.com/project-leads/planning-the-apps/students-appoverview-documentation

TIP - If you have the app you can send photos from your phone to your teacher to evidence any work you have completed at home.



Parent App for Firefly

To help you see the tasks, homework and messages for your child in school we are launching the parent app for Firefly.

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Please use your **registered email** you have with school to set up the app when prompted (this links the app to your child).

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