



13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been an excellent first full week back at school that has seen a return to so many elements of school normality. Having visited lessons on a daily basis it is clear our pupils have returned to school fully prepared for the year ahead and ready to get back to learning.

We are holding our 'Open Evening' on Thursday evening and are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents to our school and giving them a taste of what life is like at Broughton High School. We have a significant number of pupils helping out on the evening which starts at 6pm. If your son or daughter is helping out then please be mindful when dropping off or picking up your child that Open Evening always brings a significant amount of extra traffic to the village. With this in mind please be considerate of our neighbours and local community, not only for Open Evening but on a daily basis, as I regularly receive concerns from local residents regarding cars blocking drives or cars parked illegally. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring that we continue to work in harmony with residents of Broughton village.

Our new site security is nearing completion and our new electronic school gates will be in operation at some point this week. After the school gates close at 8.40am, parents and visitors to school will need to use the new video intercom system located at the gates to gain entrance to the school. If a pupil is late, or returning to school following an appointment there is a pedestrian gate which is also accessed through the video intercom system which is supervised at all times by a member of the office team. The school site has previously been open all day but with the improved new additions to the main gate and entrance doors to school, the site is now fully secure during the school day.

With the start of the new term we are returning to a full programme of extra-curricular events which always add to the development of our pupils' wider curriculum experience. We will be attaching a full programme of events in next week's newsletter but my message to all is to 'get involved' in the life of Broughton High School. We have re-opened the astroturf pitch at lunchtimes and it was fantastic to see so many of our pupils playing sport during their lunch break. Year groups will have a specific day that they are able to access the pitch and they will need to wear trainers whilst using the pitch.

I was saddened to hear that a former member of staff who was a very popular member of the team for a number of years at Broughton High School passed away last week. Mr John Thompson was an extremely strong role model to so many pupils, myself included, and committed himself fully to the development of so many children during his time at Broughton. John was an excellent Maths teacher and a very strong personality in school and I am sure you will join me in offering your condolences to John's family at this sad time.

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Thank you for the swift response in registering your account for School Synergy. We have over 700 pupils registered now which is a fantastic response. If you have not registered yet, please use the information sent out to sign up as soon as possible to receive updates on rewards, behaviour concerns, attendance and whole school notices. We have changed our approach to the issuing of rewards to 're-value' the system, ensuring that reward points are given out every lesson for 'excellence', whether that be for an individual piece of work, a high level response in class, an excellent piece of homework or for an act of help, support or kindness. Each point issued will always have a few words attached explaining the reason behind why the reward has been given. These points will accumulate over the half term with prizes being awarded in each year group in the 'Year Group Awards Assemblies' held on the last day of half term. Awards will also be given out in the following categories:

- Headteacher Awards
- Head of Year Awards
- Form Tutor Awards
- 100% Attendance Awards
- Excellent Homework Awards
- Excellent 'School Planner' Awards

Pupils will also receive awards in their individual classes and subjects for consistent excellent effort during the half term. At the end of each full term we will have a larger rewards assembly based on the above with the addition of 'review' commendations.

Finally, a reminder that school closes at 1pm on Thursday in preparation for Open Evening and that school is closed for all pupils on Friday for our staff INSET day.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr David Botes  
Headteacher




### General Knowledge

### Years 7, 8, 9

1. Baby goats are called **Kids**.
2. **Russia** is the largest country in the world.
3. **Venus** is the planet which is nearest to the Earth.
4. The name dinosaur means 'terrible lizard'; this is a **true** statement.
5. The lion in "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" is called **Aslan**.
6. The only mammal which can fly is the **bat**.
7. The longest river in the world is the **River Nile**.
8. The first name of the famous scientist who gave us Newton's three laws of motion is **Isaac**.
9. The **Triassic Period** came before the Jurassic Period.
10. In "The Jungle Book", Baloo is a **bear**.

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

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

### PTFA Annual General Meeting

\* ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND \*

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 6.00pm**

Oak Meeting Room, Visitor Reception

## Synergy

Many thanks to all our parents who have now created an account with Synergy, we now have almost 80% of our community connected to Synergy. This enables you to keep up-to-date with the progress of your child(ren) in school including behaviour rewards/sanctions and communication home from school. Please can I remind all parents who have not yet created an account to do so over the coming days so you do not miss out on any communication home. If you have not yet received your unique invitation from your child, or have any queries, please do hesitate to contact school.



Mr Brandwood

## Firefly

Firefly is our teaching and learning online resource area that we use in school and has the potential to be used anywhere anytime. To support home learning, we would like all parents to have access to our Firefly parent portal app so you can help your child organise and complete their homework. The details attached demonstrate how to download the app to your device. If you have any issues with installing the app please get in contact with the school.



Mr Brandwood

## Attendance Update

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



YEAR 7	7B	99.68%
YEAR 8	8H	97.92%
YEAR 9	9S	97.19%
YEAR 10	10C	100%
YEAR 11	11C	96.88%



Miss Kouser

### Late Bus

The late bus **operates every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** at a charge of 60p per pupil per journey. Pupils are able to use their bus passes and return tickets.

The service **departs from Broughton at 4.25pm**, allowing pupils to stay late to complete school work or participate in sports activities after school.

This service will commence from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021.





# Nature and LANDSCAPES

Year 8 Art Spring and Summer Term 2021



For this project, Year 8 pupils spent some time during lockdown taking photographs and developing their digital photography skills. They then used their own photos to create a mixed media landscape combined with a detailed tonal drawing of an animal to complete a colourful personal response.

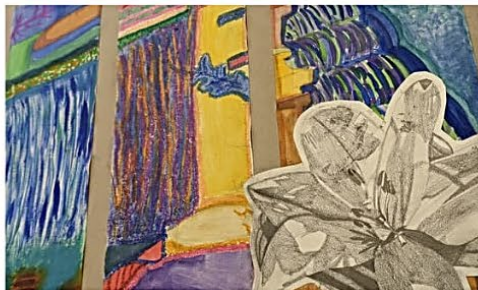
The outcomes are a combination of abstract and realistic art and I think they look bright, unique and fantastic!



Here is a small selection completed by:  
Natasha Holden  
Niall McConnon  
Isla Kenyon  
Emelia Campbell

Well done to all pupils in my 3 classes last year!

Mrs Tillotson





# WORD OF THE WEEK

## sedulous: adjective

diligent in application or attention

### Example

This antique table is constructed with **sedulous** workmanship and an attention to detail that you just don't find in today's manufactured furniture.

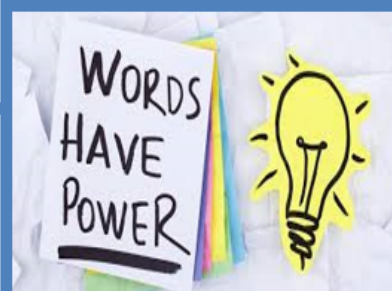
### Synonyms

persevering, assiduous.

### Antonym

inconstant.

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# Online Safety Newsletter

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## Social Media Apps

What age should my child be to use these apps?



**Discord**  
13+



**Facebook**  
13+



**Instagram**  
13+



**Snapchat**  
13+



**TikTok**  
13+



**Twitch**  
13+



**Twitter**  
13+



**YouTube**  
13+

### What risks are there of my child using these apps?

Whilst there are benefits to being online, there are risks too regardless of your child's age. Risks include your child viewing inappropriate content, sharing personal information, cyberbullying and grooming.

### Reporting functions

If your child is using any of the above apps then make sure you show them how to use the reporting facilities within each app and ensure your child knows that they must tell you or another trusted adult if they see anything upsetting online. Use the apps together and explore the different security and privacy settings.

### Further information

Is your child too young to use the above apps but is still asking you if they can join social media? Then you could suggest an alternative option. Internet Matters list several apps that have been created for younger children, they are grouped for ages 6 – 10 and ages 11 – 13:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids/>

Net Aware provide further information about the most popular apps, games and social media sites:

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

## Focus on: Snapchat

### What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is an app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.**

### How does it work?

Users can send messages (snaps) to others that can only be seen for a set time period e.g. 10 seconds.

Users can also upload snaps to stories which then disappear after 24 hours.



### 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. This also 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.** We would recommend you explore Snapchat 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 and only those you are friends with can contact you.

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

## Creating strong passwords

We need to create passwords for everything these days and it's important that our children not only understand that they shouldn't share passwords with others but also that they know how to create a 'strong' password to keep their information safe. Learn more here:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/how-to-create-strong-passwords-online/>



## Monkey (rated 18+)

This is a website and app (available only on Google Play) that allows users to make video calls to strangers. This is a very concerning app/website which has highly inappropriate content on it. The following link provides further information about it:

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2021/07/06/safeguarding-alert-monkey-web/>

We recommend not talking about this app/website by name with your child, so it doesn't lead to your child searching for it out of interest. Instead, talk to your child about what they are doing online and if they have any concerns.

## What if someone else posts a photo of your child on social media?

What can you do if somebody posts a photo of your child on social media? The UK Safer Internet Centre explores this question:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/help-%E2%80%93-someone-else-has-posted-photo-my-child-social-media>



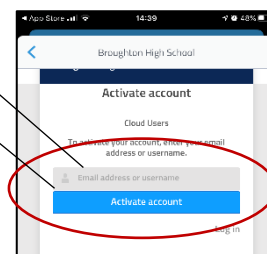
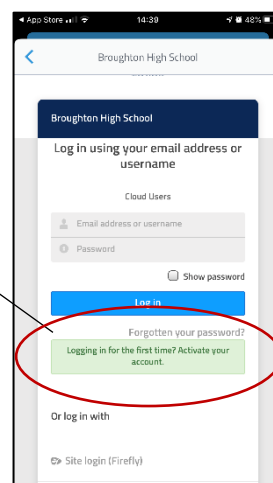
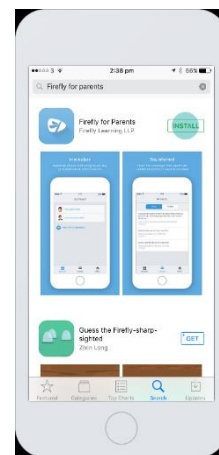
## Parent App for Firefly

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

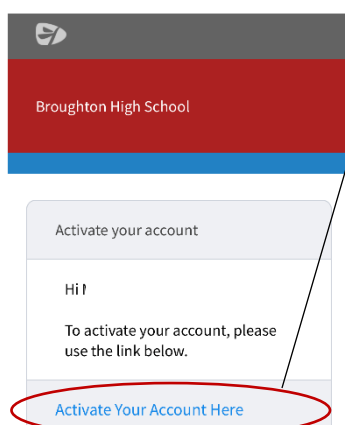
We would like **Parents** to download the app onto their phone or device to support working and learning at home as easy as possible.

Steps are to:

- **Download the app, turn on notifications** and use the pass code '**Broughton**'.
- Open up the app and click on the **green box** ("Logging in for the first time? Activate your account").
- Now enter your **registered email** you have with school to set up the app when prompted (this links the app to your child)
- Next, click the **blue button** to "Activate account".
- Finally, you will receive an email which requires a final activation, by clicking the "Activate Your Account Here".



### Activate account for Broughton High School



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

If you need help please click on the link below:

<https://helpcentre.Fireflylearning.com/parents/app/ios/getting-started>