



8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back! I hope that this first newsletter of the academic year finds you well and that you have all managed to have a safe, happy and restful summer with your families. It has been wonderful to welcome back all our pupils this week and I have enjoyed speaking to the pupils about their summer holidays and seeing them quickly and calmly return to school life, despite the very hot weather this week. It has been an excellent start to term this week and, as always, the politeness, manners, hard work and smartness of uniform that our pupils have displayed this week is a credit to them, their families and the school. This week I am proud to say that our school motto 'Achieving Together' has been undoubtedly ever present.

I would like to formally welcome our new Year 7 pupils and their families to our 'Team' here at Broughton High School. The entire year group has made an excellent first impression and I would like to congratulate them on an extremely positive start to their journey here at Broughton. For the second year all pupils were offered an opportunity to attend a 'summer school' and I am pleased to say that we had over 150 pupils who were able to attend.

Next week, the Year 7 pupils have a team building and activity day where the whole of Year 7 will be visiting 'Rock and River'; pupils will experience activities such as paddle boarding, raft building, rock climbing, abseiling and a variety of other team building activities throughout their visit. I am sure they will have an amazing time.

I would also like to formally welcome our new members of staff. Mr Rimmer – Curriculum Leader Physics, Mr Banks – Pastoral Intervention Mentor, Miss Patel – Teacher of Mathematics, Mr Darling – Operations Manager & Cover, Mrs Eccles - Learning Support Assistant, Mrs Chadwick - Learning Support Assistant, Miss Meikle – Teacher of English (Maternity Cover) and Miss Howard – Cover Supervisor. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the very best of luck as they start with us at Broughton High School.

I am delighted to announce that again this year's external GCSE and vocational examination results have been exceptional which is testament to the hard work of both our pupils and staff alongside the excellent support of parents over the last few years, especially through the Covid-19 pandemic. The resilience and positivity shown by our former Year 11 pupils has been remarkable and, as a result of this, the grades achieved by this year group have been truly phenomenal.

This set of results continues the school's historic record of high levels of performance in examinations and I would like to congratulate the pupils on their amazing success.

Of the 181 pupils in Year 11:

- 86% achieved a Grade 4 or higher in both English and Maths**
- 96% of our pupils passed English Language at Grade 4 or higher.**
- 93% of our pupils passed English Literature at Grade 4 or higher.**
- 91% of pupils passed English with a 9-4 Grade in Literature or Language.**
- 86% of pupils passed Maths at Grade 4 or higher.**
- 86% of pupils passed Combined Science at Grade 4 or higher.**
- 99% of pupils passed Biology, Chemistry and Physics at Grade 5 or higher.**

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

**83 % of pupils passed French or German at Grade 4 or higher.**  
**82% of pupils passed History or Geography at Grade 4 or higher.**  
**40% of all GCSE Grades awarded were between 9-7.**  
**84% of pupils achieved a Grade 4 or higher in five subjects including English and Maths.**  
**66% of pupils achieved a Grade 5 or higher in 5 subjects including English and Maths.**

I am sure you will agree that these results are exceptional. Across all subjects, Broughton High School pupils achieved significantly better than similar schools across the country, which is again testament to the expert teaching and support from our staff, the dedication and hard work of our pupils throughout their time at Broughton High School and the excellent support of parents.

We are all extremely proud of the achievements of our former Year 11 pupils and wish them all the very best of luck as they start the next stage of their journey at college or on an apprenticeship. We look forward to seeing them at the Awards Evening on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

We have had a significant amount of building work completed over the summer with new flooring fitted throughout the corridors in the junior block. We have had an extra English classroom created and we have developed our Learning Support area. One of our former pupils, Stanley Mason, has painted an exceptional mural on one of our large outside walls to create a lovely sitting area with new picnic benches. Finally, we have had a refurbishment of the P.E. area, modernising this area for daily use and for our whole school events such as Open Evening, Parents' Evenings and our annual Awards Evening.

Visitors to the school always comment on the vast number of pupils who cycle and walk to school which is truly impressive. All pupils must always wear a helmet when they are cycling to school and must keep themselves safe on their journey by having an awareness of the traffic around them and other road users. If your child walks to school please remind them about road safety, especially when crossing over the road and to make sure they are not looking at their mobile phones!

Please can I also remind parents about dropping off and picking up at the start and end of the school day. It is not permitted to drive into the main school gate to drop off or pick up pupils (apart from after school activities) as this causes blockages with our buses and please do not park on the zig-zag lines at the front of school. Please drop children off safely, ideally at the top of the school field where they can walk down the path into school. Wherever possible please avoid picking up or dropping off on Woodplumpton Road as this is becoming increasingly dangerous. Your support and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Matilda Macleod who plays for Bolton Girls' under 16 cricket team. In June they won the Northern Final and then went onto compete in the National Final against Guildford at Lords. Although they were runners up, she had a great experience playing at the home of cricket. What an amazing achievement and experience.

We have a selection of new unused and nearly new uniform available from school for a small donation to the school's chosen charity. If you need a specific item of uniform, please contact Mrs Dumbell, School Receptionist, by emailing <mailto:dumbell@broughtonhigh.co.uk> to check availability of uniform items.

Next Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding our annual Open Evening for prospective parents and pupils. This evening is always a fantastic event which showcases our school and most importantly our superb pupils. A significant number of our pupils volunteer to stay behind and assist across all our departments in school and I want to thank them in advance for 'getting involved' in this evening. Open Evening starts at 6pm with Headteacher speeches at 6.15pm, 7.15pm and 8.15pm. If your child is helping out in a department, please can you ensure they are back in school at the time their teacher has asked them to come for. Also, please be mindful when dropping off or picking up that Open Evening always brings a significant amount of extra traffic to the village. With this in mind, as always, please be considerate of our neighbours and local community. We will also be holding our annual Open Day on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

September with prospective parents and pupils invited to come at 9.30am. Please can I remind all parents that school will finish at 1.00pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September in preparation for our school Open Evening and school will be closed on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September for a staff INSET day.

As mentioned at the start of this newsletter, it has been an exceptional start to the school year. We are all really looking forward to the academic year ahead and to working with your children to maximise their amazing potential. I look forward to seeing you at various events throughout the year.

Key dates are as follows:


Open Evening	Thursday 14 September 2023 (6.00 - 9.00pm)
INSET Day - school closed	Friday 15 September 2023
Open Day	Monday 18 September 2023 (9.30am)
Year 7 Parents' Evening with Form Tutors	Thursday 12 October 2023
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 2 November 2023
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 8 February 2024
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 14 March 2024
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 28 March 2024
Year 9 Parents' & Options Evening	Thursday 18 April 2024
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 25 April 2024

Yours sincerely,



Mr David Botes  
Headteacher

### Learn it CHALLENGE

Every week, pupils in **Years 7, 8 and 9** will be given  different, relevant facts, with the challenge of learning and remembering all ten facts for the following week, when they will be tested on them by their form tutor.

The first challenge questions have been set (pupils can access the challenge via Firefly) and the test will be next week.

**Years 7 and 8**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Year 9**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept**

1. Baby goats are called **Kids**.
2. **Russia** is the largest country in the world.
3. **Venus** is the planet which is nearest to the Earth.
4. The name dinosaur means 'terrible lizard'; this is a **true** statement.
5. The lion in "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" is called **Aslan**.
6. The only mammal which can fly is the **bat**.
7. The longest river in the world is the **River Nile**.
8. The first name of the famous scientist who gave us Newton's three laws of motion is **Isaac**.
9. The **Triassic Period** came before the Jurassic Period.
10. In "The Jungle Book", Baloo is a **bear**.

### Learn it CHALLENGE

September  
Week 1

Years  
7, 8 and 9

Years 7 and 8  
Launched  
Wed 6 Sept  
Test on  
Wed 13 Sept 2023

Year 9  
Launched  
Thurs 7 Sept  
Test on  
Thurs 14 Sept 2023

1. What are baby goats called?
2. What is the largest country in the world?
3. Which planet is nearest to the Earth?
4. True or false? The name dinosaur means 'terrible lizard'.
5. What is the name of the lion in "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe"?
6. What is the only mammal which can fly?
7. What is the longest river in the world?
8. What is the first name of the famous scientist who gave us Newton's three laws of motion?
9. Which came first, the Jurassic or Triassic Period?
10. In "The Jungle Book", what kind of animal is Baloo?

**LEARN  
THEM!**

Every week thereafter, there will be a new set of questions/answers set.

#### Why are we doing this?

- essential practice for exams
- learning relevant, factual information
- rote learning is good for pupils
- acquiring some general knowledge

## Late Bus

The late bus **operates every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** at a charge of 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 service will commence from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (*it will not run on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September which is our Open Evening*).

### The route of the bus is:



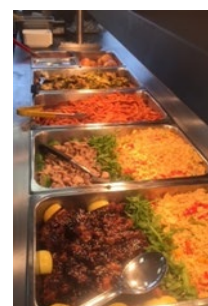
From Broughton High School via Woodplumpton Lane, Whittle Hill, Woodplumpton Village, Tabley Lane, Nog Tow, Tom Benson Way, Merry Trees Lane (Ancient Oak) Cottam, Tom Benson Way, Tanterton Hall Road, Tag Lane, Woodplumpton Road, Cadley Causeway, Black Bull Lane, Sharoe Green Lane, Sherwood Way, Eastway (Asda), Longsands Lane to Longsands, Anderton Arms.

Broughton High School	16.25	Fulwood, Leisure Centre	17.02
Woodplumpton, Whittle Green	16.35	Black Bull	17.04
Nog Tow	16.40	Sharoe Green Lane, Booths	17.07
Wychnor, Turning Circle	16.45	Sherwood Way	17.10
Merry Trees Lane (Ancient Oak)	16.50	Longsands, Anderton Arms	17.17
Ingol, Cottam Avenue	16.57		

## Catering

We continue to self-manage our own kitchens. Meals are competitively priced, locally sourced and we can be responsive to the food requests of pupils whilst still complying with national healthy food standard requirements. We do not allow pupils to bring in energy drinks, large bags of crisps, packets of biscuits or extra large bars of chocolate. If we see these items they will be confiscated and you can come to collect them.

**A 'meal deal'** (hot meal, dessert and a drink) **costs £2.80** which represents excellent value for money.



**We would like to remind parents to keep their child's ParentPay account topped up to ensure there is sufficient balance available to pay for food at break/lunch.**



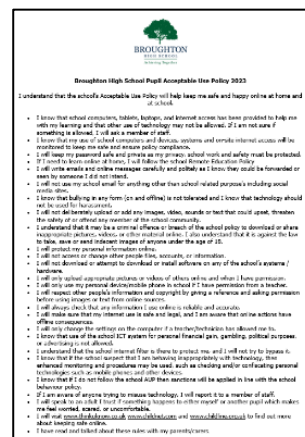
## Broughton High School Pupil Acceptable Use Policy 2023

The attached document refers to the acceptable use of our computers and online systems. Pupils will be asked to read this and digitally sign to say they will abide with the expectations of the agreement. This will be completed on the next log into a computer in school after Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Additionally, please could I encourage you to read this with your child to ensure they fully understand the importance of this and how to stay safe when using our equipment and systems both at school and at home.

Thank you.

Mr Brandwood



## Open Evening Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

We would welcome assistance from parents on Open Evening.

If you would like to help with serving refreshments in the dining hall (teas and coffees) to prospective parents, please contact:

Mrs Sweeney, Headteacher's PA  
([sweeneys@broughtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:sweeneys@broughtonhigh.co.uk) or tel: 01772 863849).

Thank you.



## SEND Newsletter - Autumn 2023

The Autumn 2023 issue of the SEND newsletter is available now via this link:  
[SEND Newsletter - Autumn 2023](#)



## SEND Support

I offer a 'SEND drop in' **every Wednesday between 3pm and 4pm.**

I am **also available to speak to on the phone** (tel: 01772 863849) so parents can make an appointment for a conversation at a mutually convenient time.

Mrs Hardman, SENDCo

## Summer School 2023 - Year 6

Almost 150 new Year 7 pupils took part in this year's Summer School during the summer holidays. Pupils were involved in classroom-based activities learning about Science, Business, Religious Education, Food Technology and PE. Pupils, set off rockets in Science, became the next 'Star Baker' learning how to make shortbread, learnt about 'what makes Dada a hero?' in Religious Studies, team building activities in P.E. and in Business after learning about Business and Enterprise we found the next Alan Sugar.

The week allowed pupils to become familiar with our school and staff to help them with their transition. All the pupils showed great enthusiasm and willingness to learn new skills.



Well done to all involved.  
Mrs Bamber



## Austria Music Tour 2023!



In July, our Music department ventured to Austria for an exciting Music tour. Teaming up with Turton High School in Bolton, a total of 42 pupils and 4 staff members from Broughton and 36 pupils and 4 staff members from Turton boarded a double decker coach and set off on a 28-hour journey headed for the mountainous and scenic Austria!

Upon arriving in Austria, it was full steam ahead with a jam-packed itinerary ...

On the first day, pupils and staff trekked to the top of a mountain, incorporating a nerve-wracking cable car trip to experience the breathtaking Werfen Ice Caves! Following this, in the afternoon, the tour moved on to St. Gilgen to perform on the band stand for the locals amongst the beautiful and picturesque surroundings.

Day two, the tour went to the town of Zell am See. Pupils had the chance to explore the area, do a bit of sight-seeing, and find somewhere for lunch before another excellent performance on the band stand overlooking the lake.

On the third day, the tour went to the world-famous Salzburg (commonly known for its appearance in *The Sound of Music*). This was another day of sight-seeing and exploring, including a visit to Mozart's birth place! The pupils took part in a final performance amongst the flowers and trees of the Mirabel Gardens as featured in the movie. We even bumped into spectators from Preston visiting Salzburg on holiday who mentioned how brilliantly the pupils performed and that they were very proud of how we represented the North West. A number of pupils brought copies of the *Sound of Music* to watch on the coach journey as Mr Shepherd had confessed to never having watched the film!

On the final day, before travelling home, the tour visited a water park where the pupils had chance to burn some energy before the long journey home.

Overall, it was an excellent trip and all pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the once-in-a-lifetime experiences and opportunities that Austria had to offer. It was one that we will never forget! Well done to all pupils who were involved and a big thank you to the staff for all of their hard work in organising the trip and for coming along to support.

Please click this link to see the photographs taken on the trip:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/TEN4gUQRAcXGptWt6>

Mr Shepherd, Miss Peters, Mr Lowe and Mr Parkin

## MATHS MAGIC @ SPARX CLUB!

We are pleased to announce the return of our 'Sparx Maths Club' to support our pupils' mathematical journey. Starting from 11<sup>th</sup> September, **every Monday lunchtime**, your child is invited to join us in **Maths 5** for 'Sparx Maths Club'. Here, they can receive expert guidance on their Sparx Maths homework, or simply utilize a quiet space with a laptop to focus on their studies.

For those with extra-curricular commitments during lunch, or who benefit from a touch of after-school focus, we are also hosting special sessions **every Wednesday after school** in **Maths 5**.

### When?

**Monday Lunchtime:** 'Sparx Maths Club' in Maths 5!

**Wednesday After School:** 'Sparx Maths Club' in Maths 5!



We have seen fantastic progress and enthusiasm from our pupils in the previous sessions, and we are committed to ensuring that this year is even better.

Mr Peterson

## Wellbeing

Welcome back!

September is all about new beginnings, goals, and motivation. This week we are looking at friendships and kindness.

Take a moment to answer these questions:

- What makes a good friend?
- How can you show kindness and support to a fellow peer?
- How do you know if someone is being a good friend?
- What can you do if you see someone on their own during the school day?

**PUPILS CAN LOOK AT THE COUNSELLING DISPLAY BOARD IN THE LIBRARY - SETTING GOALS AND FRIENDSHIPS ADVICE.**

**A NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS, NEW MINDSET, NEW ADVENTURES **

C Law, Roots Counselling

### Rose Queen

Congratulations to **Holly Greenhalgh** (9H) who was crowned Rose Queen at the Woodplumpton & Catforth Village Fete on Saturday 2nd September 2023.

Holly will hold the title for 12 months before crowning the new queen in 2024.





	<u>Lunch – 1:25pm-1:55pm</u>	<u>After-School – 3pm-4pm</u>
<u>Monday</u>		Lancashire Cricket Girls' Shine Programme (7/8/9/10) – <b>Astro</b>
<u>Tuesday</u>	GCSE Table Tennis league	Boys' Football (7/8) – <b>Astro</b> Girls' Netball (11) – <b>Courts</b>
<u>Wednesday</u>		Boys' Table Tennis (7) – <b>Gym</b> Boys' Basketball (10/11) – <b>Sports Hall</b> Girls' Football (All years) – <b>Astro</b>
<u>Thursday</u>		Girls' Table Tennis (7/8) – <b>Gym</b> Boys' Football (9/10/11) – <b>Astro</b> Girls' Netball (9/10) – <b>Courts</b> Girls' and boys' GCSE Badminton – <b>Sports Hall</b> Running Club (All years boys and girls) - <b>PE Yard</b>
<u>Friday</u>		Myerscough Basketball (7/8 boys/girls) – <b>Sports Hall</b> American Flag Football (7/8/9) - <b>Astro</b>

# WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 11<sup>th</sup> September

**unanimous: adj.**

shared or taken as a view by everyone concerned, with nobody disagreeing.

## Example

Critics were **unanimous** in their praise for the film.

## Synonyms

agreed, undivided.

## Antonym

divided, undecided.

SCHOOL SYNERGY



# 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 [lordc@broughtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:lordc@broughtonhigh.co.uk)

## JOB OF THE WEEK

Click to watch a small information video



### Housing Officer

Housing officers look after rented properties for local authorities and housing associations.

Average Salary - £21,000 -35,000.

Average Working Hours- 37-39 per week.

More information can be found about this career path, including routes into the industry via the National Careers Website [here](#).



## NOTICES

As we start a brand-new academic year, plans are well underway to provide a number of events and experiences which will motivate, inspire and improve employability. These include those outlined below:

- Y11 Mock Interviews
- Whole school careers fair
- Y10 Work experience
- Workplace visits
- Meet the expert

If you would like to support our school with any of the events outlined above or have any suggestions please contact Mr Lord by email.

[lordc@broughtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:lordc@broughtonhigh.co.uk)

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

This data shows provisional in-year data for apprenticeships and traineeships in England reported for the academic year 2022/23 to date.

### Headline facts and figures - 2022/23

Starts (Aug - Apr)

**275,630**

down by 4.6% from 2021/22

[What is this?](#)

Participation (Aug - Apr)

**703,670**

up by 1.6% from 2021/22

[What is this?](#)

Achievements (Aug - Apr)

**105,600**

up by 20.1% from 2021/22

[What is this?](#)

- Apprenticeship starts were down by 4.6% to 275,630 compared to 288,800 reported for the same period in the previous year.
- Under 19s accounted for 24.8% of starts (68,290).

More information on this publication can be found [here](#).

# RADIO THERAPY STUDENT OPEN DAY

Saturday 28th Oct  
2023



Are you in year 10 or above? or a mature student? Have you thought about a career in Radiotherapy? Would you like to know more about radiotherapy and this fantastic profession?

We are inviting prospective students to visit our radiotherapy open day on Sat 28th of Oct. Situated in the radiotherapy department at Royal Preston Hospital

If you would like to attend please book a 1 hour slot by contacting the email below .

To book please email-  
[education.radiotherapy@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:education.radiotherapy@lthtr.nhs.uk)

University of Central Lancashire  
Training 2000

# Apprenticeship open evenings

Join us at our state-of-the-art training centre in Blackburn and speak to our team about all your options once you finish school or college. We'll have our specialist tutors on hand to answer any questions you have and help you take control of your future. Plus, as we are part of the University of Central Lancashire, our apprentices will have progression routes to Degree Level Apprenticeships.

Wednesday 31st January &  
Thursday 1st February 2024  
between 4.30 - 7.30pm

Where: Furthergate Business Park, Harwood Street, Blackburn, BB1 3BD

Let us know you are coming:  
[www.training2000.co.uk/events](http://www.training2000.co.uk/events)

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Apprenticeships



LIVE VIRTUAL

# Get Into Medicine.

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9:30am-  
3:30pm  
(BST)

Sunday 17th September



MEDIC MENTOR  
YOUR MEDIC FAMILY

with a Chief Mentor

REGISTER

## A HEAD START TO YOUR MEDICAL, DENTAL OR VETERINARY CAREER

## Year 7 Library Prize Competition

This week we have welcomed all our new, Year 7 pupils. It has been wonderful to see so many of them coming into the library and borrowing books already. Please do encourage them to keep up the great reading!

Thank you also to all those pupils who have returned their completed library summer challenge booklets and bookmarks so far. A reminder that **there is still time to get involved and enter our Year 7 prize competition**. The **closing date for entries is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** so why not encourage your child to give it a go and be in with a chance of winning a prize!

### LIBRARY COMPETITION



We want to celebrate your favourite book with you - it could be a book you loved when you were younger, a book that you have just read or the book you have read over and over again and still enjoy as much as you did the first time.

All you have to do is get creative! Celebrate your book by bringing in a drawing/painting or perhaps an illustrated book review. You could make a 3D model of the main character, recreate a scene in a jar or even write a poem about it! The possibilities are endless and the idea is to be as creative as possible. We will be making a fantastic display in the library of all your favourite reads and hopefully inspiring other students to read them along the way.

All entries should be brought to the library by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

If some inspiration is needed, do encourage your child to visit the Library where they can see some of the fantastic entries that have been received already or take a look at a some of entries from last year below.





## **Broughton High School Pupil Acceptable Use Policy 2023**

I understand that the school's Acceptable Use Policy will help keep me safe and happy online at home and at school.

- I know that school computers, tablets, laptops, and internet access has been provided to help me with my learning and that other use of technology may not be allowed. If I am not sure if something is allowed, I will ask a member of staff.
  - I know that my use of school computers and devices, systems and on-site internet access will be monitored to keep me safe and ensure policy compliance.
  - I will keep my password safe and private as my privacy, school work and safety must be protected.
  - If I need to learn online at home, I will follow the school Remote Education Policy
  - I will write emails and online messages carefully and politely as I know they could be forwarded or seen by someone I did not intend.
  - I will not use my school email for anything other than school related purpose's including social media sites.
  - I know that bullying in any form (on and offline) is not tolerated and I know that technology should not be used for harassment.
  - I will not deliberately upload or add any images, video, sounds or text that could upset, threaten the safety of or offend any member of the school community.
  - I understand that it may be a criminal offence or breach of the school policy to download or share inappropriate pictures, videos, or other material online. I also understand that it is against the law to take, save or send indecent images of anyone under the age of 18.
  - I will protect my personal information online.
  - I will not access or change other people files, accounts, or information.
  - I will not download or attempt to download or install software on any of the school's systems / hardware.
  - I will only upload appropriate pictures or videos of others online and when I have permission.
  - I will only use my personal device/mobile phone in school if I have permission from a teacher.
  - I will respect other people's information and copyright by giving a reference and asking permission before using images or text from online sources.
  - I will always check that any information I use online is reliable and accurate.
  - I will make sure that my internet use is safe and legal, and I am aware that online actions have offline consequences.
  - I will only change the settings on the computer if a teacher/technician has allowed me to.
  - I know that use of the school ICT system for personal financial gain, gambling, political purposes, or advertising is not allowed.
  - I understand that the school internet filter is there to protect me, and I will not try to bypass it.
  - I know that if the school suspect that I am behaving inappropriately with technology, then enhanced monitoring and procedures may be used, such as checking and/or confiscating personal technologies such as mobile phones and other devices.
  - I know that if I do not follow the school AUP then sanctions will be applied in line with the school behaviour policy.
  - If I am aware of anyone trying to misuse technology, I will report it to a member of staff.
  - I will speak to an adult I trust if something happens to either myself or another pupil which makes me feel worried, scared, or uncomfortable.
  - I will visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) and [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) to find out more about keeping safe online.
  - I have read and talked about these rules with my parents/carers.
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# P.T.F.A



We would like to encourage parents to get involved with Broughton High School's PTFA.

We meet approximately 3 times a year with the direct purpose of raising money that goes directly back into the equipment and environment for the pupils of Broughton High School. Meetings never last more than an hour; they are really relaxed and friendly and you even get a cup of tea and a piece of cake!

Members of the PTFA, get the opportunity to find out about what is happening in school and can contribute in a variety of ways to improve Broughton for the benefit of all children. It is a great opportunity to help with fundraising and discuss ideas that you might have to help shape future events. Over recent years, the PTFA have organised fundraising events such as Family Social events, Easter Bingo, Sponsored Walks and more; this has enabled school to enhance school facilities and purchase equipment for pupils to enjoy using such as the recently installed table tennis tables.



If you are interested in getting involved, or have any questions, please can you contact either Jacqui Bury (PTFACHair@broughtonhigh.co.uk), Mrs Sweeney (Headteacher's PA, sweeneys@broughtonhigh.co.uk) or myself (botesd@broughtonhigh.co.uk). We do hope you will join the PTFA; you will be made to feel very welcome.

Mr Botes  
Headteacher

**WHY NOT COME ALONG  
TO OUR NEXT MEETING ...**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

**6.00pm**

**In the Oak Room at Visitor Reception**

**All Welcome**



**BROUGHTON**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
Achieving Together

**P.T.F.A**

## **Annual General Meeting**

Thursday 21 September 2023

at 6.00pm

in the Oak Meeting Room, Visitor Reception

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Election of Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary/Treasurer
4. Minutes of Last Meeting
5. Matters Arising
6. New for 2023-24
7. Open Evening and Awards Evening
8. Financial Report
9. PTFA Programme 2023-24
10. School/Parental Issues



# Catching the school bus

Please behave sensibly and responsibly when travelling to and from school for your own safety. If you misbehave you may have your travel pass taken away or be excluded from using school bus services.

1

Be at the stop 5 minutes before. Queue sensibly and keep well away from the kerb. Give a clear signal so the bus driver knows to stop. Make sure you are boarding the bus at the correct stop.

2

Pay your fare and try to have the correct change. Keep your ticket to show the inspector and/or for your return journey.

3

If you use a bus pass/season ticket, it must always be presented to the bus driver - allow time for it to be examined. Bus passes/season tickets are not transferable and should only be used on the service for which they are assigned. If you cannot show a valid pass you must pay your fare. Lost or damaged passes can be replaced for a fee by contacting the County Council on 0300 123 6738.

4

Misuse and fraudulent use of travel passes is treated very seriously and could lead to prosecution.

5

Take your seat, please wear a seat belt if one is provided. Don't take up more than one seat. Place bags in the luggage compartment/under your seat/on your knees. Don't place bags on seats or in the aisle.

6

If all seats are taken, you should stand sensibly behind the driver area and use grab rails where available. You should not stand adjacent to emergency exits, on staircases or upstairs on a double deck vehicle. Do not walk around during the journey.

7

Antisocial behaviour/damage to the bus or anyone's property/bullying on the bus, is taken very seriously and can be reported to the police. Please report incidents to the driver, a teacher or a parent. Do not throw anything whilst on the bus, at the bus or from the bus.

8

All bus and taxi services have No Smoking Policies including all e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

9

Respect others at all times and never distract your driver.

10

Make sure you know which stop you are getting off at and to alert the driver by pressing the bell only once or asking them to stop at the next bus stop.

Never override past the bus stop you have paid for. Overriding could lead to prosecution.

11

When leaving the bus please take the time to thank your bus driver.

12

Remember to take all of your belongings when you leave the bus.

13

Let the bus depart before crossing the road. Find a safe place to cross and remember: Stop, Look and Listen.

14

DO NOT text/use your mobile phone when crossing roads. Remove ear accessories to allow you to hear any oncoming traffic. CONCENTRATE - often accidents happen due to a lack of concentration.





**BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL – SCHOOL BUS SERVICES**  
**FROM SEPTEMBER 2023**

**SERVICE 572 PRESTON - BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL**

From Fulwood Methodist Church via Watling Street Road, Eastway, Andertons Way, Longsands Lane to Anderton Arms Car Park then Andertons Way, Eastway (B6241), Pittman Way, Olivers Place, Sherwood Way, Sharoe Green Lane, Tower Lane, Broadwood Drive, Levensgarth Avenue, Eastway, Lightfoot Lane, Wychnor to turning circle then via Wychnor, Lightfoot Lane, Tom Benson Way, Tag lane, Tabley Lane, Woodplumpton Road, Whittle Hill, Newsham Hall Lane, Woodplumpton Lane to Broughton High School.

FULWOOD Methodist Church	0740
FULWOOD opp The Garrison	0742
LONGSANDS Anderton Arms	0747
FULWOOD Pittman Way	0753
FULWOOD Sherwood Way	0800
FULWOOD Levensgarth Avenue	0805
FULWOOD Wychnor	0815
NOG TOW Tag Lane	0818
BROUGHTON High School	0830

BROUGHTON High School dep. 1510 Operator: Coach Hire Executive

**SERVICE 585 LONGRIDGE – BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL**

From Longridge opp. Post Office via Berry Lane, Derby Road, Whittingham Road, Cumeragh Lane, Whittingham Lane, Church Lane, Goosnargh Lane, Langley Lane, Whittingham Lane, Woodplumpton Lane, Newsham Hall Lane, Woodplumpton Road, Hollowforth Lane, Eaves Lane, B5269 Moorside Lane, Woodplumpton Road, Newsham Hall Lane, Woodplumpton Lane to Broughton High School.

LONGRIDGE opp. Post Office	0745
GOOSNARGH Stags Head	0755
GOOSNARGH jct Goosnargh Ln/Langley Ln	0800
WOODPLUMPTON Moons Bridge Marina	0815
CUDDY HILL Plough at Eaves	0820
BROUGHTON High School	0830

BROUGHTON High School dep. 1510 Operator: Englands Limousines

**SERVICE 675 ELSWICK – BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL**

From Elswick Lodge Lane via, Preston Road, Lewth Lane, Eaves Lane, Hollowforth Lane, Woodplumpton Road, Newsham Hall Lane and Woodplumpton Lane to Broughton High School.

ELSWICK High Street	0800
CROSSMOOR Crossmoor Cottages	0806
INSKIP Gisbourne House	0810
INSKIP St Peter's Church	0812
INSKIP Derby Arms	0815
Plough at Eaves	0823
BROUGHTON High School	0830

BROUGHTON High School dep. 1510 Operator: Archway Travel

**SERVICE 696 COTTAM via CATFORTH - BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL**

From Cottam Ancient Oak via Merry Trees Lane, Haydocks Lane, Cottam Way, Tom Benson Way, Tag Lane, Hoyles Lane, Sidgreaves Lane, Cottam Link Road, Edith Rigby Way, Lea Lane, \*Rosemary Lane, \*Catforth Road, \*Lewth Lane, \*Moorside Lane, Woodplumpton Road, Newsham Hall Lane and Woodplumpton Lane to Broughton High School.

COTTAM Ancient Oak	0800
COTTAM Way	0807
NOG TOW Tag Lane	0811
BARTLE Sitting Goose	0818
CATFORTH Village Hall	0820
CATFORTH Lewth Lane	0825
BROUGHTON High School	0830

BROUGHTON High School dep. 1510 Operator: Mario Coaches

**SERVICE 923 TANTERTON - BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL**

From Tanterton Hall Road junction with Tag Lane via Tanterton Hall Road, Tag Lane, Woodplumpton Road, Cadley Causeway, Black Bull Lane, Garstang Road and Woodplumpton Lane to Broughton High School.

TANTERTON Hall Road	0750
INGOL Cottam Avenue	0755
FULWOOD Cadley Causeway	0805
FULWOOD Black Bull	0815
BROUGHTON High School	0830

BROUGHTON High School dep. 1510 Operator: Stagecoach Bus

**Service 040** serves Morecambe, Lancaster, Garstang, Preston via Galgate, Forton, Cabus, Bilsborrow, Barton, Broughton.  
Contact Operator for further details (Stagecoach Lancaster, tel: 01254 422217).

All services will observe all recognised bus stops on line of route and observe any \*Hail & Ride sections if detailed on the route description. Passengers must be at their bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is due and hail the driver by putting their hand out.

**Fares: 2023-2024**

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Fare</u>	
0-3 miles	£1.85 sgl	£3.40 rtn
3-8 miles	£2.70 sgl	£4.80 rtn
8+ miles	£3.25 sgl	£5.90 rtn

**Season Tickets**

Term and Yearly Season tickets can be purchased where space is available on the bus service at a 20% discounted rate i.e. 5 days travel for the price of 4. Quotes can be obtained by contacting the School Transport Hotline on Tel: 0300 123 6738. Note: Season tickets may be withdrawn and refunded if accommodation is required for Statutory Entitled pupils. Lancashire County Council reserves the right to refuse season ticket applications.

**Commercial Services**

Routes/fares/weekly ticket price information can be obtained by contacting the commercial operator directly.

Archway Travel:	tel: 01253 874358
Coach Hire Executive:	tel: 01772 632222
Englands Limousines:	tel: 01257 232567
Stagecoach Bus:	tel: 01772 255777
Mario Coaches:	tel: 07703 701275

# Online Safety Newsletter

September 2023

## The W App - Anonymous polls

The W App is rated as 12+ in the App store and as 'Parental Guidance' on Google Play. Once an account has been created, the user picks their school and participates in polls.

A user can choose any school (no verification takes place) and then you can see all users at that school (includes their name/year group and profile picture if that has been added). In the polls, users are asked a question (for example 'Hallway crush') and then the user selects one of four random people from that school. Whilst the app says that it is anonymous, users can purchase a membership that allows users to see who chose them in a poll.

You should be aware that this app does include in app purchases and can be linked to other social media accounts. You can block and report other users.

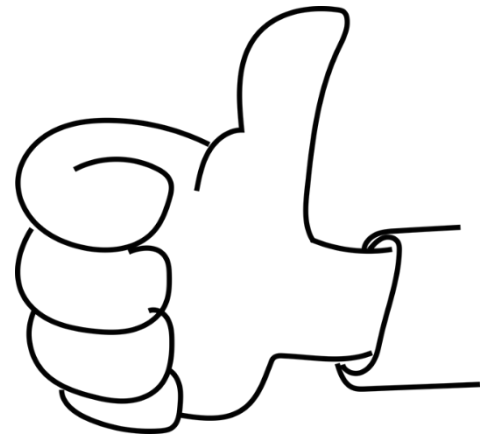
### Further information

Internet Matters have produced an article outlining what you need to know about anonymous apps in general and the risks your child might face in using them, including cyberbullying.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/anonymous-apps-guide-what-parents-need-to-know/>

## Social Media Guides

The UK Safer Internet Centre have a Social Media Hub on their website that provides advice about the more popular social media platforms. For each app, it states their age requirement, the safety tools and advice available, the app's terms and conditions as well as links to further resources and advice from the UK Safer Internet Centre themselves. So, if you would like to find out more about the likes of Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat, then this hub is a great starting point:



<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

## Nude selfies

CEOP have published an article answering the questions that they get asked regularly regarding young people taking and sharing revealing pics of themselves, such as "is it illegal to send nude selfies?". You can find the article here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/7-questions-parents-ask-about-nude-selfies/>

## Meta introduces more parental supervision tools.

Meta have announced new features for some of their products. Firstly, they have added parental supervision to Messenger (users must be 13+), which includes the ability to see who your child interacts with. Also, Meta have added a feature to encourage teens to set time limits on Facebook (users must be 13+) and new parental supervision features on Instagram (users must be 13+). Find out more here:

<https://about.fb.com/news/2023/06/parental-supervision-and-teen-time-management-on-metas-apps/>

# Threads (13+)

Threads was launched by Meta (creators of Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp) in July and is similar in design to Twitter. As with Twitter, users can share text posts (with images and videos) and then other users can respond to create a thread. You need to have an Instagram account to login to Threads and **you must be at least 13 years old to create an Instagram account.**



For everyone 13 – 17 years old (in the UK), their account will automatically be set as private when they join Threads. As with Instagram, users can choose specific words to filter out of replies as well as hide comments that may be offensive. Users can also unfollow, block and report a profile. Any accounts that you have blocked on Instagram will automatically be blocked on Threads as well. Users can also change their settings on Threads so other users are unable to mention them in replies.

If you have supervision set up on Instagram for your child (aged 13 – 17) then it will automatically be set up for Threads and the same settings will be applied, such as time limits and scheduled breaks. You can find out more here: <https://help.instagram.com/658522825492278>

Threads is still being developed so new functions will be added but currently you are unable to direct (private) message other users.

You need to be aware that your child may come across content that is not appropriate for your child. If your child is using this app, then make sure they know how to use the reporting/blocking facilities, that appropriate privacy/safety settings are applied and they know to speak to a trusted adult should they need to.

## Further information

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/instagram-threads-a-guide-for-young-people-and-parents/>

# Roblox: new checklist

PEGI rate Roblox with a 'Parental Guidance' label (icon shown right), this is because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.



You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, it may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up Parental controls appropriate to your child.**

## New Roblox Checklist

The 2023 Roblox Checklist created by SWGfL and the UK Safer Internet Centre in partnership with Roblox is now available to download here: <https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/new-roblox-checklist-available/>

## Age ratings

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. One of the ways we can help keep our children safe online is by checking age restrictions/ratings as detailed below:

- **Films:** The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': <https://www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online>.
- **Video games:** PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games.
- **Apps:** Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and use them yourself to check their suitability.
- **Social Media networks:** All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+.



## Does your child have speech, language and communication needs?

Parent Zone understand that talking about life online with a young person who has speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) makes it difficult, so they have created a selection of visual and spoken resources to help you. You can find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/TalkTech>