



10th March 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You will be aware from media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) will be holding their third and fourth days of strike action on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023. As it currently stands, we will be opening the school to all year groups on both days. 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 days next week, 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.

This week has seen the start of formal assessments for Year 11 pupils in both Food Technology and Drama. Staff and pupils have worked tirelessly on the build up to these formal assessments, and having witnessed at first hand the quality of the drama productions and standard of food that has been produced, I know that these particular pupils have given 100% effort in their work. The Food Technology rooms can only be likened to the MasterChef kitchens during Tuesday and Wednesday and one of the real advantages of being the Headteacher is that I get to sample the food. Having tasted Zach Lee's pumpkin soup, Will Redshaw's pesto swirls and Georgia Panter's lemon meringue pie, I have to say that there was a real quality in the food produced. All pupils produced amazing dishes and performed exceptionally well under pressure and were rightly proud of the superb meals that they created. The Drama Studio was no less impressive with amazing performances from all the pupils who were so composed and professional in their mini productions. The scenes, expertly performed by the pupils, were short duologues taken from 'Blood Brothers', 'A Taste of Honey' and 'Macbeth'. If this exam preparation is a sign of things to come from this year group then I am extremely confident for the remainder of the Year 11 exams.

Attendance at school continues to improve against both the National and North West averages. I am aware that I mention this every week in the newsletter but it is truly impressive to see. Although attendance last week dropped nationally by 0.8%, our whole school attendance was a phenomenal 98.3%.

Year 7 – 99.4%	7.2% above the National Average
Year 8 – 99.1%	6.3% above the National Average
Year 9 – 97.7%	7.2% above the National Average
Year 10 – 98.1%	8.2% above the National Average
Year 11 – 96.9%	7.3% above the National Average

Thank you for your repeated efforts to ensure pupils are in school every day, it is greatly appreciated.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

On Tuesday next week we will be holding our final Year 11 Parents' Evening. This is possibly one of the most important evenings of Year 11 as it is a final opportunity to highlight where pupils are working hard and succeeding and also areas that might need some further effort or support. We will also be holding the 'How to help your child revise' session on the same evening. To ensure everyone has the opportunity to attend the 15 minute presentation, it will be repeated at several times throughout the evening in the Junior Dining Hall, allowing parents the flexibility of meeting teachers and attending this session. The timings for the presentations are as follows: 4.30pm, 5.00pm, 5.30pm, 6.00pm and 6.30pm. We have already had over 95% of parents reply to say they are attending this parents' evening and we are all looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 families next week. It is essential that pupils attend this evening to listen to the reports from their teachers and to interact with the process. Pupils should wear their full school uniform on the evening.

We will be holding our first Year 8 Family Bingo evening, which will organised by the PTFA, on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 6.30pm. Tickets are selling fast so if you are interested in coming along please return the reply slip, which is attached to this newsletter, to Mrs Sweeney. There will be a range of prizes available on the night. Please can I encourage you to show your support for this event. All money raised goes directly back into the children here at school.

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 at 6.30pm	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

1. The four families of instruments found in an orchestra are Woodwind, Brass, Strings and Percussion.
2. The famous composer who wrote some of his best works when he was deaf was Ludwig van Beethoven.
3. The Beatles are the British band who have sold more records than any other artist on the planet with 278.4 million recorded sales.
4. The keys on a Glockenspiel are made of steel or metal.
5. Tina Turner's music is played 24/7 at a UK airport to scare away birds.
6. The word "music" comes from the Muses, goddess of the arts in Greek mythology.
7. Stradivarius Violins are the most expensive in the world. The Lady Blunt Stradivarius sold for £12.3 Million!
8. John Cage wrote a piece of music that consisted of 4 minutes and 33 seconds of silence.
9. The piano covers the full spectrum of all orchestra instruments, from below the lowest note of the double bassoon to above the top note of the piccolo, making it the instrument with the biggest range of notes in the orchestra.
10. The first song played in space by astronauts was Jingle Bells.

Years 7 and 8

Test on Wednesday 15 March

Year 9

Test on Thursday 16 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

Swimming News

Congratulations to Grace Ashworth and Effie Loze-Doyle (7C)

Grace and Effie, from Year 7, recently took part in a large swimming gala at the John Charles Aquatic Centre in Leeds and competed with 200 other swimmers in the Olympic sized, 50 metre pool.

The girls came home with lots of personal bests.

Grace won Gold for 100-metre back stroke
and Effie won Bronze for 50-metre breaststroke.

A superb achievement.

Mrs Higham

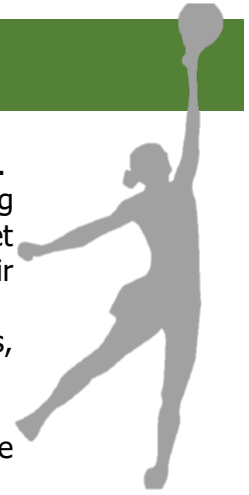


Preston Schools Year 11 Netball Tournament

On Wednesday 8th March, the Year 11 netball teams attended their final ever netball event. With temperatures barely above freezing and snowy conditions, they gave an outstanding performance at the Preston Schools Netball Tournament. Unable to feel their hands and feet by the end of the tournament the **A team** remained undefeated yet again, sustaining their Year 10 title of both **Preston League and Tournament winners!**

The **B team** made a **huge improvement finishing 5th overall**. They won 2 matches, drew 2 matches and lost 3.

A fantastic performance and excellent sportsmanship from all 17 pupils who attended the tournament!



Mrs Hough

Girls' U14 Football

On Thursday 9th March, the girls' U14 football team played against St Cecilia's in the first round of the Preston Schools Cup. The weather conditions were horrendous, with sideways snow and sleet, but the girls battled the elements and still managed to produce some impressive football. The **final result was 9-1 to Broughton**, with goals coming from **Amara Jenkins Smith, Imogen Goodwin and Grace Lochhead**. Well done to all the girls involved; they now face Corpus in the next round.



Team:

**Alex Latham (C), Evie Lee, Kara Lee, Amy Beardwood,
Olivia Rankin, Grace Lochhead, Imogen Goodwin,
Amara Jenkins Smith, Isabelle Harrop, Olivia Newman-Kirk.**



Mrs Rukin

Wellbeing

MINDFUL MARCH

Spring is on its way so let's start to grow into a positive mindset.

- I am thankful for...
- My greatest talent is...
- What makes me feel happy?
- I'm proud of myself because?
- What do I love about my life?
- My happiest memory is ...
- Who makes me feel happy?
- How can I add to my happiness?
- What can I do to create positive thinking?
- What is my number one goal for this year?
- Three negative mindsets I need to let go ...
- Name 5 things you love about you ...
- Describe your perfect day ...



C Law, Roots Counselling

DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY 

National Literacy Trust's Reading Champion Quiz

On Tuesday 7th March, **Nina Finley, Hannah Wilcock, Alice Chapman** and **Rohan Connolly** attended the prestigious National Literacy Trust's Reading Champion Quiz, at St. John Fisher and Thomas More Roman Catholic High School.

Competing against 13 other teams across the northwest, they battled through eight lively rounds, totalling 75 questions, that increased in difficulty and really tested the depth and breadth of their reading knowledge.



The pupils had a great day and represented Broughton brilliantly - scoring incredibly well in a competitive environment.

Well done to all involved – I am really proud of you!

Mrs Armstrong

..... YEAR 8 - HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKET YET FOR THE FAMILY EASTER BINGO?!



**Broughton High School's PTFA
invite you to their**

Year 8

Family Easter Bingo Event

**Tuesday 21st March 2023
at 6.30pm**



There will be some exciting bingo prizes, some light refreshments and a chance to win some raffle prizes too!

**Tickets:
£5 per family
including buffet**

**Payment to be made via
Parent Pay and reply slips
to be returned to
Mrs Sweeney
at the School Office**



Please see the letter/reply slip attached to this newsletter.



Broughton High School Chess Competition 2023

This year 35 pupils from different year groups took part in the Broughton chess competition. As there was so much interest we decided that there would be a second plate competition for all those knocked out in the first round.

In the main competition, there were some close early rounds and four pupils made it to the semi-finals in which **Aaron Law 7N** beat **Anand Singh 10R** and **Daniel Siggers 9H** saw off the challenge from **Archie Davies 10S**.

The final between Daniel and Aaron was a very attacking contest with the balance of power shifting from one player to the other with both having a chance to win, before Aaron finally managed to take control of the board and was able to check mate Daniel, to win the competition.



In the semi-finals of the plate competition, **Nikhil Patel 9C** beat **Austin Windle 9C** and **Adam Hussain 7N** conquered **James Owens 7C**. The final of the plate competition saw Nikhil gain victory in a very even and closely fought contest, with Adam losing by the narrowest of margins.



Well done to all the pupils who took part.

Mr Starkie

Definition of Persistent Absence

Schools are 'measured' both on their whole school attendance rate *and* the level of persistent absentees within school. A persistently absent pupil is one whose attendance is at or below 90% at any point during the academic year.

If your child falls below the threshold, the DFE defines your child as having persistent absence.

We obviously don't want any of pupils to fall below this threshold and appreciate this occasionally is unavoidable. If there is anything we can do to avoid any absence please do contact school.

Absence of any kind does impact on teaching and learning and ultimately outcome and even a small time not in school can result in several lessons being missed.

Half term 1	: 7 sessions of absence.	3.5 days	(18 lessons missed)
Half term 1-2	: 14 sessions of absence.	7 days	(35 lessons missed)
Half term 1-3	: 20 sessions of absence.	10 days	(50 lessons missed)
Half term 1-4	: 25 sessions of absence.	12.5 days	(63 lessons missed)
Half term 1-5	: 31 sessions of absence.	15.5 days	(78 lessons missed)
Half term 1-6	: 38 sessions of absence.	19 days	(95 lessons missed)



2 sessions of absence = 1 full day.

Mr Brandwood

World Book Day Competition Winners by Alice Chapman, Reading Ambassador

For this year's World Book Day, we had three exciting competitions for pupils to 'get involved' with: **an inter-form literary potato creation competition** and **two individual competitions where pupils could either design a bookmark or extend a book cover**.

In true Broughton High style, we have had many entries and the standard was exceptionally high, but as there were prizes at stake there had to be a winner! Mrs Whitlock and the Reading Ambassadors thought that it was only right to give out as many prizes as possible with the results listed below.

Potato competition:

- 7R** - The Odyssey – Circe and Odysseus
- 8S** - Lord of the Flies
- 9B** - Mr Men
- 10C** - The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- 11S** - The Christmas Carol

Overall winner:

- 8S** - Lord of the Flies

Bookmark competition:

- 1st prize 'Bridgerton' by **Charlotte Atkinson 9B**
- 2nd Prize 'Cat In The Hat' by **Aisha Hussain 8B**
- 3rd Prize 'Ignite' by **Teagan Paul 9S**

Book cover competition:

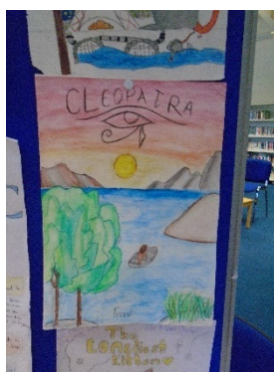
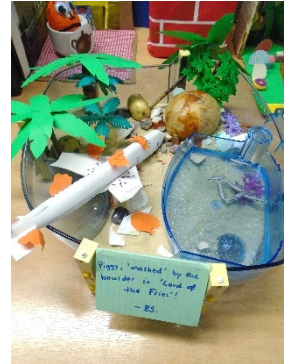
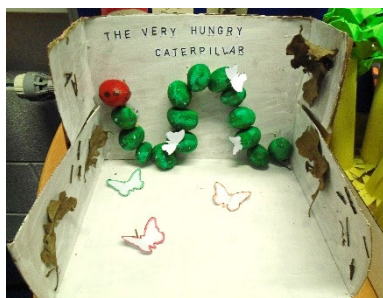
- The Walking Dead by **Mimi Charles 9C**
- Titanic by **Addie Sandham 9N**
- Ratatouille by **Angelo Salisbury-Fitch 7B**

Highly commended entries:

- Cleopatra by **Anabia Siddiqui 7B** and The Loneliest Kitten by **Aliyah Ahmed 7R**

Well done to all who took part in the competitions and especially to the winning entries!

Alice Chapman (9C), Reading Ambassador



WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 13th March

mellifluous: adj.

sweetly or smoothly flowing or sweet-sounding.

Example

I grew up around people who had wonderful, **mellifluous** voices.

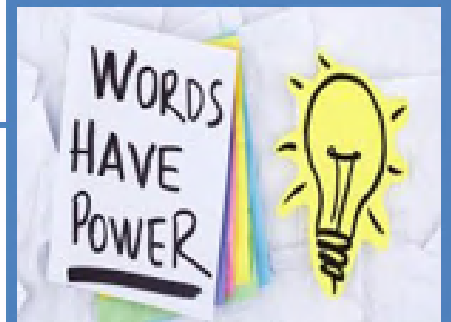
Synonyms

agreeable, harmonic, dulcet.

Antonym

discordant.

SCHOOL SYNERGY



Late Bus

From Monday 20th February until Thursday 30th March 2023

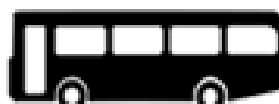
the service will run

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.



INVESTIN

FREE STUDENT WEBINARS



4.9/5 from 1,200+
Trustpilot Reviews

Coming up this month:

LAW | MEDICINE | FINANCE

National Careers Week 2023

To celebrate the UK's National Careers Week, we shall be running a series of free webinars this month for students aged 12-18. Your students will have the opportunity to learn from professionals from the worlds of Medicine, Finance and Law, and ask them questions in a live online, interactive environment.

MEDICINE
14th March

LAW
21st March

FINANCE
28th March

All sessions will take place at 18:00 UK time, but recordings will be sent to all students that register, so interested students should book their places even if they are unable to attend.

Summer Career Experiences in London

We are now more than 75% full for our flagship summer career experiences in London so interested students should book their places as soon as possible.

View & Register
AGES 12-14

View & Register
AGES 15-18



CAREERS HUB



This section of the newsletter informs pupils and parents of the latest careers news, events held in school and opportunities further afield. Links to external employers and training providers can be accessed by clicking on the links underlined. Any careers queries can be directed to Mr Lord by email lord@broughtonhigh.co.uk

JOB OF THE WEEK

Click to watch a small information video



Veterinary Surgeon

Vets diagnose, treat and operate on sick and injured animals.

Salary £30,000 - £50,000pa

Typical Hours – 40-45 per week which may include evenings and weekends and on call work.

Find out more information on this career path via the National Careers Website [here](#).



NOTICES



Year 10 Work Experience update

It has been a pleasure to hear the many stories of resilience and determination as year 10 pupils have navigated the initial process of securing a placement in principle. We are now busy trawling through each placement in detail to ensure that placements are appropriate and safe.

Please watch out for a letter next week which will provide an update on the WEX process with an update of the roles for pupil, employer, parent and school.

LIVE APPRENTICESHIP VACANCY

Training 2000 are to be welcomed into school next week to deliver an assembly promoting their range of live vacancies to our year 11 pupils.

After the assembly Y11, pupils may make an appointment to get information and guidance on the apprenticeship application process, information on the vacancies they have or tips for success. Interested pupils are encouraged to make an appointment with Mr Lord as this will be by appointment only.

Their live vacancies can be found by clicking on their logo below.

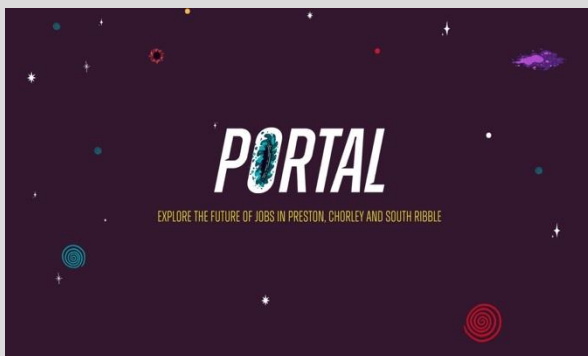


NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK # NCW



This week marked National Careers Week in school. Pupils have been welcomed to escape the cold temperatures by playing the Lancashire Labour Market Information boardgame.

Pupils have also signed up to engage in the National Thorpe Park queue experience challenge. We hope to have some of our pupils shortlisted for the national finals in the summer.



Labour Market Information has been displayed on screens across the school, outlining employments trends and which sectors are anticipated to have demand for workers in the Central Lancashire area. Click on the image to be taken to the Lancashire Careers Hub website.

Next ***week all year groups*** will have an assembly from an industry expert to provide age-appropriate information and guidance on careers. We encourage you to discuss these assemblies with your child and ***spark a careers conversation.***





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March 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

YEAR 8 FAMILY EASTER BINGO EVENT - TUESDAY 21st MARCH 2023, 6.30PM

You are invited to attend a Family Easter Bingo event being organised by the PTFA, to be held on Tuesday 21st March at 6.30pm.

The event is an opportunity to meet with other families in your child's year group. There will be exciting bingo prizes, some light refreshments and there will be the chance to win some wonderful raffle prizes too! All family members are welcome to attend.

A family ticket costs just £5.00 which includes a buffet (payment to be made via ParentPay).

Please try and come along; the event will be a fun, light-hearted occasion.

Yours faithfully,

David Botes
Headteacher

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YEAR 8 FAMILY EASTER BINGO EVENT
TUESDAY 21st MARCH 2023, 6.30PM

NAME OF PUPIL _____ FORM GROUP: 8_____

We are able to come to the Year 8 Family Easter Bingo event on Tuesday 21st March 2023.

- I confirm payment has been made by ParentPay.

Please send home 1 family ticket for people in our family.

Signed (parent/guardian) _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO: MRS SWEENEY, HEADTEACHER'S PA, SCHOOL OFFICE

Headteacher: Mr David Botes