



7th July 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Monday we held our new Year 7 Induction Day where over 180 pupils joined us for their first experience of life at Broughton High School. After their first assembly where pupils met their new Head of Year, Mrs Boardman, pupils were split into their form groups and met their new Form Tutors. Following this, our new pupils had their first classroom experiences in a variety of subjects. As expected, the pupils loved the food at break and lunch and it was lovely to see so many pupils from different primary schools mixing with each other and starting to build new friendships. All new Year 7 parents were invited to attend an induction evening at the end of the day and it was a pleasure to welcome so many new families to our school. We are all really looking forward to working with both the pupils and their families when we return to school in September.

Today we took 700 pupils to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Blackpool Zoo for the end of year rewards trips. It was wonderful to see the children so excited this morning to spend a day out of school with their friends. The visits were a great success and the pupils behaviour and conduct was superb.

Last weekend saw the conclusion of this year's Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. It has been a superb course again this year and I want to say a huge thankyou and well done to all the pupils and staff involved with the Award scheme this year. A special thank you to Mr Lowe who leads the whole process in school for us.

Year 10 pupils have taken the opportunity this week to visit Preston, Newman and Runshaw College to start the process of deciding their pathway for the next stage of their educational journey when they leave Broughton in June 2024. Miss Cross coordinated the three trips and reported that the pupils behaved exceptionally well and engaged fully in the opportunities on offer. I am sure this will have helped pupils with the start of this very important decision.

Next week our Year 10 pupils embark on their work experience placements which is the first time for a number of years. Mr Lord, Head of Careers has coordinated an excellent programme for the pupils which includes 3 days of work experience in a variety of settings from Primary and Secondary Schools to BAE Systems and landscaping. I know this will be a valuable experience for pupils and I wish them all the very best of luck for their three-day placements.

The 'Geography Field Trip' to Liverpool this week proved to be an excellent day for the huge number of pupils in Year 10 who are studying Geography GCSE. As well as studying the development of the city, pupils experienced a ferry trip on the Mersey to observe the view of the city and its skyline from the river. Although it was an extremely wet day, and Mr Brady and Mr Lord suffered quite badly with sea sickness whilst on the ferry, the pupils found the experience extremely valuable and helpful with the completion of their GCSE studies. Thank you to Mrs Wortley for organising and supervising this visit.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

If your child cycles to/from school, please remind them of the importance of road awareness and safety. Pupils must always pay attention to pedestrians and road users, and they should always stop and check for oncoming traffic at junctions and use any crossing when available.

All pupils who cycle to school must wear a helmet at all times on their journey to and from school. We want to always ensure that the pupils are cycling safely and with the increased traffic around the school and village it is essential that the pupils take the necessary safety precautions. It is strongly advisable for all the pupils to use the cycling lanes and guild wheel to make their way into school wherever possible. If your child walks to school, please remind them also of the importance of road safety and to use pedestrian crossings where available.

This week we appointed Mr Chris Banks to join our team in September as a Pastoral Intervention Mentor. Chris brings a wealth of experience to our team here at Broughton and we are looking forward to working with him in the new academic year.

Good luck in advance to all pupils and staff who are involved with the Music trip to Austria, departing on Saturday. I know it will be an amazing experience for all involved.

The final day will be non-uniform for pupils and we would like to ask for a donation of £1 to this term's chosen charity which is Sir Tom Finney House. Your son or daughter must wear clothing appropriate for a day in school and we are of course still upholding all the rules regarding jewellery, make-up, fake tan etc. We will also be holding our end of year awards assemblies for each year group where pupils will receive recognition for their hard work and effort both in class and their contribution to school life. School will finish at 1pm.

Mrs Janet Englishby, our school business manager, has taken the decision to retire at the end of the school year. Janet has worked tirelessly over the last thirteen years here at Broughton High School managing our school budget, planning and supervising all the amazing building projects around school and coordinating our school catering alongside a number of other important roles including being a key member of our school senior leadership team. Her work behind the scenes over the years has been tremendous including her work with the governing body and the PTFA. Janet will be sadly missed by us all in school and I would like to wish her the very best of luck in her retirement.

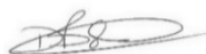
If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to make contact. My email is: botesd@broughtonhigh.co.uk.

Key dates:

Music Trip to Austria
Year 10 Work Experience
Sports Day
School Closes for Summer

Saturday 8th July to Friday 14th July
Tuesday 11th July to Thursday 13th July
Monday 17th July
Wednesday 19th July (1.00pm)

Yours sincerely,



David Botes
Headteacher

LUSOM Maths Challenge

On Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July, a group of talented Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 pupils represented our school at the LUSOM Maths Challenge.

Over the course of four intense rounds, our pupils demonstrated their exceptional problem-solving abilities, tackling an array of complex mathematical questions. The competition was fierce, with ten schools from the region vying for the top spot.

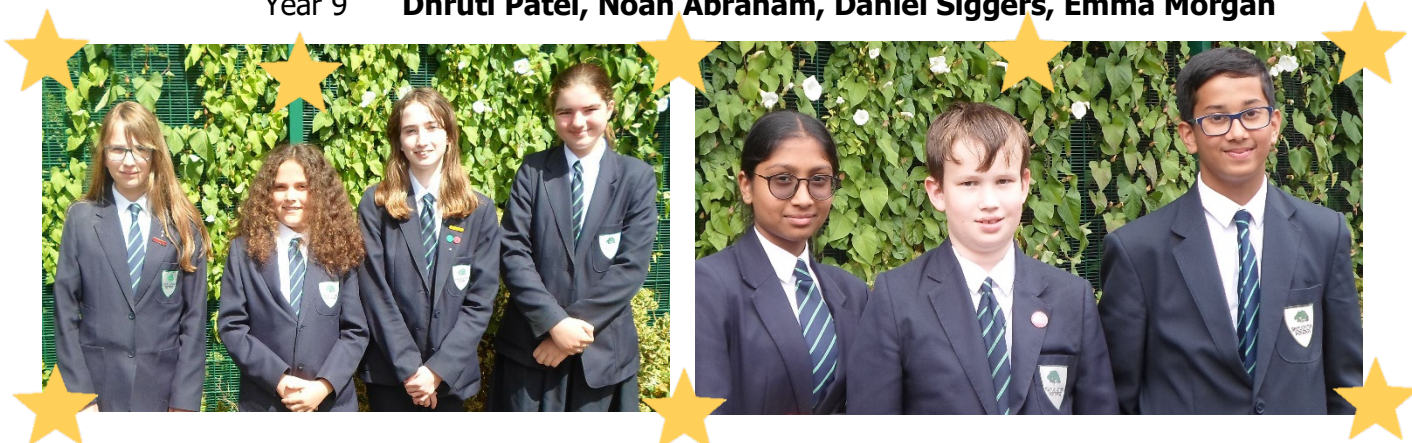
We are thrilled to announce that **our Year 9 pupils finished in first place!** A remarkable achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our talented pupils given their challengers were mainly Year 10 pupils. **Our Year 7 and 8 pupils secured a second-place finish!** The competition was incredibly close, with just one point separating us from the top spot.

We would like to extend our congratulations to the following pupils who represented our school:

Year 7 **Rien Galbraith and Megan Wilcock**

Year 8 **Annabel Cooke and Niamh Quigley**

Year 9 **Dhruti Patel, Noah Abraham, Daniel Siggers, Emma Morgan**



In recognition of their exceptional performance, our pupils were rewarded with a goody bag of prizes, including a brand-new calculator!

Mrs McKibbin and Mrs Bishop

Wellbeing

TAKING CARE OF YOUR WELLBEING DURING THE SUMMER BREAK 🌻

- Get outside ... fresh air is great!
- Exercise.
- Eat a healthy well-balanced diet.
- Get some sleep/rest.
- See your friends.
- Set FUN weekly goals.
- Keep motivated – learn something new, maybe try volunteer work.

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<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/five-ways-you-could-look-after-your-mental-health-this-summer/>

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Science Trip to London

On Thursday 29th June, 40 Year 8 science pupils left school at 6.30am for a two day overnight stay in London. We arrived in good time to have a look around the Science Museum where we spent several hours exploring technological developments over the years including rockets, medical equipment and even toasters! We then headed to the Premier Inn, Earls Court, to quickly change ready for our meal at the Café Rouge restaurant. Following our meal, we arrived at the Apollo Victoria Theatre to watch the spectacular show, Wicked. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all with several pupils making the comment, "It was the best show they had ever seen".

The following morning, after loading up on breakfast, we were able to spend over 3 hours in the Natural History Museum before heading home. As expected, behaviour from all was impeccable and we arrived back tired but having had a great couple of days.

Miss Taylor





Rhianna Jackson, a pupil who is currently in Year 9 here at Broughton, qualified for this year's Dance World Cup. 62 countries take part in this competition. Ballet, Commercial Dance, Hip Hop as well Tap Dance and Folklore Dance are only some of the different kinds of dance that the dancers compete in.

Rhianna was extremely successful in this competition, representing England. She achieved three gold medals, one silver medal and three bronze medals. What an unbelievable amazing achievement. Well done!

Mrs Burke



WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 10th July

nemesis: noun

something that a person cannot conquer, achieve, etc.

Example

The girl was not happy when her **nemesis** won the competition.

Synonyms

adversary, rival, enemy.

Antonym

associate.

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Cupcake Decoration Skills Sessions

Guest presenter, Mrs Worth, delivered four after school sessions on cupcake decoration skills. Over the weeks, the pupils mastered their cake decorating skills using a range of ingredients and tools. This built up to the final session which was the 'Cupcake Challenge' of designing and decorating a Broughton High school themed cupcake. The pupils made planners, favourite reading books and school equipment out of fondant icing for a professional final cupcake.

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part it was a thoroughly enjoyable session.

A special thank you to Mrs Worth for giving her time and expertise over the last four weeks.

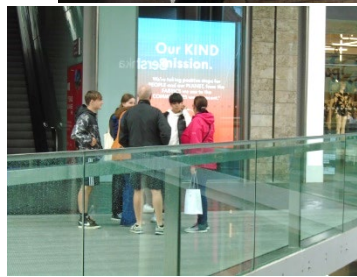
Mrs Newton



Y10 Geographers go to Liverpool

On Monday 3rd July, 91 Year 10 GCSE geographers went to Liverpool to carry out their human fieldwork task. We looked at the deindustrialisation of the city and evaluated the success of the Liverpool ONE regeneration scheme.

All of the pupils were fantastic even though the weather chose not to smile on us. This year we also added a trip on the famous Mersey Ferry. The rocky waters did not suit everyone, but we could just about make out the well-known Liverpool coastline through the mist!



Thank you to all of the pupils who conducted themselves exceptionally well and managed to make the most of some tricky weather conditions.

Thank you to the following staff who made the visit possible - Mr Lord, Miss Wright, Mr Brady, Miss Cross and Mr Ellis.

Mrs Wortley