



8th December 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 11 pupils on the exceptional way they have conducted themselves this week as they have started their mock examinations. Preparation for exams can be extremely stressful for pupils but I have to commend Year 11 on their exceptional conduct this week and their attitude and positivity towards their revision. Pupils will receive their mock examination results when we return after the Christmas break on the 19th January.

Year 10 pupils received their Term 1 Progress Report this week which outlines the progress they have made since starting their GCSE studies in September. If you are a parent of a Year 10 pupil please take some time to sit down with your child and discuss this report as it will clearly highlight where there are significant strengths but also where further work or effort is required. The focus areas of the report are 'Engagement in Learning', 'Homework - Independent Study' and 'Behaviour'. These individual scores generate an overall 'Learning Score' for the term, 100 being the highest score that a pupil can achieve. If you have any questions regarding these reports please contact your child's Head of Year. Paper copies were issued on Tuesday but this report can also be found on Synergy. Pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 will receive their first report before we break up for the end of term. Pupils in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 will receive their end of term review next week. Please spend some time discussing your child's review with them.

On Thursday, we held our festive music concert in the school hall. Mr Shepherd hosted our annual event where our pupils showcased their musical talents. The evening was extremely well attended and it was a perfect opportunity for our musicians to be able to play in front of an audience. As well as performances from a wide range of soloists, we listened to our swing band, the beginner wind ensemble, choir and ukulele ensemble. Well done to all the musicians involved.

Sadly, we received a call late on Monday evening from our travel company who informed us that due to heavy snow and ice, Munich Airport was shut and flights had been cancelled for the staff and pupils who were about to depart on the Cologne Trip. We are assured that all families will receive a full refund but unfortunately, we will not be able to run this popular trip this year. Sincere apologies to all pupils and families involved.

On Wednesday, 13th December, we will be holding our annual PTFA Year 7 family social event and quiz night. We have a huge number of families attending already but it's not too late to buy a ticket for your family. A family ticket costs £5 - payment to be made via ParentPay. There will be also be a raffle as part of the event. Any donations of raffle prizes are most welcomed and should be left with Mrs Dumbell at pupil reception or brought along on the evening.

Assemblies this week have focused on 'Talents and Hobbies' and we have asked pupils to reflect on their individual talents and to celebrate the unique skills that they all have. We also asked them to reflect on their hobbies and interests outside of school and the opportunities that arrive from 'getting involved'. Pupils were told to 'Never be scared of your ability to be brilliant' and to take every opportunity that comes their way to develop their talents both inside and outside of school.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

Please can I remind all parents about the dangers of social media for our young people. The message that we give to pupils is that we always want them to be kind to each other and never to send messages that are unkind or inappropriate. I know it is extremely difficult to monitor your children's social media use but please continue to guide them and talk to them about how they should try to use their mobile phones and the varying social media platforms that they are able to access.

Finally, 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, and at the end of Northway, as this is becoming increasingly dangerous. Your support and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Key dates are as follows:


Year 7 PTFA Christmas Social	Wednesday 13 December 2023
Year 7 End of Term Trip	Monday 18 December 2023
Year 8 End of Term Trip	Tuesday 19 December 2023
Year 9 and Year 10 End of Term Trip	Wednesday 20 December 2023
Year 11 End of Term Trip	Thursday 21 December 2023
School closes for Christmas at 1.00pm	Thursday 21 December 2023
School re-opens	Monday 8 January 2024
Year 11 Mock Results Day	Friday 19 January 2024
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** are 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.

Pupils can access the challenge via notices on Synergy.

The next test will be on these days ...

Years 7 and 8
Wednesday 13th
December

Year 9
Thursday 14th
December

1. Traditionally, the blues is performed in a **12-bar** pattern.
2. **Chords I, IV & V** (1, 4 and 5) are used in blues music. If you were in the key of C, chord 'I' would be C, chord 'IV' would be F and chord 'V' would be G.
3. The full name for a piano is a '**fortepiano**' because it can play a wide range of dynamics (volumes). **Forte means loud and piano means soft** so the translation is literally a '**loudsoft**'.
4. The most expensive instrument in the world is the "**Lady Blunt**" **Stradivarius Violin** (made in 1721) which last sold in 2011 for almost £10,000,000!
5. A two-beat note is called a **minim**.
6. The long, sustained note played by bagpipes, while the tune is played on the chanter, is called a **drone**.
7. The small lines that sit above or below the staff are called **Ledger Lines**. They are used to sit notes on, above or below.
8. Lots of people consider any music played by an orchestra as 'Classical Music'. However, the classical period was between approximately **1750 and 1820**. Not very long at all!
9. **John Williams** is the prolific composer who is responsible for the soundtracks to Star Wars, Indiana Jones, Jurassic Park, Superman, ET, Harry Potter, Jaws, Home Alone and Schindler's List, amongst many more.
John Williams is Mr Shepherd's favourite film composer and still producing incredible film music at 89 years old!
10. **Historically, the flute was made out of wood** but in the 1830s a German musician and inventor called Theobald Boehm created the flute that we recognise today out of metal.

1. How many bars long is a traditional blues pattern?
2. Which chords are used in blues music?
3. What is the full name for the piano and why?
4. What is the most expensive instrument in the world.
5. What is the name of a two-beat note?
6. Bagpipes play a long, sustained note while the tune is played on the chanter. What is the long, sustained note called?
7. What are the small lines that sit above or below the staff called?
8. Lots of people consider any music played by an orchestra as 'Classical Music'. However, how long did the classical music period actually last?
9. Which prolific composer is responsible for the soundtracks to Star Wars, Indiana Jones, Jurassic Park, Superman, ET, Harry Potter, Jaws, Home Alone and Schindler's List amongst many many more?
10. Why is the flute a member of the woodwind family?



**Learn it
CHALLENGE**

December –
Week 2

Years 7, 8, 9

Music

Years 7 and 8

Launched
Wed 6 Dec

Test on
Wed 13 Dec

Year 9
Launched
Thurs 7 Dec

Test on
Thurs 14 Dec
2023

**LEARN
THEM!**

Every week 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

Please register for our easyfundraising campaign to support our pupils' education and wellbeing. It's simple to do, will not cost you a penny, and provides our school with funds every time you shop with thousands of leading brands.



We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to learn and grow and your contribution can make a big difference in their lives. With your help, we can provide our pupils with extra resources to help them succeed and thrive. When you shop, brands will make a donation to the school's PTFA; whether it is a little or a lot, every bit counts.

Together, we can make a positive impact on our school community. Please sign up to support us if you can by clicking this link: [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends of broughton high school](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-broughton-high-school)

Fundraising

A fundraising event was held at Queen's Drive Primary School on Saturday 2nd December to raise funds for humanitarian support for the children of Gaza. The event was a huge success with over £7,000 raised.

The Hussain family were involved with the fundraising event. Well done to Amelia who helped at the cake stall, Aisha assisted with the lucky dip, Adam helped at the penalty shootout and Amber was on the raffle stall.



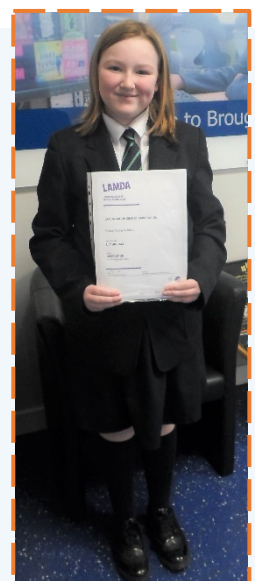
Drama Success

Congratulations to **Lily Higham**, Year 7, who has been **awarded a distinction in group acting, grade 2 by LAMDA** (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts).

Lily gained the highest grade possible with an amazing score of 86%! She had to learn a lot of lines in a production of *The Twits*.

Lily attends Red Rose Stage Academy at St Michael's and is obviously flourishing as a young actor.

We will look out for Lily in the future! Well done.



Mrs Fahey



SEND Newsletter - Winter Issue - 2023

In this issue, articles include information on the 'SENDSafe' toolkit delivered by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, teaching fire safety in a way tailored to a learner's needs. You can also arrange for a **free Home Fire Safety Check** – find out more on page 11. Click this link to access the newsletter: [SEND Newsletter - Winter Issue - 2023](#)

U14 Girls' Football: 5-1 Win!

5-1 win against Shuttleworth College in the U14 County Cup 2nd round!

An exceptional performance from the whole team! After dominating from the start of the game, and narrowly missing the goal on many occasions, Shuttleworth had one lucky break and managed to score. Broughton fought back with grit and determination to get back in the game and by half time where we were 1-1!

The second half saw us hungry to dominate further and we played some fantastic football. Once we found our rhythm again, the goals just kept coming.

Goal scorers: **Grace Lochhead x3** (including a phenomenal free kick!!)
Olivia Redshaw x1
Imogen Goodwin x 1

Well done to the whole team:

Imogen Goodwin (C)
Lilly Beetham
Ellie O'Neill
Olivia Redshaw

Kara Lee
Elsie Kerley
Isobel Harlow
Isla Dean

Grace Lochhead
Amy Beardwood
Grace Ashworth

Amara Jenkins- Smith
Olivia Bretherton
Alexandra Mazik

Miss Lupton



U16 Boys' Hockey: 9-1 Win!

On Wednesday, 6th December, the U16 boys' hockey team travelled to Lytham to play in their first friendly of the year; for many pupils it was their first ever hockey match! Broughton dominated from the whistle, and despite some great goalkeeping from Lytham, Broughton soon turned their possession into a goal.

There was some excellent defending from **Charlie Hamilton, Thomas Hutton** and **Thomas Sharkey** which ensured that **Henry Woodall** had little to do in the Broughton goal. Broughton passed the ball around confidently, looked dangerous in the circle and fought for every ball which caused problems for Lytham. Overall, it was a fantastic team performance with all the players demonstrating some excellent skills to help secure a very successful **9-1 win!**



Goal scorers:

Jo Eskdale-Lord, Reuben Watson, Max Harrison, Bobby Shorrocks, Oliver Bunker.

Well done to the whole team!

Oliver Bunker, Jo Eskdale-Lord, Felix Goodwin, Charlie Hamilton, Dougie Harmer, Max Harrison, Thomas Hutton, Sam Jackson, Eesa Mohammad, Thomas Sharkey, Bobby Shorrocks, Reuben Watson, Henry Woodall

Miss Hunter

Gingerbread House Challenge 2023

Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition took part in the Gingerbread House Challenge. They made the gingerbread, with final assembly of the houses taking part in another lesson.

Pupils worked in pairs and used not just their cooking skills but also their teamwork and organisation skills of the overall task. The final pieces were judged blind by Mr Banks and Mr Brandwood.

Well done to all pupils for taking part in the challenge.



Winners of the Gingerbread Challenge 2023:

Sofia Leeming
and
Julia Szczepinska

Mrs Newton

Frank Cottrell-Boyce Inspires at Blackpool Tower



On Tuesday 5th December, a group of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils went to Blackpool Tower as they hosted author Frank Cottrell-Boyce for an engaging talk. Known for his acclaimed works, Cottrell-Boyce shared insights into his creative process and discussed his latest book, 'The Wonder Brothers'. The event, set against the historic backdrop of the tower, concluded with a book signing, leaving attendees inspired by the magic of storytelling. The group of pupils were a credit to school and fully immersed themselves in the opportunity. A great day was had by all!



Mrs Armstrong

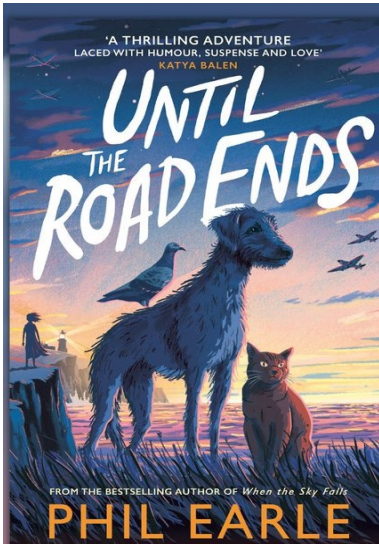
Christmas Lunches

Christmas lunches will be available in school for pupils to purchase on the following dates.

Year 7	Thursday 14 December
Year 8	Friday 15 December
Year 9	Monday 18 December
Year 10	Tuesday 19 December
Year 11	Wednesday 20 December



Reading Recommendation



Until the Road Ends

Historical
Animals
Adventure

“The world seemed to stop in the final seconds as the truth finally hit him, only to then accelerate into a tornado of noise which tossed him off his feet and into a shop front some thirty feet away.”

Until the Road Ends is the eagerly awaited new novel from the bestselling author of When the Sky The Times Children's Book of the Year, winner of a Books Are My Bag Readers Award, the British Book Award for Children's Fiction and shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal. When Peggy saves a stray dog from near-death, a beautiful friendship begins. Peggy and Beau are the only thing that can ever come between them is war. Peggy is evacuated to the safety of the coast, but Beau is left behind in the city, where he becomes the most extraordinary and unlikely of war heroes. Night after night, as bombs rain down and communities are destroyed, Beau searches the streets, saving countless families. But then disaster strikes, changing Peggy's life forever. With her parents killed, both she and Beau are left alone, hundreds of miles apart. But Beau has a plan to reunite them at long last . . .

It is always great to hear any recommendations you have.

If you have read a book that you think other pupils will enjoy, please email Mrs Armstrong with the title, author and why you recommend the book:

armstrongk@broughtonhigh.co.uk

Synergy points are awarded for all submissions and you will feature in the newsletter!

Collection of Food Tins for the Food Bank

Christmas is a joyous time for many people and something that we can often look forward to. However, recently things have started to get a lot more expensive due to the cost of living crisis and can be a real cause for concern for many people. **10B have decided that they would like to try and help out the people of Preston** by collecting food tins to give to the local food bank.

We would appreciate it if pupils and staff in school would help us with this and donate a tin for this very worthy cause. As an incentive, for every tin that is brought in, your name will be put in a hat and you will be entered into a draw to win one of five selection boxes. The more tins you bring the more chances you have of winning. The draw will take place in the last week of term.

Please bring your tins to Maths 3 during any breaktime, before 18th December and we will make a note of your name, and the number of tins you have bought, so that you are entered into the draw.

Your support with this mission will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, 10B.

Wellbeing During Christmas and the Holidays

Christmas can be difficult if you struggle with your mental health. 'YoungMinds' activists share their tips for looking after yourself in the festive period.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/christmas-tips-from-our-activists/>

Christmas can affect our mental health in lots of different ways. It's a time of year that often puts extra pressure on us.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/christmas-and-mental-health/>

General self-care tips during the winter break:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/self-care/>



C Law, Roots Counselling

Bedrock Update

76% of pupils **scored 80 or more points** this month. **8ED/En** were **the top performing class** and scored 3105 points. The average points per pupil in this class was 97.

The average points scored per pupil for the whole school was 99. **Meer Modessa** scored 822 points - the most in the school!

This month, **pupils made a 11% improvement overall**. **8N** made **the most progress** this month with 33% improvement. **Olivia Atzeni** made **the most progress with 600%**.

This month, pupils have been learning the following words:

embargo
amiss

mercenary
conventional

audacious
susceptible

accord
enigma

fluster

Mrs Smethurst

Extra-Curricular Activities

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for pupils to take part in.

Activities are held every day of the week ... at break, lunch and after school.

Please click this link for the current programme of activities:

[Extra-Curricular - Programme of Activities](#)

Day	Activity	Day
TUESDAY	British Sign Language Club	Tuesday
	Bridge	Tuesday
	Quiet Reading	Tuesday & Thursday
	Chess Club	Tuesday
	Homework Support	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
	DT - GCSE Textiles Club	Tuesday & Thursday
	Boys Basketball - Years 9 & 10	Tuesday
	Girls Netball - Years 9, 10 & 11	Tuesday
	Spurs Maths Club	Tuesday
	Music - Orchestra Club	Tuesday
WEDNESDAY	Chess Club	Wednesday
	Waffle Club - test your brain with word quizzes	Wednesday
	Logic Club	Wednesday
	Music - Ukulele Club	Wednesday
	Music - Recorder Club	Wednesday
	B.U.G.S (Broughton's Ultimate Geography Society)	Wednesday
	Crochet with Katey - Years 7 & 8	Wednesday
	Newspaper Club	Wednesday
	Computing Club	Wednesday
	Science Club	Wednesday
THURSDAY	Homework Support	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
	DT - Cooking Club	Wednesday
	Boys Table Tennis - Years 8 & 9	Wednesday
	Girls Badminton - Years 8 & 9	Wednesday
	Music - GCSE Coursework Club	Wednesday
	Happy Minds - looking after your wellbeing	Thursday
	RS - Year 11 GCSE Catch-up	Thursday
	Quiet Reading	Tuesday & Thursday
	Elevate your Ecosol! (French listening practice - Year 10)	Thursday
	Music - Jazz Band	Thursday
FRIDAY	Girls Dance - Years 7 & 8	Thursday
	Homework Support	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
	DT - GCSE Textiles Club	Tuesday & Thursday
	Chess Club	Tuesday
	Running Club	Thursday
	Girls Table Tennis - Years 7 & 8	Thursday
	Girls Netball - Years 7 & 8	Thursday
	Girls and boys GCSE Badminton	Thursday
	Music - Open Mic Club	Friday
	Film Club	Friday
French Film Club	Friday	
Afternoon Drama Club	Friday	
Boys & Girls - Macclesfield Basketball - Years 7 & 8	Friday	
Table Tennis 10 & 11	Friday	
American Flag Football	Friday	

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 activities after school.

WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 11th December

surreal: adj.

Weirdly unfamiliar, distorted or disturbing, like the experiences in a dream.

Example

The film is a **surreal** mix of fact and fantasy.

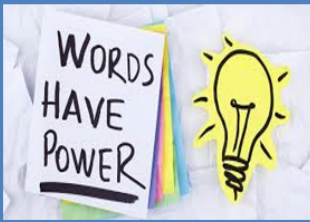
Synonyms

strange, bizarre.

Antonym

ordinary.

SCHOOL SYNERGY



NHS CAREERS EVENT!!!

Have you considered a career in the NHS?

Come along to find out more information on apprenticeships, NHS careers, University paths and much more. Speak to NHS professional's from various department including both clinical and Non-clinical departments.

Location: Chorley And South Ribble Hospital, Education Centre 3, Preston Road, Chorley, PR7 1PP

NHS
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

11TH
December
16:00-
19:00

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directions



for more information please email us at:
WIDENING.PARTICIPATION@LTHTR.NHS.UK

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

JOB OF THE WEEK

Click to watch a small information video



Kennel Worker

Kennel workers look after or care for dogs and cats in kennels or catteries.

Salary – £12,000 – 17,000

Typical Hours – 35-40 hours per week which will likely include weekends and evening work.

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

EPISODE #11 - KENNEL WORKER



NOTICES

Whole school careers fair

The whole school careers fair held on the 24th November was a huge success. Employers only had positive comments to make about the pupils at Broughton. Pupils approached the exhibitors with enthusiasm and a thirst for knowledge.

Should your son or daughter want to book a careers conversation with Paula (The schools independent advisor), please ask them to book a slot with Mrs Dumbell on Pupil Reception.

VACANCY

One of our exhibitors from last weeks Careers Fair was **Alliance Learning**. They were keen to make Year 11 pupils aware of the live apprenticeships that they have available. To browse the live positions or to register an interest, scan the QR code below.



CAREERS HUB


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employability masterclass

Last week Young Enterprise Company were invited into school to deliver an employability masterclass to our year 10 students. Delivered by five industry experts, pupils were given hints and tips on how to approach their next steps in education, apprenticeships, employment, and training. The session included everything from skill assessment, personal branding, CV writing and exploration of their digital footprint. The team at Young Enterprise were very complimentary on the behaviour and engagement of our year 10 pupils.

What was explored in the workshop:

- Understand the skills necessary to make successful transitions to the next stage of life and meet employer expectations
- Know how to showcase skills to employers
- Understand the different types of CV and covering letter
- Be aware of how digital footprints, including social media profiles, might affect chances of getting a job
- Understand tips and tricks that will help in an interview
- Be aware of a range of approaches to job hunting that will help to get a dream job
- Access and use information about the labour market to inform career decisions and understand which jobs offer long term prospects, including STEM related opportunities
- Set SMART goals and plan next steps to achieve these goals
- Know where to go to find more information and support

We would encourage you to have conversations with your child and find out what they have learnt. If your child would like a Careers Appointment please ask them to request one at pupil reception.



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HOLIDAY PATTERN 2024-25

Monday 2 nd September 2024	INSET DAY (1)
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	School opens (<i>Year 7 and Year 11 only</i>)
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	School opens (<i>all Years</i>)
Thursday 19 th September 2024	Open Evening (<i>school closes 1.00pm</i>)
Friday 20 th September 2024	INSET DAY (2)
Friday 18 th October 2024	School closes
HALF TERM HOLIDAYS	
Monday 28 th October 2024	School opens
Friday 15 th November 2024	INSET DAY (3)
Friday 20 th December 2024	School closes at 1.00pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
Monday 6 th January 2025	School opens
Friday 14 th February 2025	School closes
HALF TERM HOLIDAYS	
Monday 24 th February 2025	School opens
Friday 4 th April 2025	School closes
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	School opens
Monday 5 th May 2025	May Bank Holiday
Friday 23 rd May 2025	School closes
HALF TERM HOLIDAYS	
Monday 2 nd June 2025	School opens
Friday 18 th July 2025	School closes at 1.00pm
Monday 21 st July 2025	INSET DAY (4)
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	INSET DAY (5)