



28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you all managed to take advantage of the lovely weather yesterday as the first signs of Spring started to emerge.

Last Thursday saw the start of our first face to face meetings with parents as we held our Year 11 'Help Your Child Revise' Evening. Over 130 families attended and we were able to share some advice and guidance on what the next few weeks will be like for both pupils and parents in preparation for the exams. Mr Webster and Miss Harris shared some tried and tested revision techniques with parents which are being used with pupils in class and these will undoubtedly help the pupils build their confidence and self-belief as we move towards the first exams in May. Each pupil has been issued with an individual revision pack which includes their exam schedule, revision planners, subject specific topic lists, revision templates and packs of postcards and highlighters. Thank you to all parents who attended on the evening.

We are also at a very important time where our Year 9 pupils will start to choose their options. Mr Church has shared some important information further in the newsletter but there is also a tab on the homepage of the school website labelled 'Options 2022' which has all the relevant information for pupils and parents. At the Year 9 Parents' Evening on the 24<sup>th</sup> March we will also be holding Options Evening presentations in the school Gymnasium where Mr Church will share the necessary information with you and you will be able to ask any questions you may have. Attendance at this evening is critical for your child.

Mr Brandwood is launching the 'Rewards Trip Criteria' this week in assemblies for pupils in Year 7 to 10 to attend our end of year visit to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Currently everyone is eligible to go on this trip but any pupils that are in breach of any of the areas on the list below will unfortunately lose their place.

Pupils eligible to attend, unless from next week:

- They are regularly late to school
- They have 3 visits to the exclusion room
- They have any unauthorised absence
- They have any serious behaviour incidents, or
- Have persistent issues with their uniform
- Also, from next week, pupils must continue to have excellent attendance

As the weather is slowly improving, coats in classrooms are no longer permitted in school. Pupils have also been reminded today that coats should not be worn at any time inside the school building. Please can I also remind all parents that jewellery is not allowed in school for reasons of safety except for wrist watches and a **single pair of plain ear studs** as a maximum amount of jewellery. Any other facial or body piercing is not allowed.

This week we welcome our new 'Attendance Officer' Mrs Robinson. She will be working closely with Mr Bailey and his team of Heads of Year to ensure attendance at Broughton continues to be above the national average. Attendance in school on Friday of last week was 95.1% which shows that our attendance is steadily returning to normal. Please can I remind all parents that in line with school and Lancashire County Council policy, any holidays taken during term time will always be classed as 'unauthorised' unless there are extenuating circumstances that are agreed with the Headteacher.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

This Thursday is World Book Day and a huge number of Form Tutors have been working with their Form to decorate their doors in the style of a favourite book. I will have the difficult decision of judging the winners on Thursday but I will share the outcome of this competition with you in next week's newsletter, alongside some of the amazing door decorations.

Key dates:

Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Evening	Thursday 24 March
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 31 March
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 1 April
School Opens	Tuesday 19 April
School Closed for Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 27 May
School Opens	Monday 6 June
School Closes for Summer at 1.00pm	Tuesday 19 July

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

### Learn it CHALLENGE

### Capital Cities

### Years 7, 8, 9

1. Canberra is the capital city of Australia.



2. Brussels is the capital city of Belgium.

3. Ottawa is the capital city of Canada.



4. Beijing is the capital city of China.

5. Cairo is the capital city of Egypt.



6. Paris is the capital city of France.

7. Berlin is the capital city of Germany.

8. New Delhi is the capital city of India.



9. Tokyo is the capital city of Japan.

10. Luxembourg is the capital city of Luxembourg.



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

### Gymnastics

We have had some exciting news through about our trip to see the British Gymnastics Championships at the Echo Arena later this month. We entered a competition to win the opportunity to meet an elite gymnast, and I found out last week that have been successful! Therefore, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, ninety Year 7-9 Broughton pupils will get the opportunity to meet and ask questions to Olympian, European Champion and World medallist Ellie Downie. If you child is attending this trip, please ask them to prepare a question!



**Mrs Rukin**

## U16 Badminton

Week one fixtures: The U16 Broughton badminton team competed against St Cecilia's and Our Lady's in the preliminary rounds of the Preston schools' competition. After a such a long absence from any practice and match play, it was good to see the pupils competing again. The U16 boys beat Our Lady's 5-0 in games, before narrowly losing 3-2 to St Cecilia's. The girls also beat Our Lady's 5-0 but lost to St Cecilia's 5-0.

Week two fixtures: The girls team beat Our Lady's 5-0 in their games but unfortunately lost 5-0 to St Cecilia's. The boys team won 4-1 against St Cecilia's and 5-0 against Our Lady's!

Well done to all involved:

- **Sam Gooch, Isaac Watson, Lucas Procter, Ryan Parker, Adam Boocock, Alexander Walmsley**
- **Jessica Anderson, Maddie Clements, Grace Willingale, Angelia Parker, Phoebe Glynn, Emilia Vickers, Libby Church.**

**Miss Lupton and Mr Bailey**

## Netball - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February

### Year 8 Netball

A superb performance from the Year 8 Netball team last Thursday evening against Archbishop. The girls gelled well as a team and worked hard both off and on the ball to finish with an **11-5 win!**

**Goals scorers:** Alice Chapman (x6) Nina Finley (x5)

**Players player:** Alex Latham

Well done to the whole team!

**Alex Latham**

**Holly Thorpe**

**Amelia Lyon**

**Hannah Wilcock**

**Olivia Rankin**

**Alice Chapman**

**Nina Finley**



### Year 7 Netball

The Year 7 team drew the short straw and played their first match of the night outside! They battled against strong winds and a bitter bite in the air but played some good Netball at times. The wind made it extremely challenging for our GS and GA to shoot accurately but we managed to find our rhythm in the last two quarters and scored 5 goals. Archbishop were consistent from the start with their shooting and managed to score a superb 12 goals! The game finished 12-5 to Archbishop.

**Goal scorers:** Elsie Kerley (x3) Amara Jenkins Smith (x2)

**Players player:** Elsie Kerley

After playing a full 40 minutes already, our Year 7 team then played a second team from Archbishop and managed to **win 3-0** with some much-improved performances once playing in the nice warm sports hall! Special mention to **Rachael Eaton** who stepped in at the last minute to play due to illness in the team; she had a superb first game.

**Players' Player:** Amara Jenkins Smith

Well done to the whole team!

**Jasmine Deluce**

**Amara Jenkins Smith**

**Tilly Porter**

**Isla Pye**

**Rachael Eaton**

**Elsie Kerley**

**Caitlyn Scott**



Big thanks to **Libby Church** for supporting the teams with coaching and umpiring in the games.

**Miss Lupton**



## Jubilee Photography Competition



For all you fabulous Broughtonian photographer's ...

Amateur or otherwise we have a competition right up your street .....quite literally!

We are looking for photo entries from our local community to provide us with 12 amazing pictures which capture the very essence of Broughton life, community and architecture.

**The winners will see their fabulous snaps made into our  
inaugural Broughton Parish Council 2023 calendar  
which will be available to buy locally.**



It's time to get out and get snapping - whatever takes your fancy in the local area.

As the competition is on until the 30<sup>th</sup> June, there is all the wonderful seasons of winter, spring and summer. Plus the scarecrow parade, Jubilee celebrations and of course the architectural gems, community get togethers and scenic views we are blessed to have in the village.

We can't wait to see what you clever snappers come up with, it's so exciting, and we have two rather swish judges standing by review your images!

This competition is of course open to all ages, and we encourage our families to all take part.

Send your perfect pics to: [broughtonphotocompetition@gmail.com](mailto:broughtonphotocompetition@gmail.com)

Happy snapping!

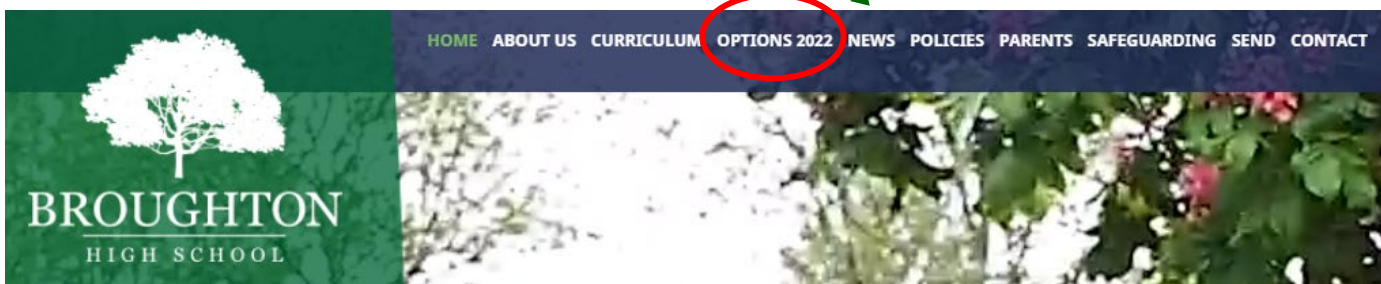
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## YEAR 9 OPTIONS

Detailed information about the extensive breadth of courses on offer to Year 9 pupils is outlined in the options booklet and is now available on the school website using the link '**OPTIONS 2022**'.



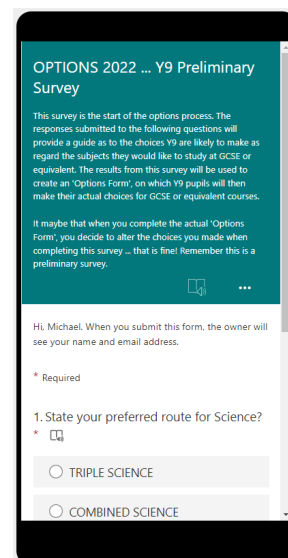
The options booklet can also be accessed via individual Firefly accounts, together with short video presentations from subject leaders outlining more detail about the range of courses on offer. Please ask your child to share this information by clicking the link.



Today, Year 9 pupils have been asked to complete a preliminary survey, via MS Forms which they should access via their Firefly account, to establish their preferred choices.

The results of this survey will be used to gauge the level of interest in the courses on offer, and once this information has been collated, the options form for 2022 will be drawn up.

Year 9 pupils are asked to complete this preliminary survey by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March.



**Mr Church**

## Amazing Artists

I want to thank the Year 9 pupils, along with Ms Smith, who have produced this phenomenal art display for my office. The walls were empty and boring previously!

It is fantastic to see the talent of Year 9 on display.

**Mr Lynn**



## Lost Property



There are a large number of unnamed winter coats at reception. If you think your child may have left/lost or misplaced theirs please ask them to check at Pupil Reception. Any unclaimed coats will be disposed of.

# LOST PROPERTY

There are also unnamed and unclaimed items of uniform, PE kits and trainers.

**PRESTON**  
COLLEGE

**YEAR 10 & 11**  
**OPEN EVENT**

**VISIT OUR CAMPUS**  
**SPEAK TO TUTORS**  
**SEE THE FACILITIES**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**9 MARCH**  
**4-7PM**

**VISIT**  
**[www.preston.ac.uk](http://www.preston.ac.uk)**

- > Register for events
- > Apply online
- > Get college updates



 **educate**  
awards  
**FURTHER EDUCATION**  
**COLLEGE OF THE YEAR**



# WORD OF THE WEEK

## unbecoming: adjective

detracting from one's appearance, character or reputation.

### Example

That is a most **unbecoming** use of language.

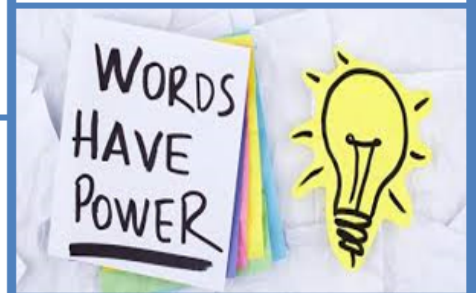
### Synonyms

unattractive, unseemly

### Antonym

proper

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37-39 hours a week (freelance/self-employed)



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