



4th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Year 11 pupils have started their assessments today which will help to finalise the GCSE grades which they will be awarded on the 12th August. It has been a very challenging time for all of our pupils as a result of lockdown and various periods of isolation for some pupils. However, having spoken to a significant number of Year 11 pupils last week, there is a genuine feeling of positivity and preparedness (as well as some nerves) for the assessments that will be taken over the next 4 weeks. I am sure you will join me in wishing all our Year 11 pupils the very best of luck over the next few weeks. As yet, we still have no official leaving date for Year 11. I will let parents know as soon as we have clear guidance on this.

Our end of year exams are fast approaching for Years 7-10. Over the next few weeks we will be providing all pupils with a revision plan and a timetable along with a simple planner for them to organise their revision time efficiently. I found that sitting with my own children to plan their revision period and agreeing some 'house rules' in advance about revision was extremely productive. Simple things such as turning off mobile phones during revision to avoid distraction and taking regular breaks can significantly help with concentration and retention. Teachers will be sharing ideas about the most effective ways to revise with pupils over the next few weeks.

Thank you to our Year 9 parents for your active participation in the virtual parents' evening held on Thursday last week. Virtual attendance was over 90% for this very important event and I know from a number of positive emails that I have received that you found the feedback on your son/daughter's progress extremely valuable. Year 10 Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 13th May.

It was wonderful to see so many activities on offer after school last week for our pupils. From Year 7 football club to Year 10 academic mentoring in the library. As Covid restrictions slowly start to be lifted, we will publish in the newsletter which clubs are on and which day they will be held. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend these clubs and activities when they are on offer.

I have received a number of emails from members of the public who are concerned for the safety of our pupils who make their way to and from school at the start and end of the day. If your child cycles to school they must wear a fastened helmet all the way to school, and all the way home, for their own safety. For obvious reasons they must not use their mobile phones whilst cycling or allow other pupils to ride on their handlebars. Please can I also remind you to be mindful of our local residents when picking up and dropping off pupils and also to be aware of the two hundred plus cyclists that make their way to school every day.

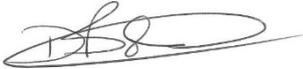
Headteacher: Mr David Botes

Thank you again for your support in ensuring that the boys and girls who attend Broughton High School wear their uniform correctly. There was a significant improvement in the wearing of our uniform last week and I am aware there are still a number of uniform items on order. I met with our uniform suppliers last week who assured me that all uniform requirements will be met going forwards. I really appreciate your efforts on this matter. If you have any concerns or issues regarding uniform please contact your child's Progress Leader.

I hope you all managed to have an enjoyable extended weekend over the Bank Holiday.

If you need to contact me about any aspects of school life, however trivial, please do not hesitate to get in touch. My email address is botesd@broughtonhigh.co.uk.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr David Botes
Headteacher

Eid

We are aware that a number of pupils are fasting for Ramadan and we respect your desire to celebrate Eid at the end of this period. However, **please note that school policy is to allow one day as an authorised absence for a religious festival, any additional days' absence will be recorded as unauthorised.**

In order to avoid a phone call disturbing your celebration, **please will you notify the Attendance Administrator, Mrs Brocklehurst, of any absence as soon as possible** (tel: 01772 863849 ext 208 or e-mail brocklehurstb@broughtonhigh.co.uk). Please note the Attendance Line, option 1 on the school phone number 01772 863849, is also available 24 hours should you wish to leave a message. As usual this should be followed up with a note stating the reason as a religious occasion to confirm the days' absence.

Late Bus

The late bus will operate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 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.



Year 7 Competition

To celebrate our **READ TO LEAD** campaign we are launching a **YEAR 7 competition** based on the first book received **'YOU ARE AWESOME'**.



The book is filled with colourful, interesting and informative illustrations. We are asking our Year 7s to think about the parts of the book which they have found the most helpful, the most interesting or that they have identified with the most and come up with their own illustration for their chosen text.

Entries should be no larger than A4 size and can be in any format e.g. painting, drawing, photograph etc. Pupils should think about the style of their illustrations, look at the colours used in the book and think about why these have been chosen. Entrants can either chose to follow the same style or choose their own. We are hoping to make a colourful, positive and inspiring display with all the entries, so encourage you to be as creative as possible.

All entries should be brought/mailed to the library by the end of this half term. ClassCharts points for all submissions and **prizes** for the entries judged to be the most effective. Good luck Year 7, we cannot wait to see what you come up with.

Mrs Whitlock

IMPORTANT DATES – SUMMER TERM 2021

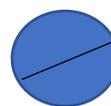
Year 11 Assessments	Tuesday 4 th May - Friday 28 th May
Year 7 Review 2 - Published on Firefly	Monday 10 th May
Year 8 Review 2 - Published on Firefly	Monday 10 th May
Year 9 – Completion of Options Form	Thursday 13 th May
Year 10 Parents' Evening (Virtual)	Thursday 13 th May
Year 7 Examinations	Monday 24 th May - Friday 28 th May
School closes for Half Term	Friday 28 th May
School re-opens	Monday 7 th June
Year 8 Examinations	Monday 7 th June - Friday 11 th June
Year 9 Examinations	Monday 7 th June – Friday 18 th June
Year 10 Examinations	Monday 7 th June - Friday 25 th June

1. Scissors that have a zig zag edge to help prevent fraying are called **pinking shears**.
2. A **1.5cm seam allowance** is the safe distance to sew from the edge of the fabric to ensure your stitching is secure.
3. The **presser foot** on the sewing machine has to be lowered gently before you begin to sew.
4. When fabric scissors are used to cut paper, it **blunts** the blade.
5. To ensure that all seams are on the inside of a product, you must sew with **'right sides' together**.
6. **Pinning** is when you join fabrics together in a temporary way using pins so they do not move when sewing.
7. You should insert your pins at a **90 degree** angle to the edge of the fabric.
8. **'Fish Tail'** is a style of fitted dress which flares out from the knee.
9. **Applique** is the term used to sew different decorative pieces of fabric together to give a creative finish.
10. The two key directions of thread that are woven together to make a piece of fabric are called **warp and weft**.

LEARN THEM!

Test on Wednesday 5th May

1. Powers. Any number to the power of zero is **1**. $5^0=1, n^0=1$
2. A **random sample** is where every member of the population has an equal chance of being picked.
3. Surface Area of a cylinder = $2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh$ where r is the radius and h is the height of the cylinder.
4. A chord is line that goes between two points on the circumference of the circle. A special chord which **cuts through the centre is a diameter**.
5. Percentage Profit = $\frac{\text{Actual profit}}{\text{Original amount}} \times 100$
6. The area of a trapezium = $\frac{1}{2}h(a+b)$ where a and b are the parallel sides and h is the perpendicular distance between them.
7. $A \cap B$ means **A intersect B so it is the overlap of the two sets**.
8. $A \cup B$ means **A Union B so it is everything contained in both sets**.
9. \mathcal{E} is **the Universal set** so it is everything inside the rectangle.
10. A' means **everything outside the set A** (but still inside the universal set).



Test on Wednesday 5th May

Fine Artist



Variable



39-41 hours per week (freelance)



You'll need a high level of skill and talent in your chosen art form. To develop these skills, you could train by doing a degree in Fine Art or a related subject. To do a degree you will usually need 2-3 A levels and 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A*-C). Volunteering with community arts projects can open up possibilities and extend your network of contacts, which could be useful for finding work. You can also be self taught you may be able sell your work without formal training or qualifications.



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Solicitor



£25,000 - £100,000



Typical hours - 37 to 50 (a week)

You can get into this job through a university course, an apprenticeship or working towards this role.

In order to qualify, you could do a law degree, then complete the postgraduate Legal Practice Course or do a non-law degree followed by the Common Professional Examination or Graduate Diploma in Law

You could do a solicitor degree apprenticeship to qualify as a solicitor. This route usually takes around 5 years and you'll need your employer's support to do it.

You could start with a legal firm and do on-the-job training like the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEX) Level 6 Professional Diploma in Higher Law and Practice.



Elizabeth Lone -
first woman appointed as a judge in
the County Court, and the first
female High Court judge in England.

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Year 11 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition

Practical Assessment

It is that time of year when the Year 11 Food pupils can showcase all their skills and knowledge in their practical assessment. This year is no exception with pupils completing their tasks to the highest standard. The two briefs were either a Brunch task or a Picnic in a Park theme. Pupils made a wide range of dishes including homemade ice cream, jam, hollandaise sauce, lemon mayonnaise, breakfast pastries and breads. A small selection is highlighted below.

I am so proud of your achievements Year 11. Well done!

Mrs Newton



Year 11 Hospitality and Catering Award

Practical Assessment

The pupils excelled themselves by planning and preparing a traditional British dish using local ingredients. The assessment was carried out in a professional manner with the highest standards of food preparation skills and hygiene being applied. A small selection is highlighted below.

**I am so proud of your positive approach Year 11; professional throughout.
Well done!**

Mrs Newton



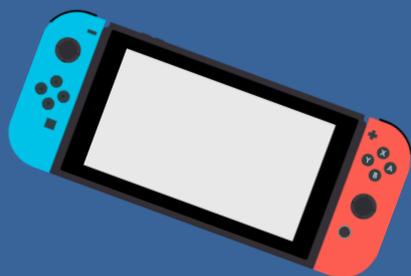
Nintendo Switch

Did you know there is a free Parental Controls app that you can download to your phone to link to your child's Nintendo Switch? You will need to set up a Nintendo account first to use it but then you can:

- view a report to see what video games your child has been playing.
- see how long your child has been playing for and set time limits and what time they can play.
- set which games can be played based on their age rating.
- limit in game communication.
- restrict purchases in the Nintendo eShop.

Further information

- <https://www.nintendo.com/switch/parental-controls/>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/nintendo-switch/>



Snapchat

Snapchat remains a popular app for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** The app has some privacy settings which we would recommend you explore with your child and suggest why certain options are safer, for example, setting your account so only friends (rather than everyone) can see your content.



What should I be aware of?

- **Who is your child friends with** – talk to your child about who they are friends with and why it is safer to be friends with only those they know in real life.
- **Group chats** - in a group chat, there may be people that they're not friends with on the app who can then communicate with them in the group chat, which increases their risk of interacting with strangers.
- **Snap Map** - The map lets users see where friends are. Location sharing via the map is optional and is off by default (we recommend that it remains off).
- **Snapchat streaks** - Streaks count how many consecutive days two people have been sending Snaps to each other, this can increase pressure to respond daily.
- **Inappropriate content** – due to the nature of the app your child may come across content that is inappropriate.
- **Screenshots** – whilst Snaps disappear, users may take screenshots before they do, potentially resulting in them losing control of what they have shared as it could be sent to other people.
- **Bullying** – there is a risk of bullying on all platforms so please ensure your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary.
- <https://snap.com/safety/safety-reporting/>
- <https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/a/remove-block-friends>

Safety tips

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and make sure that they know that they should always talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns. **Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up and your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary.**

- <https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/article/privacy-settings2>

Further information

- Parents' Ultimate Guide to Snapchat:
<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-snapchat>

Snapchat
Safety Centre:
<https://snap.com/en-GB/safety/safety-center>



Houseparty

Houseparty is a face to face (video) social network available as either an app or web version. **You need to be 13+ to create an account**, however, no age verification takes place when you set up an account.

What is Houseparty?

It allows you to video chat with other users (your connections) as well as play in app quizzes and games with each other, it's designed to feel like a house party. Up to 8 people can join each room and you can join several rooms at any one time by swiping across.

How to lock rooms:

Once you are in a video chat (room), your connections and their connections can join the same video chat session regardless of whether you invite them or not **unless** you lock the room. So, if you do not lock the room, then a friend of one of your friends can join that video session. If somebody that isn't your connection is about to join, then you will receive a notice that they are joining the session. *We would recommend locking the room by simply tapping on the padlock at the bottom of the screen once everybody that you want is in the room/has joined the session.*

If you enable privacy mode, then every room you go into will automatically be locked.

Reporting

As with all apps, it's important that your child knows how to use the reporting tools within it. You can report direct to Houseparty if you see any inappropriate behaviour by tapping their name, then tap the "Friends" button and choose "Report" or "Report or Block". Ensure your child knows how to un-friend or block a person as well.

What you need to be aware of

- **In-app purchases:** One feature of Houseparty is the ability to play games and quizzes with your friends. These can be chargeable.
- **Content:** Other users may take screenshots/recordings of your private chats without you even realising and there is also the potential to see inappropriate content.
- **Strangers:** your child may encounter people they don't know (friends of friends).

Further information

- <https://houseparty.com/guidelines/>
- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/houseparty/>

Discord

What is Discord?

Discord is a social networking app that is used by gamers to **chat to each other**. There can be in app purchases through Discord's premium subscription service. The minimum age to access Discord is 13.

How does it work?

Discord is made up of 'servers', which are spaces for groups of friends to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server and they can either be public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or to groups of up to 9 people. By default, all direct messages are scanned and explicit content is blocked.

How can I make it safer?

Discord have created this article, which outlines four steps to creating a safer account, including how to block users.

<https://discord.com/safety/360043857751-Four-steps-to-a-super-safe-account>

How is it linked to other games?

Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat about the game (rather than the game's own chat facility).

What do I need to be aware of?

We always encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use different apps/websites and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It's important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered.

Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord as well as inappropriate language. Discord have produced this article which answers common questions:

- <https://discord.com/safety/360044149591-Answering-parents'-and-educators'-top-questions>

Further information

These articles provide you with further advice illustrating the safety and reporting features:

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/discord-everything-you-need-know-about-chat-service>
- <https://discord.com/safety>