



22nd November 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Last Thursday evening we held our termly full governing body meeting and after almost 30 years of committed and dedicated service to Broughton High School, Judith Fawbert has decided to step down. Judith was appointed as a Governor in 1992, she became Vice-Chair of Governors in 1996 and Chair of Governors in 1997. In May 2015, Judith was presented with an award for her outstanding contribution to Broughton High School by the Lancashire Association of School Governing Bodies. Judith has worked with all four of the headteachers that have been in post since the school opened in 1975.

Judith's commitment to her role has been unflinching over the years, she has given a significant amount of her time freely to support and develop our school and has been ever present at nearly every appointment that has been made. Her support for me personally since I took up my role in April has been amazing and her knowledge and passion about the school has been infectious. I am really pleased that Judith will be staying on as a governor of the school as her experience is irreplaceable. On behalf of all the pupils, parents and teachers, both past and present, I would like to say a huge thank you to Judith. Over the coming weeks we will be holding an election to appoint a new Chair of Governors and I will keep you informed once this position has been filled.

We will also be holding an election for a new parent governor. This is an extremely exciting opportunity to help shape the school on the next stage of its journey. Information regarding this post will be in next week's newsletter and if you would like to have a conversation about what the role entails, please give me a call at school.

We held our annual 'Careers Fair' on Friday which gave pupils in Year 8-11 an opportunity to speak to a number of different people from a wide variety of college, university and workplace environments. I spoke to a huge number of our guests in school who were extremely impressed with the questions our pupils asked and the interest they showed in work opportunities after school. The pupils I spoke to definitely found the experience a valuable one. A questionnaire has been emailed to parents of pupils in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 and your feedback would be most appreciated. We will be aiming to grow this even more next year and invite more companies into school. If any parents would like to get involved please inform Mrs Donleavy, our Head of Careers, who will register your interest and contact you before next year's event.

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter I will try to address some of the concerns raised through our recent parental survey to hopefully reassure you of our developing plans. Mr Brandwood who leads on School Synergy has added an overview of our next steps and plans over the next few months.

We had a hugely well attended parents' evening last Thursday with over 93% attendance. As with all online events there were a few technical issues for a small minority of families but the huge majority of pupils had a positive first report and teacher feedback. We will be aiming to have a face to face parents' evening for Year 11 in the Spring Term.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

We have completed a significant amount of work to our school website around developing our information to parents about the curriculum our children follow in each Year group. If you are interested to find out what topics your son/daughter will be completing during the time they are at Broughton High School please look in the 'Curriculum' area of the school website.

This week in assemblies we will be talking to the pupils about Equality and Diversity and the role that we all have to play in school to ensure everyone feels welcome, is comfortable being themselves and that there is no place for language or actions that will make someone else feel unhappy. We will also continue to highlight to pupils that they can raise any concerns that they may have to members of staff or through our safe@broughtonhigh.co.uk email address. We will continue to remind pupils that Broughton High School will not tolerate any form of discriminatory or derogatory language or actions, sexual harassment or bullying of any kind, whether that be in or out of school, face to face or online. Please always get in touch with your child's Head of Year if you have any concerns at all.

If you ever wish to discuss any aspect of life here at Broughton, please do not hesitate to get in touch. My email is botesd@broughtonhigh.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Botes', written over a horizontal line.

Mr David Botes
Headteacher

Learn it CHALLENGE


Computing

Years 7, 8, 9

1. The digits **0 and 1 (Binary)** are used by a computer processor.
2. You can report abuse online to **CEOP**.
3. You can protect yourself against Ransomware (someone locking your files/data and asking for money to unlock them) by **keeping regular back-ups and installing anti-malware software**.
4. Websites collect information about you (e.g. what your interests are) **through 'cookies' (small files which record you activity on their website)**.
5. To access the internet you need **Internet Browser software (e.g. Chrome, Edge etc)**.
6. A URL is the **address of a World Wide Web page** (e.g.www.bbc.co.uk).
7. In a spreadsheet a formula always begins with the **equals sign =**
8. The cell reference for the active cell in this image is **C5**.
9. The multiply symbol on a computer, used when programming or using a spreadsheet, is the **asterisk sign ***
10. The divide symbol on a computer, used when programming or using a spreadsheet is the **forward slash /**

✓ write them down
✓ say them out loud
✓ get someone to test you

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Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be tested on these  facts during form time this week.

Review 1

Review 1 for Years 7 to 10 will be sent home, and will also be live on Synergy (under the documents tab), on the following dates:

Year 7: Tuesday 23rd November
Years 8, 9 and 10: Friday 26th November

A letter from Mr Botes will accompany the review. Please take time to discuss this review with your child.

Table Tennis

Well done to our four Year 10 boys who took part in the Lancashire Table Tennis tournament in Blackburn earlier this month. They performed exceptionally well, showed sportsmanship throughout and finished the day in third place. Superb!

From left to right:

Will Berry, Joe Nicholson, Steven Shippides and Sam Gooch.

Mr Bailey



U14 Girls' Football

Broughton v St Augustine's

Last Tuesday, the Under 14 Girls' football team were faced with a strong side from St Augustine's in the second round of their Lancashire Cup. After lots of last-minute changes to the squad due to illness and injury, we managed to get our team out with many players showing versatility when playing out of position. Special mention to **Tabitha Lamoury** who kindly volunteered to take on the role of Goalkeeper in the absence of Evie Lee.

With an extremely physical start to the game, both teams battled hard to win the upper hand. After a few minutes, St Augustine's were successful and scored their first goal after managing to break through our defence. We soon battled back with some excellent work in midfield and **Isabel Harrop** finding the goal! We were back in the game and the team fought hard throughout the first half, finishing the half at 2-2 with the second goal coming from **Imogen Goodwin**.

The final score was 5-2 to St Augustine's.

Well done to the whole team!

Matilda MacLeod, Alex Latham, Olivia Newman-Kirk, Olivia Rankin, Layla Friar, Isabelle Harrop, Tabitha Lamoury, May Ackley, Hannah Wilcock, Niya Soji, Afiya Lakha, Faye Green, Kara Lee, Grace Lockhead, Imogen Goodwin.

Mrs Lupton

U16 Girls' Football

On Thursday 11th November, the girls' U16 football team played two matches in the Preston District league at Ashton.

The first game was against Ashton, and despite Broughton completely dominating play, we didn't take our chances and went 1-0 down from a counter attack. Broughton quickly equalised, but the second half followed suit with many missed opportunities on goal, and Ashton converting their one opportunity. Despite some lovely football being played by Broughton, the game finished 2-1 to Ashton.

The second game was against Christ the King and Broughton opened the scoring early with a lovely move down the right, finished at the back post by **Grace Jemson**. Despite some great defending by the Christ the King girls, the goals continued to flow and the **final result was 7-0 to Broughton**. Well done to all the girls involved.

Special mention to **Eve Burrow** who rushed back to school to help marshal for awards evening!

Team: **Macy Darley, Phoebe Glynn, Anna Cornacchione, Molly Kelly-Barker, Amelia Vickers, Sarah Reid, Eve Burrow, Grace Jemson.**

Mrs Rukin

Netball News - Years 9 and 10

On Wednesday 17th November, the Year 9 and 10 netball teams competed in the week's fixture at Our Lady's.

The Year 9 team continued to performed well despite drafting in extra players at the last minute. After a slight restructure to the team, they played well, fighting for each and every goal scoring opportunity. Although the team dominated in possession, for the vast majority of the match the opposition defence kept denying goal scoring opportunities. Equally, **Katie Mann** worked exceptionally hard in defence for Broughton, making interceptions across the court. Rightly so, Katie was nominated as player of the match!

Final result: Broughton 0 - Our Lady's 4

The Year 10 team continued their quest to remain unbeaten! The entire team's work rate was incredible, demonstrating sheer commitment in sustaining their winning streak. Their spirit as a team is admirable. With just two matches remaining in the league could they be crowned champions on the league?!

Player of the match was **Amelia-Rose Battersby**.

Final result: Broughton 10 - Our Lady's 5

Mrs Hough

Attendance Update

These are the winning forms in each year group with the highest attendance. Well done!



YEAR 7	7R	98.06%
YEAR 8	8H	100%
YEAR 9	9N	97.81%
YEAR 10	10B	97.85%
YEAR 11	11R	95.81%



Miss Kouser

Synergy Update

Thank you for everyone's feedback and adoption of our all in one new management system. All our community has now got access to Synergy with pupils being invited to use this to monitor reward points and behaviour notifications.

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SYNERGY**

A complete school system

Our next developments will include further Parent/Carer Communication
Communication is integrated into all aspects of Synergy making it accessible and easy.

- Broadcast: communication from tutors, teachers and heads of year will be delivered through Synergy for whole class/group communication
- One-to-one: individual parent and carer dialogue will be delivered through Synergy
- Behaviour alerts: detentions and Rewards will continue to give you daily updates
- Newsletters and notices will all be delivered through Synergy
- Reviews and reports will be distributed through Synergy.

We have established the App is under development and will be tested in the spring term. In anticipation of this why not consider setting up a short cut on your home screen on your phone to make it easier to log into your account?

If you have any questions regarding Synergy please do contact school, our aim is to integrate as many aspects of school life into this system over the coming year.

Mr A Brandwood



TEXTILES' BAUBLE *Competition*

IT'S BACK...

After a very successful first year in 2020, the Textiles' bauble creation competition is BACK!

I am looking for some creative baubles to add some colour and decoration to the Textiles' Christmas Tree!

OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS

Baubles and decorations must be made from fabric, textile inspired or recycled items.

Judged by the GCSE Textiles pupils, there will be a prize for the winner and runners up ... and Synergy points for everyone who takes part!



**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE GIVEN TO
MRS TILLOTSON IN TECH 1 BY FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

WORD OF THE WEEK

quagmire: noun

a situation from which extrication is very difficult.

Example

Great stretches of those lanes are reduced to muddy **quagmires** in wet weather.

Synonyms

dilemma, entanglement, quandary.

Antonym

solution.

SCHOOL SYNERGY



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£27,000 - £70,000 per year



41-43 hours per week on average



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1 or 2 A levels for a foundation degree or higher national diploma.

2 to 3 A levels for a degree



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Years 8 -11 Careers Fair - Friday 19th November 2021

This is the first time since COVID hit that we have held a Careers Fair. The event consisted of fifteen exhibitors ranging from The QS Company and UCLAN to Springfield Fuels and the Armed Forces.



Pleasingly the event was very well received. I heard numerous pupils leaving the Fair saying to their friends, "I'm going to be a". They had clearly been informed and inspired by their interaction with the visitors. **Andrew Dewhurst (8C)** approached me as he was leaving the event and said "Thanks for arranging this event Miss. I know what I want to do now." When I enquired what that was he said he wants to be a Mechanical Engineer and work for Springfield Fuels. Hopefully Andrew was one of many pupils who have a better idea of the opportunities that are out there as a result of attending the Careers Fair.



Thank you to all the staff in school who supported and helped me with the event, along with all of exhibitors for giving up their time.

Is your child in Year 8, 9, 10 or 11? Did they take part? What did they find out? I would be very grateful if you could complete the **parental questionnaire** that has been emailed to you.

If your child wishes to make a careers appointment, to follow up any of the information gained or have questions they would like to ask, then they can make an appointment with Paula Askew, our Careers Advisor, via Mrs Dumbell on Pupil Reception or by emailing dumbellr@broughtonhigh.co.uk.

Mrs Donleavy



Cake Sale

Wednesday 17th November was world prematurity day, so we decided to do a cake sale to raise money for premature babies and those who are ill. The idea came when my little sister was born 16th September, 8 weeks early and I couldn't meet her for the first month of her life. We were lucky, but many babies are too ill and unfortunately don't make it.

Bliss
for babies born
premature or sick

We **raised £131** that went to the **charity Bliss for premature babies**. I would like to thank everyone who helped make cakes, bought something, donated money and for the teachers who made it happen.

**Katie McCombe 11H, Lucy Adamson 11H,
Hannah Cumpsty 11R and Rachael Tabord 11R**

