



16th December 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the first term of the academic year draws to a close and we approach the Christmas break, I want to say a huge thank you to you all for your wonderful support for Broughton High School during the first term of the academic year. Your support is evident on a daily basis but never more so than during our recent inspection where many of you completed the parental questionnaire with such positive responses. Thank you also to all the school Governors for all the hard work they do and to the members of the PTFA. We have a very supportive PTFA which was clearly evident at the most recent Year 7 Family Social Event. The support of parents, Governors and PTFA members is greatly appreciated.

It has been a truly exceptional term for all involved with Broughton High School. As I visit lessons on a daily basis, the atmosphere for learning around school continues to be excellent. We have had a number of significant events this term including our former Year 11's achieving the best examination results the school has ever seen, our new Year 7's visiting an Outdoor Education Centre for their first team building day, hosting a superb Open Evening for prospective parents and Awards Evening for our former pupils, achieving 'Outstanding' at our recent Ofsted inspection and the successful recruitment of new parental Governors to our Governing Body. There continues to be a host of activities both during the school day and after 3pm that pupils are encouraged to 'get involved' in and I am pleased to say so many pupils have actively taken part in one or more of these opportunities. Our school motto 'Achieving Together' certainly encapsulates the academic year so far!

This week the pupils have been on their end of term reward trips, with Year 7 and 8 watching the pantomime 'Cinderella' in Blackpool, Year 9 and 10 visiting Vue Cinema to watch the new Disney film 'Strange World' and Year 11 spending the morning bowling at Red Rose Bowl. The pupils were an absolute credit to the school during the trips and must be congratulated on their conduct, excellent behaviour and superb manners. We also held our end of term rewards assemblies where a huge number of pupils were recognised for their efforts in school this half term.

On Monday evening, Mr Shepherd hosted our annual 'Christmas Concert' where over 40 of our pupils, both past and present, showcased their musical talents. The evening was extremely well attended and it was a perfect opportunity for our musicians to be able to play in front of an audience. As well as performances from the 'Swing Band', school choir and the Ukulele Ensemble we listened to pupils who have only been learning their chosen instrument since September and I have to say I was hugely impressed by both their ability and their confidence. Some of our more experienced musicians also played including our GCSE Music pupils which was amazing to listen to. My message to them all was 'keep going' with their music and to continue developing their amazing talents.

On Thursday, Mr Shepherd took some of our pupils to sing carols in the village of Broughton. They had been practicing hard and sounded fantastic; they certainly brought some festive cheer to the residents of Broughton.

As mentioned in earlier newsletters we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Gledhill and Mr Yasin at the end of this term. Mrs Gledhill has taken the decision to retire after 40 years of service and dedication to the school and I would like to personally thank her for all her hard work and support for both pupils and

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staff during her time here at Broughton. Mrs Gledhill has worked for all four Headteachers at Broughton, Mr Harris, Mr Davies and Mr Morris. I know many of you are former pupils at school and will have your own memories of Mrs Gledhill but mine was one of envy when she arrived daily to school in a bright yellow Ford Escort RS2000. A very desirable car in the late 1980's for those of you old enough to remember! I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Gledhill a very happy and restful retirement. Mr Yasin also leaves us to take up post as Headteacher at Edenfield Girls' High School. Mr Yasin has taught at Broughton High School for 17 years and has been an excellent member of the team. His calm, patient approach twinned with his amazing sense of humour has made him a really popular member of staff with our staff, parents and most importantly our pupils. Good luck from us all in your new venture. All pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 received their end of term review this week. I hope you have been able to discuss this report with your child which accurately details performance in each subject. Support, interventions and advice will be given to those pupils who may be struggling in certain areas of their performance with the aim of each pupil striving to improve their learning score as they progress through the year. If you have any questions regarding the reviews please contact your child's Head of Year.

Mrs Hardman will be taking over from Mrs Gledhill as our SEND Lead when we return in January. Mrs Hardman has been the Deputy SEND Lead for a number of years and is really looking forward to leading the department when we return. She will be running a drop-in session every Wednesday between 3-4pm in the main reception building for any concerns or queries that are SEND related. 'SEND Drop-in' will begin on Wednesday 11th January, with the exception of 1st February. Parents/carers can make an appointment with Mrs Hardman via her email (hardmanh@broughtonhigh.co.uk) or telephone (01772 863849) or you can call in to the main reception where Mrs Hardman will be available. If Wednesday 3-4pm is not convenient, or an urgent SEND matter arises, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hardman for any issue, large or small. As always, she will be available at all Parents' evenings.

You may not be aware that there has been a change in speed restrictions along Newsham Hall Lane between Woodplumpton and Broughton. The speed limit is now 30mph. Please be mindful of this change on your journeys to and from school.

On behalf of all the Governors and staff, I wish you a happy, healthy Christmas and a successful New Year. Thank you from all the team here at Broughton for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Key dates for the spring term are as follows:

School opens	Tuesday 3 January 2023
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 9 February 2023
School closes for half term	Friday 10 February 2023
School opens	Monday 20 February 2023
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 16 March 2023
Year 9 Parents' & Options Evening	Thursday 30 March 2023
School closes for Easter	Friday 31 March 2023
School opens	Monday 17 April 2023

Yours sincerely,



David Botes
Headteacher

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Carol Singing in Broughton Village

On Thursday, 15th December, pupils sang carols in the village of Broughton. They had been practicing hard and sounded fantastic; they certainly brought some festive cheer to the residents of Broughton.

Happy Christmas to everyone!



Rewards Assemblies

This week we held our end of half term rewards assemblies.

In the year group assemblies, Mr Bailey highlighted the successes of so many children and presented certificates for their efforts and achievements this half term in their individual subject areas.

Congratulations to all award winners.

Keep up the good work!



Festive Fun

Come and join us for some fun activities over the Christmas holidays



Christmas Bingo
20th December 1:00-3:00pm
Moor Nook Youth Centre
Please call 01772 539420 to book a place

Warm and Welcome

Come and join us for a brew and light snack. We will also have some Christmas themed activities and games to join in with.

Wednesday 21st December
1:30-3:00pm Preston Central

Thursday 22nd December
3:30-5:00pm Preston East

Thursday 29th December
10:00-12:00 noon Moor Nook
1:00-3:00pm Preston East

Friday 30th December
10:00-12:00 noon Preston West
1:00-3:00pm Preston Central