



15th December 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the first term of the academic year draws to a close it is important to reflect on the progress the pupils have made so far this year. I have spent a considerable amount of time this week and especially today visiting lessons. As always, I am extremely proud to witness across the school an excellent learning environment with pupils fully focused on their learning and displaying excellent behaviour and attitude. There continues to be a wide range of activities available both during the school day and after 3pm that pupils are encouraged to 'get involved' in; so many pupils have actively taken part in one or more of these opportunities throughout this first term which is wonderful to see. Our school motto is 'Achieving Together' and every week we see this evidence through the hard work of our pupils, our staff, and the support from parents, Governors and PTFA members. Thank you to everyone for working together to ensure all pupils at Broughton achieve their best.

On Wednesday evening, over 140 parents and pupils attended the PTFA Year 7 Festive Quiz and Raffle. It was a fun, light-hearted event with 19 teams competing to be top of the leaderboard. After four rounds, and then a bonus round, the victorious team was *The Parsnips*, with pupils representing 7H. I am sure everyone's favourite questions were those from the music round ... guess the Christmas song from a version played on the recorder! Thanks to all our PTFA members who attended on the evening and to Anthony Mellor (Chair), John Green (Treasurer), Amy Leyland (Secretary) and Jacqui Bury (former PTFA Chair), who came to help with serving refreshments on the evening. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported this PTFA event and to everyone who donated a prize for the raffle. You can find a breakdown of all the team scores in this newsletter.

We are supporting Royal Preston Hospital through our 'Christmas Card Competition' and will be sending a Christmas card to every patient in hospital over Christmas this year. We received a huge number of entries, 104 in total, and this just shows the enthusiasm of pupils wanting to get involved. I am pleased to announce that the three winners were **Cara Firth** in 7B, **Aliyah Ahmed** in 8R and **Jack Hamilton** in 8N. Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry and well done to Cara, Aliyah and Jack.

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, all Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to visit the Imperial War Museum North in Salford, to support their learning in History and English lessons. I accompanied the trip on Thursday and saw our pupils engaging with the exhibitions and volunteers at the museum in a very mature and respectful way. Further details about the visit are included within this newsletter.

At the end of this term, we sadly say goodbye to Mr Lord who will be taking up a new position as Head of Geography at St Augustine's Catholic High School in Billington. Mr Lord has been an excellent Teacher of Geography, Form Tutor, and as Head of Careers he has organised many Careers events in school and the hugely successful work experience week for all of our Year 10 pupils. Mr Lord will be missed by everyone at Broughton and we wish him well in his new role. Following successful interviews this week in school, we have appointed two new Learning Support Assistants; Miss Cuthbert and Mr Wilcock will join us in the Spring term and they will work to support pupils in and out of class.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

Year 11 Mock Exams have now drawn to a close. Year 11 pupils have equipped themselves exceptionally well during a very busy two weeks of exams. Well done to all the pupils for their preparation ahead of their mock exams and their focus throughout the past few weeks. Year 11 pupils will receive their mock exam results on Friday 19th January.

Year 7, 8 and 9 reviews will be issued next week. There has been a delay in the printing of these due to staff absence, but you will receive a copy before the end of term. Please take some time to discuss the report with your child and talk about their strengths and also any areas where further work or effort is required.

This week, Year 7 and Year 8 enjoyed a festive lunch in the Junior Dining Hall as well as a game of bingo, which always generates some excitement! Next week, festive lunches will be served for Year 9 (Monday 18th December), Year 10 (Tuesday 19th December) and Year 11 (Wednesday 20th December). There are also other food options available each lunchtime at the various outlets around school.

Next week, we are taking pupils from all year groups on their end of term trip. We hope everyone has an enjoyable time after all their hard work and effort so far this academic year.

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| Year 7 | Monday 18 th December, 9.30am -1.00pm | Stageworks Blackpool, Beauty & the Beast |
| Year 8 | Tuesday 19 th December, 9.30am -1.00pm | Vue Cinema, Wonka |
| Year 9 | Wednesday 20 th December, 9.30am -1.00pm | Vue Cinema, Wonka |
| Year 10 | Wednesday 20 th December, 9.30am -1.00pm | Red Rose Bowl, Ten pin bowling |
| Year 11 | Thursday 21 st December, 9.30am -1.00pm | Red Rose Bowl, Ten pin bowling |

We will be holding our end of term rewards assemblies next week where pupils from all year groups will be recognised for their efforts in school this half term.

We are always delighted to hear about pupils' achievements outside of school and I received the great news this week that Sophie Mitchell (9N) has been selected to attend a triathlon England training camp in February. She will be travelling to Portugal with the Lancashire and Yorkshire academy group. Sophie has competed in multiple triathlons with the City of Preston Triathlon Club and trains with the Harriers twice a week, swimming 14hrs a week with Preston Swimming Club. Earlier this year, Sophie completed the gruelling 3 stage selection process for the north west triathlon academy. Well done Sophie and congratulations from us all.

On Thursday, we will be holding a non-uniform day, with a voluntary donation of £1 which will be collected by form tutors. All donations will go to our chosen charity for this term which is Healing Little Hearts.

We will be teaching normal lessons until lunchtime on Thursday 21st December. Pupils will then spend a short time with their form tutors, before the school closes at 1.00pm. The new term starts on Monday 8th January at 8.40am. On behalf of all the governors and staff, I wish you a happy, healthy Christmas and a successful New Year.

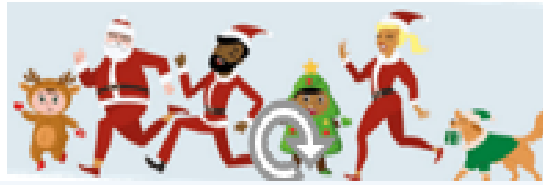
Key dates are as follows:

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| 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



Spending the festive season in hospital is something we all hope to avoid, but sometimes it's unavoidable.

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity, wants to ensure all patients who are in hospital on Christmas Day receive a small gift, bringing a smile to their faces.

We are collecting small gifts in school to give to those in hospital over Christmas and would like to remind pupils to bring in any items they wish to donate for the NHS Children's Appeal.

The Children's ward welcome arts and crafts, crayons, colouring books, reading books, toys and games such as Dobble/Uno/Travel games. They also have many teens on the ward so toiletries are a big help.

Adult wards welcome gifts such as socks, chocolates, biscuits, toiletries or small games like dominos and cards.

No need to wrap items being donated; pupils should give them to their form tutor before 9.00am on Tuesday 19th December.

Year 9 Visit

to the Imperial War Museum

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, all Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to visit the Imperial War Museum North in Salford, to support their learning in History and English lessons. This term, pupils have been studying various aspects of the First World War, including the emergence and nature of trench warfare, developing weaponry and tactics, recruitment propaganda and war poetry.



During the visit pupils were given an activity trail guiding them to various artefacts linked to their lessons.

However, the exhibition covers Twentieth Century conflict more broadly and introduced pupils to topics we will be covering in History lessons later this year, including the rise of fascism and the Cold War. Pupils also watched the Big Picture Show, featuring Tony Walsh's powerful *Mightier Than War* poem.



The pupils conducted themselves superbly throughout their visits on both days; engaging with the exhibitions and volunteers at the museum in a mature and respectful way. They were a credit to themselves and the school and we hope they enjoyed the opportunity to learn outside the classroom.

Miss Klunder and Mr Alston

8N Design Christmas Cards for Dovehaven Lodge Care Home

8N have been busy designing and writing Christmas cards for the residents and staff at the Dovehaven Lodge Care Home. They started it last Christmas, and the response was so positive from the Care home that we have repeated it this year. They were designed by Imaan, Eliza, Romy and Alexander.



In addition to the donations for the school charity this year, **8N have been supporting the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal** by donating a present. These were gratefully received this week as they prepare hampers to go out to local families.

Thank you 8N.

Mrs Newton

Christmas Lunches

Christmas lunches will continue to be served next week and will be available in school for pupils to purchase on the following dates.

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| Year 9 | Monday 18 December |
| Year 10 | Tuesday 19 December |
| Year 11 | Wednesday 20 December |

WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 18th December

intricate: adj.

made of many details or small parts that are combined in a particularly complex way.

Example

Police officers uncovered an **intricate** web of deceit.

Synonyms

sophisticated, elaborate.

Antonym

simple.

SCHOOL SYNERGY

WORDS
HAVE
POWER

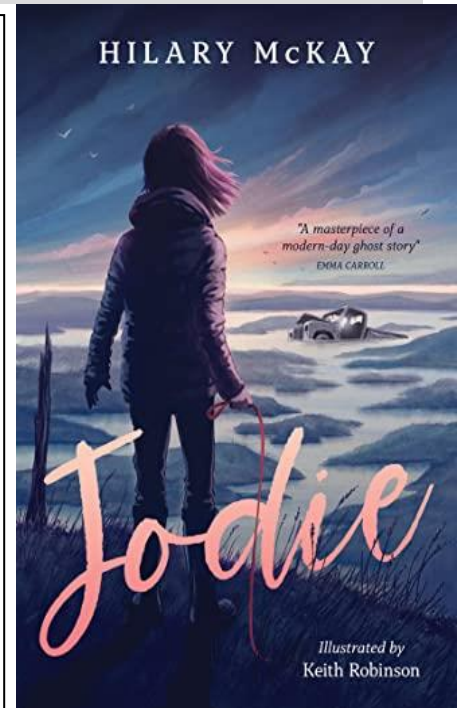


Reading Recommendation



Jodie
Short Story
Ghost story
Friendship

Trapped and alone on the salt marshes, Jodie is troubled by a haunting presence in this eerily atmospheric ghost story from multi-award-winning author Hilary McKay. Jodie never wanted to come on the residential trip to the field centre. A loner at school, she's forced into a dormitory with other girls from her class who don't understand her and talk about her behind her back. Even though they're not trying to be mean, Jodie feels excluded and miserable, and eventually escapes out onto the salt marshes in search of a little dog she can hear barking in the distance. But the salt marshes are dangerous and Jodie gets trapped by the incoming tide. Stuck in the sucking mud, will anyone even notice that she's gone? And where is the little dog that keeps barking so mournfully ...?



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. We will make a note of your name, and the number of tins you have brought, so that you are entered into the draw. Your support with this mission will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, 10B.

Wellbeing

The festive period can be fun, exciting, and a wonderful time connecting with the people we love. For some people, however, it can be a very hard time of year triggering difficult feelings and stresses. Try to reach out to others; they may need to talk. **If you need support over the holidays go to the school website: <http://www.broughtonhigh.co.uk/>**

- Click on safeguarding, scroll down to wellbeing, links and services available on this page

Time to take care of your festive wellbeing.

- Keep connected with others or disconnect for a while by turning off your phone.
- Do things that boost your mood, reflect, have some you time.
- Keep active - get outdoors, get your sleep and recharge.
- Try to eat healthily, sing and dance, watch Christmas movies.
- Get crafty or get baking – some nice Christmas delights for friends and family.

A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!

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 in **BOLD**. 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



Toxicologist

Environmental health practitioners make sure people's surroundings are safe, healthy and hygienic.

Average Salary – £27,000 -£40,000

Average Working Hours- 37-39

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



NOTICES

As Year 11 conclude their mock examinations, Careers Appointments are being prioritised for all other school years. This is a fantastic opportunity for all other school years to take up the option of a careers appointment. Perhaps it's a curious Year 7 or Year 8 pupil who wants to know more., a Year 9 pupil who would like some early help with options, or perhaps a Year 10 pupil who wants to make a head start in their planning for life after Broughton. Appointments can be made to include parents on request. Appointments can be made at pupil reception or with Mr Lord lordc@broughtonhigh.co.uk



Interested in medicine or? dentistry?
Access free lectures.

For over three years this online programme has supported students in accessing the hyper-competitive medical and dental degrees by acting as a **hub of support** for their questions and queries. Over the course of the lecture programme students will hear from a variety of speakers to help them make the best application to medicine or dentistry possible.

To sign up, scan the QR code above.

This is for **Y11's only!**