



6th December 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Last week saw the return to wearing masks around school and in communal areas. The pupils, as always, were superb in their attitude towards returning to this safety measure smoothly and promptly. Hopefully we will be able to carry on as normal until the final day of term on the 17th December. Cases within school continue to be extremely low and significantly below any measure where we would need to change any daily routines.

During the last week of term, we will be holding our rewards assemblies in the gym where we will be celebrating those pupils who have been nominated by their teachers for 'Effort' and 'Excellence' in their classes this half term. Each year group will also have a day where they can enjoy a Christmas Dinner and play Bingo to win selection boxes. The final day of term will be a non-uniform day and pupils will be asked to donate £1 to this term's school charity, Teenage Cancer Trust. In addition to this, and through donating 1p for every reward point that our pupils achieve, we also currently have £435, as of today, to help this worthwhile charity. A final figure will be published in January along with the proceeds from the non-uniform day. We will also be collecting food over the next two weeks to support the Luv Preston food bank which is run in partnership with local churches, The Freedom Centre and St Christopher's Lea. Any dry goods that you are able to donate will be much appreciated and will go to a very worthy cause.

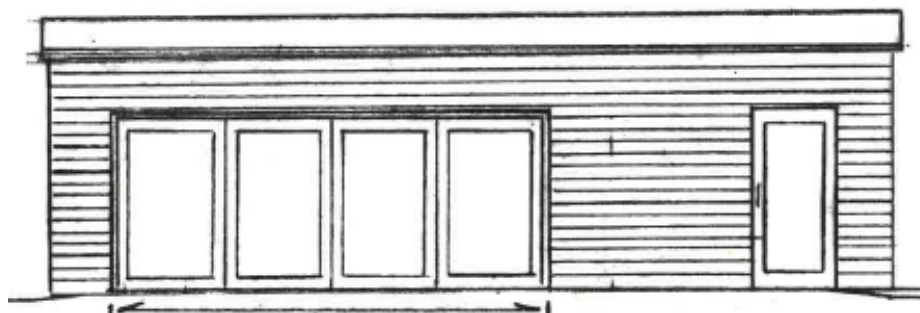
Last week, Mr Bailey presented a number of commendation certificates to those who achieved a Review Score of 1.6 or higher. I was fortunate enough to speak to the Year 9 cohort of which there were a significant number of pupils who received their 'Commendations'. My message to them was to keep going, give their best every day and believe in their abilities. In the New Year, members of the Senior Leadership Team will be meeting with pupils who have not managed to achieve a commendation and will be discussing how we can help and support them with their studies and attitude to learning to make the necessary progress.

Our Year 11 cohort are now half way through their 'Mock Exams' and I have been extremely proud to witness the mature attitude that this year group has shown towards these internal examinations. I was emailed by a member of our external invigilation team who wanted to let me know how impressed she was with the whole year group. The message read **"I wanted to convey how impressed I was by the behaviour and maturity Year 11 showed to their mock exams. Really wonderful to witness."** Well done Year 11, keep up the good work!

You may remember that I mentioned in an earlier newsletter that we would be expanding our dining facilities to cope with the increased demands at break and lunchtime for pupils to access refreshments. I am pleased to say that work has begun on the new external facility which will be located outside of the Senior Dining Room and we are hopeful that this will be operational from January. The area will also include an additional outdoor eating area for the pupils to gather at break and lunch.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

The image below gives you an idea of how this facility will look. The aim is to serve sandwiches, cold pasta and salads from this area.



I am increasingly concerned about our pupils' 'online' awareness and the need to keep themselves safe when using social media platforms. I have spoken to a number of pupils recently about their use of social media outside of school and the inappropriateness of some of their comments to other pupils and the upset that some comments can have. Please support us in school by talking to your son/daughter about their social media use and the impact that unkind and negative comments can have.

From the recent parental survey, some concerns were raised about the various places that homework was recorded. As a parent myself, I know how frustrating this can be, especially if you are trying to help and support your child with the understanding and completion of homework. I have clarified with staff about recording all homework centrally in pupil planners and ensuring that there is sufficient detail in the planner to enable each pupil to be able to complete their work without confusion. I hope you see a marked improvement in this area going forwards. If you have any concerns about homework please contact your son/daughter's Head of Year.

As the mornings and afternoons are getting darker please can I encourage your son or daughter to wear reflective or high visibility garments when cycling to school and, if possible, purchase bike lights to hopefully keep them safe on their journey to and from school.

A reminder that school closes on Friday 17 December at 1.00pm and re-opens on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to make contact. My email is botesd@broughtonhigh.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mr David Botes
Headteacher

Learn it CHALLENGE

General Knowledge Years 7, 8, 9

1. The three main primary colours are **Red, Yellow and Blue**.
2. The **River Ribble** flows through Preston.
3. Britain's richest person is **Sir Len Blavatnik** (£23 billion); his company owns most of Warner Music as well as interests in real estate, chemicals and telecoms.
4. The **Tour de France** is the most famous bicycle race in the world.
5. When people want to borrow money to buy a house, the type of loan is called a **mortgage**.
6. **No. 10 Downing Street** is the traditional residence of every British Prime Minister.
7. The **Sahara Desert** located on the African continent is the largest desert in the world.
8. The Second World War officially ended in Europe in **1945**.
9. The word vaccine has an etymology derived from the **Latin word 'vacca' meaning cow**.
10. In 1796, an English doctor called **Edward Jenner** infected a young boy with cowpox. Later, he injected the child with the deadly smallpox virus and he did not become ill/die. Thus, the first vaccine was developed, saving thousands of lives.

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

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

Christmas Appeal - Food Bank - Local Families and Individuals



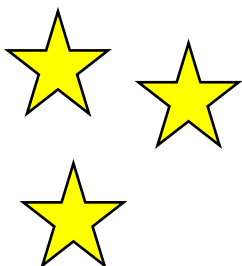
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As part of the Pupil Voice Charity and Community Team, we are taking time to think about those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. Over the next two weeks, pupils will be encouraged to bring in a non-perishable food item which we will donate to the Preston Food Bank run by the charity *Luv Preston*. The donations will be taken to the depot on Thursday 16th December. If your son/daughter is able to bring an item into school, please ask them to give it to their Form Tutor before 16th December. Thank you in advance for your support.

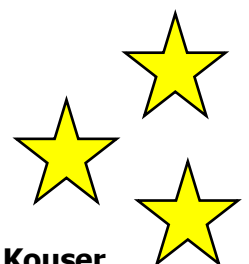
Mrs Bamber

Attendance Update

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



YEAR 7	7R	98.69%
YEAR 8	8N	99.31%
YEAR 9	9R	94.34%
YEAR 10	10B	96.07%
YEAR 11	11S	98.31%



Miss Kouser

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thursday 13th January 2021

Due to the ongoing uncertainty regarding Covid, the Year 7 Parents' Evening will once again be hosted using the parent booking online platform. Further details will be emailed to Year 7 parents on Friday 17th December and bookings will open on Tuesday 4th January.

U12s Girls' Football

The U12 girls' football team were in action again last Thursday in the next round of the Lancashire Cup.

A confident Hodgson arrived, but from the whistle Broughton asserted their dominance and nearly scored in the first minute from an excellent corner. Only minutes later some great work from **Kara Lee** in central midfield found **Imogen Goodwin** just inside the box and she neatly tucked the ball away to make it 1-0. **Amara Jenkins-Smith** doubled the score line almost immediately from the left side of the box with a great finish in the top corner of the goal.

In the second half, **Amy Beardwood** carved open the Hodgson midfield with some lovely through balls, one of which found **Imogen Goodwin** who converted it to give herself a brace. Hodgson had a couple of good efforts on goal in the second half, but **Elsie Kerley** produced some fine saves to keep a clean sheet. This created space for a dangerous counter attack from Broughton, Hodgson couldn't cope with the pace of **Grace Lochhead**, and **Imogen Goodwin** bagged herself a hattrick to finish the game 4-0. A convincing win over a very disappointed Hodgson to take the girls into the quarter finals of the Lancashire Cup. Well done!



Team:

**Kara Lee, Elsie Kerley, Amy Beardwood, Isla Bledge,
Lily Beetham, Amara Jenkins-Smith, Grace Lochhead, Imogen Goodwin**



U16s Girls' Football

Last Tuesday, the U16s football team played away at Balshaws in the next round of the Lancashire Cup. Broughton had the lion's share of possession, but Balshaws put a dangerous ball into the box and Broughton failed to clear it properly. The rebound fell to a Balshaws player who put the ball into the net, with little goalkeeper **Phoebe Glynn** could do. The second half started 1-0 to Balshaws, but Broughton were playing some lovely football and it felt only a matter of time before one of their numerous chances would be converted into a goal. **Sarah Reid** found **May Ackley** on the edge of the box who went around a defender and blasted the ball into the top right of the net. Only minutes later it was **May Ackley** again causing problems driving into the box, only to be brought down illegally and **Sarah Reid** calmly converted the penalty. Broughton were now in complete control, and in the last minute **Macy Darley** put a great ball through to **Grace Jemson** who made it 3-1 and sent Broughton through to the next round. Their best performance so far this season, well done girls!



Team:

**Macy Darley, Phoebe Glynn, Molly Kelly-Barker, Jess Anderson,
Anna Cornichone, Eve Burrow, Sarah Reid, Emilia Vickers,
Humaira Yasmin, Grace Jemson, Maddy Clements, Matilda Macleod, May Ackley**

Mrs Rukin

Poetry Competition - 'Choices'

During October and November, in English, Year 7 pupils participated in the annual celebration of poetry for **National Poetry Day**. This year, the theme was **'Choice'**.

After exploring a range of poems during their lessons, they were challenged to stretch their creative muscles and to either describe the choices and preferences that made their own lives happier or – alternatively - they could address someone else (human or creature) and describe what choices they would make for them to allow them to live safe, rich and fulfilling lives.

The range of responses was pleasing, with pupils showing a strong sense of involvement in the task and much original and imaginative thinking. Mrs Briault, Miss Winter and Mrs Whitlock enjoyed the judging process and eventually selected the worthy winners:

1st Prize – Aurelia Rostron

2nd Prize – Abigail Smith

3rd Prize – Samuel Fletcher

- Praise, commendation, chocolate and a Broughton High School pen also went to those who made up **the top ten**:

Evie Bilsborough, Imogen Goodwin

Lewis Nelson, Hugo Thorpe

Lauren McCulloch, James Lillystone, Charlie Longshaw

- ... and also to those additional pupils who made up **the top twenty**:

Sophie Hartley, Elizabeth Georgeson

Caitlyn Scott, Jasmine Deluce, Joel Hurst, Noah Heke

Nathaniel Norton-Smith, Lily Killeen, Olivia Bretherton, Olivia Redshaw

Congratulations to everyone who took part and to all the deserving winners.

Mrs Briault



FIND Newsletter Winter 2021

The Winter 2021 issue of the FIND newsletter is available now via the link below and also on the SEND area of the school website.



[FIND Newsletter - Winter 2021](#)

Mrs Gledhill



Textiles' Christmas Tree



We've had an amazing amount of baubles entered this year. Judging will take place next week and results announced via notices the week of the 13th December!

Thanks to everyone who has taken part!

Mrs Tillotson





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Music Department

**VIRTUAL
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

SIGN UP TO TAKE PART!

See the Music Department for more
information



WORD OF THE WEEK

obscurantism: noun

opposition to the increase and spread of knowledge.

Example

They succeed, in spite of their **obscurantism**.

Synonyms

misinformation, regression.

Antonym

curiosity.

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You'll find it helpful to get some paid or voluntary experience in a healthcare setting before you apply for a course.

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This certificate is awarded to: **Broughton High School**
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Location Name: Neumayer Research Station (German base), Antarctica

Latitude: 70.6666° S

Longitude: 8.2667° W

Date: 1/12/2021

Researcher: Olaf Eisen (Glaciologist/geophysicist)

Signed: UKPN Antarctic Flags Team



Broughton's flag has arrived in Antarctica!

Broughton's flag this year was designed by **Lily Cross (7H)**.

The photograph comes from the German team at the Alfred Wegener Institute who are researching Thwaites Glacier. Lily's flag is the one on the far left-hand-side of the photograph above.

Thank you to all of the Year 7 Geographers who designed a flag and special congratulations goes again to Lily.

Mrs Wortley

