# BROUGHTON

# HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter No 4

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Dear Parents,

Last week's Open Evening and today's Open Day were hugely successful events and we estimate that approximately 1,000 people came to look at our school. Quite rightly, your sons and daughters were the 'stars of the show' and they represented all that is best in a Broughton pupil. Every single ambassador was well-informed, polite, enthusiastic and smartly dressed. All teachers were grateful for their help, support and participation in the various activities. Niamh Fisher and Toby Porter (Year 8) each gave a speech as part of my presentation to parents. Their contributions were assured, highly informative and of considerable interest to everyone in the audience. A special mention to all the Year 11 prefects who acted as our car park attendants, as well as guides, during the Open Evening and Year 9 pupils who acted as guides throughout Open Day.



This week I shall be delivering a series of assemblies on the topic of derogatory/inappropriate language. To

begin with I question the proverb, 'Sticks and Stones may break my bones, but



words will never hurt me', because as we all know, an unpleasant, personal phrase directed at someone can be deeply offensive. As a school, we do not disablist, accept sexist, homophobic, terminology as "banter" or "only joking". Any words or phrases which are designed to cause harm, distress or upset are completely unacceptable. Any Be careful with your words. Once they are said, they can only be forgiven not forgotten.

pupil using such derogatory language will be sanctioned and the incident(s) recorded for you to see on ClassCharts. We shall also intervene if we hear swearing or bad language. We want all our pupils to learn and live in a safe, happy and supportive environment, free from any abuse: it is a fundamental right in society.

Thank you for your support with uniform. Your sons/daughters look extremely smart and their appearance



creates such a good impression. I am sure they all leave home impeccably dressed. However, on their way 'garment re-arrangement' occasionally happens, usually involving girls' skirts! A number of our girls are 'rolling over' their waistband to make the skirt length shorter (something you never did when you were at school!) All the girls have been told this is not acceptable and they will receive a detention if they are spotted with their skirt rolled over. If your daughter's skirt is too short, please buy another one to the correct knee length. If any girl repeatedly comes to school in a skirt which is too short, she will have to wear one of our



skirts. Thank you for your cooperation and help with this matter.

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** 

#### **Late Bus**

The late bus will operate on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at a charge of 60p per pupil per journey. Pupils are able to use their bus passes and return tickets.



The service will depart from Broughton at 4.25pm allowing pupils to participate in

### **Open Evening 2019**

It was another very busy Open Evening at Broughton High School. Last Thursday, all Departments had wonderful displays of our pupils' excellent work and members of staff talked to prospective pupils and their parents.

























We look forward to welcoming many of the boys and girls, who visited us on Thursday evening, to Broughton as new Year 7 pupils in September 2020.

# **Hip Hop Dance - Success for Zara Shamsuddin**

I was delighted to receive an email last week from the parent of **Zara Shamsuddin** (10S), highlighting Zara's recent achievements at a Hip Hop Street Dance championship event which was held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September in Manchester. Zara came **first in the solo routine** and gained **first place for freestyle** and **first place in the team routine**. Zara enjoys dancing in school and out of school she competes with her team mates from Preston Dance School 'Dance with Passion'. Very well done, Zara.

**Mr Morris** 

#### **Extra-Curricular Activities 2019**

**Get Involved!** 

Our Freshers' Fair was held today and pupils had the opportunity to sign up to the numerous extra-curricular activities that are on offer. The Sports Hall was filled with stalls and we hope that your son/daughter signed up for some activities. We strongly believe that the more pupils are involved in school life, the more they achieve. A late bus is provided every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, leaving school at 4.25pm, enabling pupils to participate in the after school activities.











### **School Trips**

Please see below a list of trips likely to go ahead in 2019-20, based on the programme held in 2018-19. Note that all costs reflect 2018/19 prices and are currently approximate figures for this academic year.

Trip	Duration	Approx. Cost	When	Organiser	Year Groups
German Christmas Markets	4 days/nights	£350	Dec 2019	Mrs Hendey	8-10
D of E Practice Expedition	2 days/nights	£60	March 2020	Mr Lowe	10
German Exchange	7 days/nights	£450	March 2020	Mrs Burke	9
Paris Trip	4 days/nights	£620	March 2020	Mrs Higham	10
D of E Final Expedition	2 days/nights	£60	June 2020	Mr Lowe	10
Year 7 French Chateau Visit	3 days/nights	£220	June 2020	Mrs Higham	7
Music Trip to Austria	6 nights	£600	July 2020	Mr Shepherd	Mixed

#### **School Meals**

Meals are competitively priced and locally sourced. A 'meal deal' comprising a hot meal, dessert and a drink costs £2.30, which represents excellent value for money.

You can pay for school meals online, as well as check what your sons/daughters have been eating, using our cashless system.



# Learn it

### **Current Affairs**

- 1. **The Rugby World Cup** is being played in **Japan.**
- 2. **Tokyo** is the capital city of **Japan.**
- 3. The **Yen** is the currency used in Japan.
- 4. **David Cameron**, the former **PM**, has just published his **autobiography**.
- 5. **Rutland** is currently the only county in England without a McDonald's.
- 6. The government plans to test all **Year 4** pupils on their **12 times tables.**
- 7. **Firefly** is Broughton's Virtual Learning Environment.
- 8. **1** Pound Sterling = **1.13** Euro\* (\*subject to daily change)
- 9. All three main political parties will be involved in a major **conference.**
- 10. Aldi's profits for the last 12 months fell.

# Word of the Week

# CASCADE - noun/ verb

Rapid downward pour/ something passed on or down

# **Examples:**

Her hair was arranged in a cascade of curls.

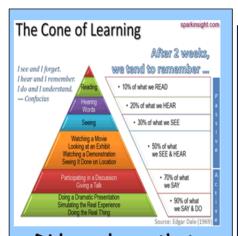
The water cascades over the rocks.





Revision Techniques

Active revision is the key!
Reading through notes is
not good enough.



Did you know that creating things dramatically helps your memory and retention skills?

# <u>Mnemonics</u>

You can use Mnemonics to help improve spelling.

# <u>Eg.</u>

Because : Big elephants can always understand small elephants.

Parliament : People and royalty like ice cream and milkshake every night together.

Necessary: Never eat crisps, eat salad sandwiches and remain young.

# Year 11 GCSE River Study Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Three groups of Year 11 Geographers recently completed the fieldwork element of their GCSE. We began our journey near the source of the River Wyre and visited four contrasting sites. We measured river width, depth and velocity as well as measuring a random selection of rocks to investigate the impact of erosion. All pupils came prepared and were ready to get into the water. We were even fortunate with the weather two out of the three days!





Particular thanks go to the staff who helped on these visits - Mr Lord, Mrs Meakin, Mr Wallace and Miss Cowell.















