



24th February 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It was wonderful to see all the pupils returning to school this week after the half term break looking rested and revived and ready to face the challenges of the new half term. Attendance this week has been exceptional and I am confident this will continue to be the case over the next few weeks.

You will be aware from media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) will be holding their second day of strike action on Tuesday 28th February 2023. As such, I wanted to keep parents updated on how the strike action will affect Broughton High School on this day. As it currently stands, we will be opening the school to all year groups on Tuesday 28th February. Staff who are in school will continue to teach their timetables as normal. There will be some necessary changes to the normal curriculum for some classes but our aim is to keep pupils engaged in learning activities throughout the day. Although definite planning of the exact details of the day cannot be finalised until the start of the day on Tuesday, please be reassured that we will ensure a smooth and purposeful day for our pupils. I will keep you updated if there are any significant changes to our plans, for example if we needed to limit the number of year groups attending on the day of strike action. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know and I will do my best to respond as soon as possible.

I am pleased to announce that we appointed Jane Smethurst as a teacher of English to start with us after the Easter break. Miss Smethurst brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our already exceptional English team and will further enhance the wonderful English curriculum that we offer to our pupils.

On the last Friday of the half term, Year 10 pupils were visited by lecturers from the English Department at Lancaster University. Over 70 pupils stayed behind after school to experience 90 minutes of 'English at University' from a superb team from Lancaster. The pupils involved were inspired by the visit and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Mr Alston and Miss Armstrong for coordinating this wonderful opportunity.

Today we held a cake sale for our pupils to raise money for the families affected by the devastation of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Staff and pupils were able to buy an amazing array of cupcakes that were very kindly made and donated by one of our parents, Mrs Worth. Our aim is to make a small contribution from school to help those in desperate need of supplies and support as a result of this terrible tragedy. Huge thanks to Mrs Worth for your very kind offer and generosity in supplying a huge number of cupcakes.

We will be holding our first Year 8 Family Bingo evening which will be organised by the PTFA on Tuesday 21st March 2023. There will be a range of prizes available on the night and tickets will be made available over the next few weeks. Please can I encourage you to show your support for this event. All money raised goes directly back into the children here at school.

Yesterday morning our Year 11 cohort were treated to a superb production in school of 'Macbeth' by an external drama company called Quantum. The atmosphere created by the drama company, especially when the three witches appeared on stage, was amazing and helped our Year 11 pupils further develop their understanding of the play which is a vital part of the Year 11 GCSE syllabus.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

Finally, congratulations to Jack Lawson (10H), who has been selected to represent Bravo Company (North West Sea Cadets) at this year's Gibraltar Cup Competition which is taking place at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines (Lympstone) on 17th March. The Gibraltar Cup is to determine the best Royal Marines Cadet detachment in the country and I wish Jack and his fellow cadets every success in the competition.

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

Key dates for this half term:

Year 11 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 14 th March
PTFA Meeting at 6.00pm	Thursday 16 th March
Year 8 PTFA Family Bingo	Tuesday 21 st March
Year 9 Parents' & Options Evening	Thursday 30 th March
School closes for Easter	Friday 31 st March

Yours sincerely,



David Botes
Headteacher

Learn it
CHALLENGE

Geography

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.



Years 7 and 8

Test on Wednesday 1 March

Year 9

Test on Thursday 2 March

Learn these 10 facts for the test.

How are you going to remember the answers?

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

Late Bus

Until Thursday 30th March 2023 the late bus service will run
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The charge is 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.



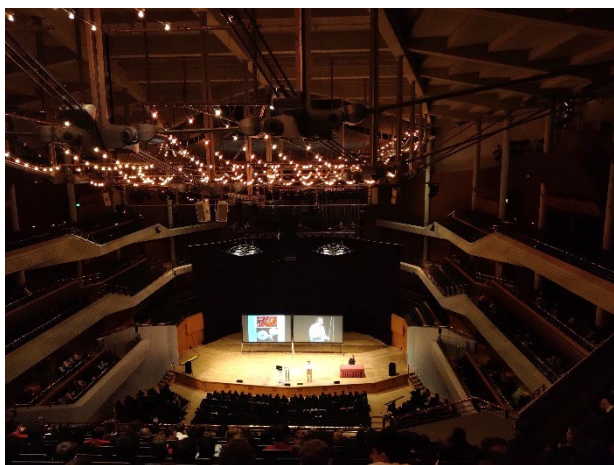
Science Live

GCSE Science Live Trip to Bridgewater Hall

Before half term, a group of Year 10 Triple Scientists had the fantastic opportunity to attend "Science Live" in Manchester. They received talks from a variety of Scientists at the top of their respective fields. The pupils displayed fantastic behaviour and really enjoyed the day. Below are two summaries from pupils who attended:

On the 15th of February, we visited GCSE science live which was held at Bridgewater hall in Manchester. During the event we had talks from five scientists however my personal favourite was the talk by Professor Jim Al-Khalili who talked about the possibilities of time travel to the future and possibly the past. During the event there was also a talk from an experienced chief examiner who shared some very useful tips about revision and answering exam questions.

James Wilcock, 10S



On Wednesday, 15th February, I went on a trip to see GCSE Science live in Manchester. The show consisted of numerous renowned Scientists speaking about subjects which they are passionate about. The part of the day I enjoyed the most was the talk given by Jim-Al-Khalili because I never thought that time travel could be possible. Also, I find fossils and archaeology very interesting so the talk given by Alice Roberts about weapon remains was a very rewarding experience. Overall, the trip was a great day out and a real eye opener into areas of Science I wasn't aware of.

Mae Thompson. 10H

Year 9 P.E. Continuous Training Running Challenge

This week, Mrs Lupton's Year 9 PE class took place in a continuous training running challenge on Wednesday. Each and every member of the class showed immense grit and determination to succeed and some pupils massively overachieved in comparison to the target that they set themselves!

The awards were as follows:

Bronze - 10 minutes

Silver - 12 minutes

Gold - 14 minutes

Platinum - 16 minutes

Tiarla Farnworth, Teagan Paul

Dayna Chohan, Ruby Cross, Imogen Dunphy, Ruby Farnworth, Amber Fisher, Sophie Horner, Rhianna Jackson, Afiya Lakha, Ashfiya Lakha, Chloe Leeming, Katie Leeming, Gemma Ludlam, Emma Morgan, Dhruvi Patel, Ellie Pearce, Eleanor Prescott, Ruby Pritchard, Nicole Pruska, Addie Sandham.



Well done to the whole class!

Miss Lupton

Runshaw College Open Event

The final Open Event for this academic year is coming up on the 1st March. This event is for Year 11s and is also a great chance for Year 10 pupils to start exploring options, For further details, please click the link/image below.

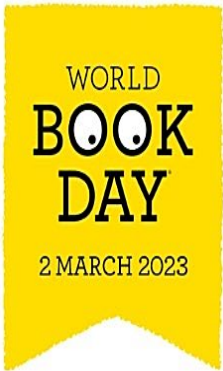
[Runshaw College Open Event](#)

RUNSHAW COLLEGE

Next Open Event

Wednesday 1 March 3.30pm-7.30pm

www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent



Made By Thea Gleave



Get Involved!

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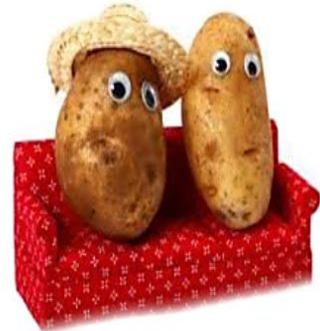
WORLD BOOK DAY



POTATO COMPETITION



Create the most wacky and wonderful potato character with your form!



FORM COMPETITION

This World Book Day, we challenge you to create your favourite literary character / scene from, yes you guessed it, a potato!

Work together as a form and make sure your creation is in the library by the end of the school day on **Friday 3rd March.**

Synergy points, pride and chocolate for the winning form!

Potatoes will be available for collection in the staffroom for your tutor to collect 😊

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World Book Day!

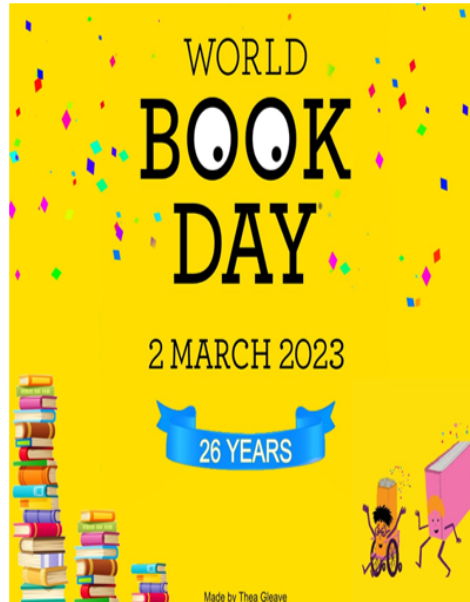
WORLD
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Individual competitions @ BHS

Brought to you by the Year 9 Reading Ambassadors

Option 1:

All you need is an A3 or A4 sheet of paper (please ask your form tutor or English teacher) and a book cover from your favourite book. Simply place the paper under the book cover and use your imagination to carry on the cover. You can use a variety of colours, quotations, shapes and designs to make yours unique.



Option 2:

Create a vibrant and creative bookmark based off a book of your choice. It could be a quote, a section from the cover or a scene in the book. Like the book cover activity, use your imagination and see how creative you can be!
Please see Mrs Armstrong / English teacher for a card blank template.



All of the entries will be due in on
Monday 6th March
and should be handed in to the library with your
full name and form.

For World Book Day this year, you are invited to join in two independent competitions to enter alongside the interform potato competition.

1. **Expand your favourite childhood book** cover using an A3/A4 sheet of paper.
2. **Create a bookmark** based on a book of your choice.

Amazon voucher, Synergy points, pride and chocolate for best entries!

Good luck!

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Fundraising for the Earthquake Disaster in Turkey and Syria

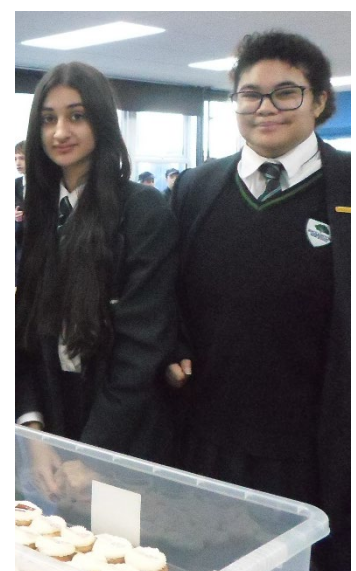
On Friday 24th February, Year 9 ran a cake sale to raise funds for the Earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria. We are all aware of the devastating effect this has had on both countries and it was fantastic to see pupils in Year 9 do their part to try and support such a worthy cause.

The cake sale is down to the generosity of Mrs Worth of 'Cakes for Dates' Preston, who very kindly donated both her time and resources to produce over 400 cakes for both pupils and staff – we really are thankful!

In total we managed to raise an outstanding £500!

Finally, a big thank you to the following pupils who supported the cake sale: **Thea Gleave, Nina Finley, Scarlett Hughes, Sophie White, Katie Parker, Imogen Vickers, Aiysha Aslam, Ace Sands, Michaela Holley** and **Daniel Worth**. All pupils have also been able to get their Best of Broughton 'charity' element signed off as well. Congratulations!

Mrs Bishop



Eating Disorders Awareness Week (27th February – 5th March).

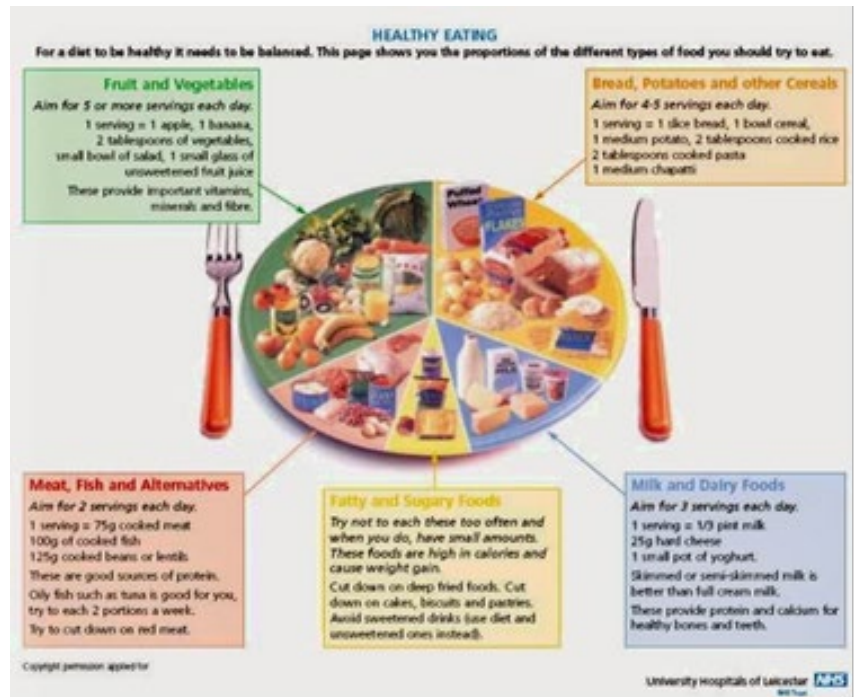
Follow the link below for more information and support.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/my-feelings/eating-problems/>

Try to eat a well-balanced diet.

EAT WELL GUIDE – to achieve a healthy well-balanced diet.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/the-eatwell-guide/>



C Law, Roots Counselling

WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 27th February

caterwaul: verb

to utter long wailing cries.

Example

An animal was **caterwauling** in my back garden last night.

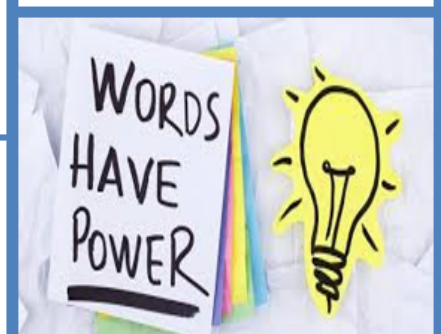
Synonyms

bawl, quarrel, screech.

Antonym

be quiet.

SCHOOL SYNERGY



**Lancashire Youth Council and Youth Focus North West
Enabling Lancashire Young People to have a voice**

**We are writing to ask for pupil support and involvement
in the coming ' Northwest Making your Mark' campaign 2022.**

Making Your Mark (MYM) is the Northwest largest youth consultation, to decide what issues matter most to young people, with around a million young people voting on these issues. At the same time young people are encouraged to put themselves forward to stand for Member of Youth Parliament. (MYP). Young people will represent Lancashire in local, Regional and National level debates, ensuring that young people's voice is heard at every level. Putting young people at the front of decision making on youth issues.

In Lancashire we strive to ensure that as many young people as possible have the opportunity to be involved in decisions that affect their lives and the communities in which they live. We have a responsibility to support and enable this process where possible and by encouraging young people to be part of their District Youth Council, Lancashire Youth Council and UK Youth Parliament we are able to provide such an opportunity.

Lancashire Youth Council meets regularly with members of the County Council Cabinet and the Education scrutiny committee which provides a formal route for them to discuss issues with senior decision makers. The votes in school's etc will elect 5 Lancashire representatives to the UK Youth Parliament who are then responsible for ensuring the voice of Lancashire young people is heard regionally and nationally at Westminster.

The process of young people taking part in this democracy process can take no more than 10 minutes via the link or QR code below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/QfSpumtJ4X>

**Making Your Mark 2023 Online
Ballot**

