

21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It was wonderful to see the pupils returning to school this week, rested and refreshed after the Easter break. It has been an extremely positive first week back in school and it is clear that the pupils have returned with a real positivity towards their learning and involvement in extra-curricular clubs. I hope you all managed to have a restful Easter break with your families.

There has been a superb atmosphere around school and in lessons this week which is something we occasionally take for granted but something that is always mentioned by the many visitors we have in school. Our pupils are a credit to the school.

Last night we held our penultimate parents' evening of the year and welcomed Year 10 pupils and their families into school. As always, it was extremely well attended and a very positive experience for both pupils and parents. Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaires and for the overwhelming positive feedback that was received. The final parents' evening of the year will be for Year 8 pupils and will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 4pm. It is vitally important that pupils attend this evening with their parents to hear the important information that is shared. Pupils attending must wear full school uniform.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May will see the next days of strike action in schools. As with the previous days of strike action we will be aiming to stay open for all year groups, however this may change over the course of the next few days. We will keep you updated of any changes that may arise but, as last time, there may be some disruption to the normal taught curriculum on these days.

Our end of year exams and assessments are fast approaching for Years 7-10. Over the next two weeks we will be providing all pupils with a revision plan and a timetable along with a simple planner for them to organise their revision time efficiently. Agreeing some 'house rules' in advance about revision is always extremely productive. Simple things such as turning off mobile phones during revision to avoid distraction and taking regular breaks can significantly help with concentration and retention. Mr Brady and Mr Webster will be holding 'How to Revise' assemblies for all pupils in Years 7-10. In class, teachers will also be sharing ideas about the most effective ways to revise with their pupils.

Between the  $11^{\text{th}} - 13^{\text{th}}$  July our Year 10's will undertake a three-day work experience placement, giving pupils valuable experience of the workplace and an opportunity to develop their employability skills. This week marked the deadline for our Year 10 pupils in securing their own placements. Whilst most of our pupils have secured suitable placements, some are yet to find a suitable position. If your business or place of work could assist in providing a suitable placement during this time, please email our Head of Careers, Mr Lord (lordc@broughtonhigh.co.uk).

On Thursday, 27th April, Year 7 pupils will be off timetable during periods 1-4 to receive a series of talks from a number of guest speakers (including the Police, the Fire Service, Safer Travel, the School Counsellor and others). The focus will be on 'Staying Safe' which will be invaluable especially with the Summer Holidays approaching.

Last term our focus for rewards was to raise money for the 'Jade's Bag' charity and donate towards their good work with the local people of Preston. I am pleased to announce that through the reward points that were accumulated by our pupils last term we have raised £469.99 to donate to this worthy cause. Next week we will be meeting with representatives from the charity and pupils will be presenting them with our donation. Our pupil council are currently in the process of choosing the charity for this final term of the school year and I will share this with you in the newsletter next week.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

It is always nice to celebrate some of the individual successes of our pupils and as I have mentioned in previous newsletters, please let me know of any special achievements that your children experience outside of school. This week we have a number of successes that I would like to share with you.

I mentioned last year about one of our pupils, Daisy Lee in Year 8 who is an exceptional golfer. 2022 was a fantastic year for her and was the first year she had competed at the highest level such as the Scottish Girls, The English Girls Amateur Championship, The English Girls U14& U16 Amateur Championship, St Andrew Ladies Junior Open and many more competitions along with Lancashire Ladies County and Lancashire Junior County Matches. This year, Daisy will compete in The R & A U16 Girls Amateur Championship at Enville Golf Club and the Welsh Women Open Stroke Play Championship which will be held at Prestatyn Golf Club. We wish her the very best of luck!

Johnny Stanley in Year 9 recently represented the Army Cadet Force in the Lancashire county junior boys rugby team and then took part in the regional training day and was selected further to represent the North West region at the national competition during the Easter holidays. The team played several matches against the various regions in England, along with matches against Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. A wonderful achievement and experience, well done.

Anna-Mae Morris in Year 7 has recently been offered a place on the Intermediate Associate programme at The Academy of Northern Ballet in Leeds, following a 2-stage audition process. Congratulations and good luck.

During the Easter holidays, Leo Eastham in Year 7 completed the gruelling *Snowdon by Night challenge* with his dad to raise money for Alder Hey Children's hospital. This is an incredible achievement, highlighted by the fact that Leo was the youngest climber participating in the event. Further details can be found within this newsletter. Very well done to Leo (and his dad!).

Daniel Siggers in Year 9 recently competed in the National Youth Brass Band contest finals held in Southport with the Lancashire Youth Brass Band. Having seen the footage of the performance, Daniel played the trombone exceptionally well. The band performed a number of pieces and gained a worthy second place in this hugely prestigious competition. Well done.

I am pleased to announce that the governing body is looking to appoint a new parent governor this term. The role of a governor is essential in the strategic running of the school and the support and challenge that members of the governing body provide enables us to continue to run our school successfully. The commitment required from a parent governor is to attend two meetings every term which last approximately 2 hours each. One is a committee meeting and one is the full governing body meeting. In addition, we encourage all members of the governing body to link with an area or subject in school and meet face to face once a term to support the particular member of staff. Nomination forms have been sent to parents this week.

Key dates:

Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
School closed for Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
School closed for Bank Holiday	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
School closes for Half Term	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
School re-opens	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June

Finally, we would like to wish all our families who are celebrating Eid today "Eid Mubarak" (Happy Eid).

If you ever have any questions or concerns or want to share any of your child's successes please do not hesitate to make contact. My email is <u>botesd@broughtonhigh.co.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely,

David Botes Headteacher

### BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

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### Learn it

CHALLENGE

Drama

Years 7, 8, 9

- 1. The word 'theatre' comes from the Greek word '*theatron'* meaning 'seeing place' and the Greek word '*theaomai'* meaning 'to view/observe'.
- 2. Konstantin Stanislavski was the Russian theatre practitioner, 1863-1938.
- 3. Bertolt Brecht was the German theatre practitioner, 1898-1956.
- 4. Antonin Artaud was the French theatre practitioner, 1896-1948.
- 5. Augusto Boal was the Brazilian theatre practitioner, 1931-2009.
- 6. The name given to Stanislavski's techniques is **The System**.
- 7. Brecht is famous for **Epic Theatre**.
- 8. Artaud is famous for **Theatre of Cruelty**.
- 9. Boal is famous for **Theatre of the Oppressed**.
- 10. There are **39 theatres** in London's West End Theatre District.

#### Years 7 and 8

Test on Wednesday 26 April

#### <u>Year 9</u>

Test on Thursday 27 April

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

#### Year 9 Options Forms - Deadline for Return - Friday 28th April

Many Year 9 pupils have already handed in their completed Options Forms. A reminder to those pupils who have not yet done so, that <u>all Options Forms</u> must be <u>returned to Form Tutors</u> by the end of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you. Mr Church





#### Mathematical Education on Merseyside (MEM) Challenge and Senior Challenge

During February Half-Term, pupils in Year 8 and 10 were invited to compete in the Mathematical Education on Merseyside (MEM) Challenge and Senior Challenge where they had to answer challenging problems on their own.

The school has had the results back from MEM and we would like to congratulate **Noah Heke** in Year 8 who was the Best in School for Challenge '23 and **Luca Homer** who was Best in School for Senior Challenge '23.

126 school entered with over 2,000 entries across both competitions. Well done to both pupils on their achievements.

Mr Peterson



SENSATIONAL SNOWDON SUMMIT



During the Easter holidays **Leo Eastham (7C)** completed the gruelling *Snowdon by Night challenge* for **Alder Hey Children's hospital**.

With a 1.45am start, Leo set off in very cold, wet and windy conditions. Taking it all in his stride, he summited Mount Snowdon at 4.40am to be greeted by snow and temperatures at a bone chilling -10°C. Leo was the youngest climber doing the event and completed the challenge in 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours returning to base camp at 7.15am.

Leo and his dad have raised an amazing £1227 for Alder Hey in the process.



An absolutely stunning effort Leo! Well done from everyone at Broughton.

Mr Lord

#### Wellbeing - Scream Day - 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Screaming on its own has proven to be very beneficial, you can scream in your pillow, in your car, in the woods, or wherever you feel most comfortable.

Screaming can help let out pent up emotions. Letting out a scream can be a healthy way to release these.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT THE LINK BELOW

https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/scream-day-2023/#:~:text=April%2024,wherever%20you%20feel%20most%20comfortable.

#### EXAM TIME PUPILS

Exam time can be incredibly stressful and create a lot of unwanted pressure and stress. Look at the link below offering advice and tips to maintain positive wellbeing during exam time. *https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/* 

C Law, Roots Counselling

P.E. Extra-Curricular Activities		
	Lunch: 1.30-1.55pm	After School: 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Monday	Gymnastics - All Years	Girls' Cricket - Years 7-10
Tuesday		Girls' Rounders - Years 7 and 8 Boys' Cricket - Years 7 and 8
Wednesday		Dance - Years 9 and 10 Athletics - Years 7-11
Thursday	Cheer Dance - All Years	Girls' Rounders - Years 9 and 10 Dance - Years 7 and 8 Boys' Cricket - Years 9 and 10 Running Club - All Years
Friday		Basketball - Years 7 and 8

#### Late Bus

The service will run in April, May, June and July on

#### Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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.







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 <u>underlined</u>. 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



#### **Quantity Surveyor**

Quantity surveyors oversee construction projects, managing risks and controlling costs

Average Salary - £25,000-80,000PA

Average Working Hours- 37-40 including evenings and weekends.

More information can be found about this career path, including routes into the industry via the National Careers Website <u>here.</u>



# NOTICES

Calling Y10 pupils and parents.

The deadline for Work Experience Placements has now passed.

All pupils who have a placement MUST have the details uploaded to Unifrog for Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at the latest.

Any pupils who have not uploaded the details of their placement by this date will be placed into support groups to provide help, support and guidance in securing a placement.

Should you or your child have any queries regarding work experience, please email lordc@broughtonhigh.co.uk

## LIVE APPRENTICESHIP VACANCY



We are a family run business based in Preston, having been established for over 50 years and carry out work for Lancashire County Council and University of Central Lancashire, amongst other organisations.

We are currently seeking enthusiastic and conscientious apprentices.

Any students interested in these roles should send their CV's by email to <u>chris@wmwilding.co.uk</u> by the end of June 2023.