



19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Today we held our Year 11 Mock Exam results day where pupils received their grade sheet for the recently sat mock examinations. The morning recreates the actual results day in August where pupils receive their grades in an envelope from their form tutor and then have time to share their grades with friends and discuss their results with staff. The mood in the room was unbelievably positive with so many pupils realizing that their hard work so far has paid off. There were also pupils who know they have to apply themselves better both in school and at home when revising if they are to achieve their full potential. These grades have been sent home with Year 11 pupils today and they are also available online for you to view via Synergy. Please spend some time looking at these grades with your child and discuss how you can support them over this very busy period of time.

Our Year 11 Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February and our revision and support process starts week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> February when we start our 6-period day timetable for Year 11 pupils to access. On the 21<sup>st</sup> March we will be holding our 'Help your child Revise' evening in school as we launch the revision package for pupils.

On Wednesday, a number of our Year 7 athletes competed in the Preston Schools' Indoor Athletics Competition held at Preston College. I am pleased to say that both teams won their group and performed exceptionally well. Congratulations to all involved and our Year 9 helpers who were invaluable to ensure the smooth running of the event on the day.

Attendance continues to be a huge focus in schools and I am sure you have heard or read in the national news that there is a real decline in some areas and schools regarding attendance figures and absence. I am delighted to say that our school's attendance figures continue to be one of the highest in the country and want to thank you all for your efforts to ensure that your children maintain excellent levels of attendance at school.

Assemblies this week for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, were led by Miss Harris, with the focus on World Religions. Mr Brady led today's Mock Results assembly for Year 11 pupils and next week Mr Webster will lead assemblies with the focus on 'Engagement'.

This term we have welcomed two new members of staff to the Broughton team. Miss Cuthbert and Mr Wilcock have joined our school SEND team as Learning Support Assistants. We wish them every success in their now positions in school.

The work that is being carried out on Tom Benson Way is causing some disruption to our morning and evening bus routes. Please be reassured that if the school buses are late to school as a result of these traffic diversions, pupils will not be marked as late and that they are to make their way immediately to their form group. Hopefully this will be resolved in the next few weeks.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

I am delighted to announce that we have managed to organise and coordinate a school therapy dog. Working with 'Pets as Therapy', a nationally recognised company, we will be visited weekly by 'Wilson' and his owner Philippa to work discretely with small groups of pupils to help build confidence around mental health, social situations, reading and friendship groups. 'Pets as Therapy' bring regular support to people in hospitals, hospices, schools and nursing homes through visits from volunteers and their registered, temperament-tested pets. If you have any questions regarding our therapy dog, please contact Miss Bamber by phone or email [bamberv@broughtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:bamberv@broughtonhigh.co.uk)

Key dates are as follows:


Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 8 February 2024
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 14 March 2024
Year 11 'Help Your Child Revise' Evening	Thursday 21 March 2024
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 27 March 2024
School Closes for Easter	Thursday 28 March 2024
School re-opens	Monday 15 April 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 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**January**

**Year 9**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**January**

1. The name given to someone who is deficient in iron is **Anaemic**.
2. HACCP stands for **Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points**.
3. CMYK stands for **Cyan, Magenta, Yellow and Black**.
4. **The distance of a seam allowance from the edge of your fabric, to your line of stitching is approximately 10mm.**
5. HBV in Food stands for **High Biological Value**.
6. The temperature danger zone for food bacterial growth is **5°C to 63°C**.
7. A colour wheel consists of **primary, secondary and tertiary colours**.
8. Isometric drawing does not typically include **horizontal lines**.
9. The FSC logo stands for **Forest Stewardship Council**.
10. The bacteria linked to hand washing is **Staphylococcus aureus**.



### Learn it CHALLENGE

January –  
Week 3

Years 7, 8, 9

Design  
Technology

**Years 7 and 8**

Launched  
Wed 17 Jan

Test on  
Wed 24 Jan

**Year 9**  
Launched  
Thurs 18 Jan

Test on  
Thurs 25 Jan  
2024



1. What is the name given to **someone who is deficient in iron**?
2. What does **HACCP** stand for?
3. The CMYK colour model (process colour, four colour) is a subtractive colour model, used in colour printing, and is also used to describe the printing process itself. **What does CMYK stand for?**
4. **Approximately how wide is the distance of a seam allowance from the edge of your fabric to your line of stitching?**
5. **What does HBV stand for** in Food?
6. What is the **temperature danger zone for food bacterial growth?**
7. The colour wheel is a tool graphic designers use to select colour schemes. **A colour wheel consists of which types of colour?**
8. **Isometric drawing does not typically include which type of lines?**
9. What does the logo **FSC** stand for?
10. What **bacteria is linked to hand washing?**

**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

## Football Success for Adam Hussain, 8N

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January, Adam attended a football tournament to represent the local mosque he attends for Quran lessons. A number of mosques in Preston took part in the tournament, with the teams split into different age groups.

Unfortunately, Adam's team lost the first match, however it must have given them some drive because they won every match after that! The team got to the finals and won the tournament.

Huge congratulations to Adam and his teammates.



## Wednesday Evening Maths Sessions for Year 11 Pupils

We are thrilled to share a good news story from the Maths department! At our first extra Maths session on Wednesday evening, more than 60 enthusiastic Year 11 pupils voluntarily joined us to practice additional Maths past papers.

This superb turnout took us completely by surprise and we quickly had to make more tables available for everyone to work! It's a testament to our pupils' dedication to improving their Maths. We have three more sessions to come on Wednesday evenings this half term, and we can't wait to see even more of our pupils joining us.



However, we do have one small hiccup to report – we ran out of biscuits during the session! Our pupils' appetites for both learning and snacking were undeniable. Rest assured, we'll have an ample supply of biscuits ready for our next meeting.

Thank you for your continued support and let's keep the momentum going!

Mr Peterson

## Wellbeing

### 21<sup>st</sup> January - National Hug Day

Celebrate first by giving yourself a hug 🤗

A simple hug can make an enormous difference to someone's day.

*Just remember to ask the person first if they are comfortable receiving a hug.*

32% of stress can be dispelled with a hug.



For more information about National Hug Day, search for – [National Hugging Day- 2024](#)

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## Bhumi Patel (9H): Success at International Maths Competition in Navi Mumbai

We were delighted to hear recently of **Bhumi Patel's** wonderful achievement at an international competition which was held in Navi Mumbai.

Bhumi, in a group of seven, took part in the 21<sup>st</sup> PAMA Global Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Competition in Navi Mumbai, India. They were the first ever UK team to take part in the global event with over 450 participants.

The PAMA annual competition is comprised of five groups, based on the ages of the contestants. The competition subjects include abacus addition/subtraction/multiplication/division; mental arithmetic addition/subtraction/multiplication/division.



All seven participants got trophies. **Bhumi got 1<sup>st</sup> runner up in her age group**, her younger sister Janki got champion and her youngest sister Ridhi got a surprising champion of champions, and their teacher got best coach award! Well done to the whole family and all members of the UK team!

This year, Bhumi is studying GCSE in Gujarati and after the competition received help from a local Gujarati teacher.

# Reading Recommendation

Megan Wilcock

### **Fake by Ele Fountain**

Fake is a book where children under 14 have to do virtual school as there is a massive pandemic. When they turn 14, they can go to school in real life. It follows the journey of a girl whose sister is extremely ill and her family get shut down; she now has to go on a mission to fix things.

### **BTS Army Handbook by Niki Smith**

If anyone loves k-pop then this book is for them. It tells the story of an extremely amazing k-pop group called BTS. It has information on how the group came to be and more recent news on them. It shows how courageous and brave BTS have been along their journey.

### **BTS biography**

This book also shows the story of BTS and how they came to be. It is an extremely exciting book.

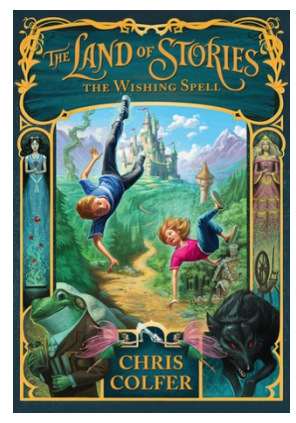
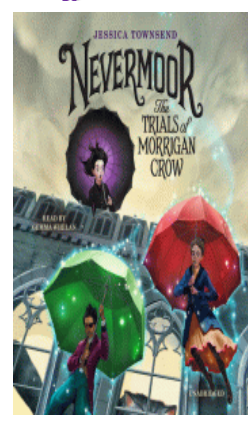
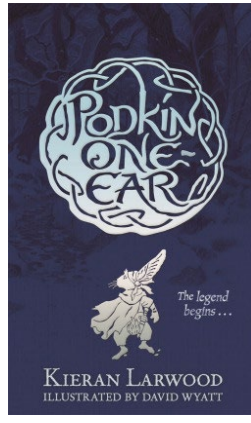
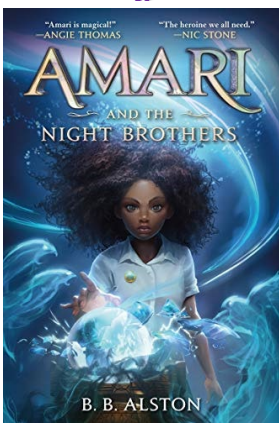
**It is always great to hear any recommendations you have.**

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](mailto:armstrongk@broughtonhigh.co.uk)

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

## If you like Percy Jackson, try one of these.



# WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> January

## oscillate: verb

to swing between two points  
with a rhythmic motion.

### Example

Though you cannot see it, sound waves constantly **oscillate** as they travel through the air.

### Synonyms

swing,  
fluctuate.

SCHOOL SYNERGY



# GAMES & GRAPHICS TASTER WORKSHOP



MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a **FREE** taster workshop for any Yr10 or 11's interested in Games & Graphics.

The session will be based around 3D modelling in Maya where you will be introduced to aspects such as building, texturing, lighting and rendering.

Numbers will be limited but to confirm a place please email [sroberts@preston.ac.uk](mailto:sroberts@preston.ac.uk)



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# 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 Mrs Smethurst by email [smethurstj@broughtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:smethurstj@broughtonhigh.co.uk)

## JOB OF THE WEEK

Click to watch a small information video

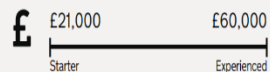


### Ergonomist

Human factors specialist

Ergonomists research ways to design products, workplaces or systems to suit the people who need to use them.

Average salary (a year)



Typical hours (a week)



You could work



## NOTICES



- Year 10 now have their Unifrog logins and are able to search for local work placements using the “Apprenticeships” tool.
- Parents you can also log on – check the letter we send home with login details.
- Work Experience ideas should be in by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

## 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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# COURSE ADVICE MORNINGS

**Saturday 3rd February**  
**Saturday 16th March**  
Starts 10.00am

School Leavers | University Degrees | Apprenticeships



**CENTRES IN PRESTON, BLACKBURN, LIVERPOOL AND WARRINGTON**

## Upcoming Advice Morning Dates

Advice Mornings are ideal for Year 10 and 11 pupils wanting to get a feel for Myerscough and to help them find out more about their range of Courses:

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:

10.00 - 1.00 (Bilsborrow, Preston)

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March:

10.00 - 1.00 (Bilsborrow, Preston)

Advanced bookings can be made via the link provided on the website:

[What's On | Myerscough College](#)





# YOUR PTFA Spark

January  
2024

Dear Parent,

Hello and a belated Happy New Year to you all!

For your PTFA, 2023 was a year of regrowth following the disruptions of COVID.

Membership increased steadily, with some fantastic, talented and motivated parents stepping forward to make a real difference to pupil life at Broughton. We are always on the lookout for new members, so if you can help then we would be delighted to welcome you to our next meeting in February; complementary tea and coffee included!

Amongst the many valuable contributions, I must single out one of our PTFA members Ms Ceri Hawkshaw. Virtually single-handedly, Ceri championed our Easyfundraising initiative which has already delivered over £120 into the PTFA school fund for good causes! Thanks must also go to those parents and grandparents who have already signed up for Easyfundraising and whose purchases provided donations to our fund.

If you would like to help, and have not already done so, then please sign up now by clicking the link below or use this QR code below:

[easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends of broughton high school](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-broughton-high-school)



On the community front, we all had a great time at the PTFA Year 7 family social which took place in early December. Mr Church was the quizmaster for the evening; he delivered a consummate performance and a good time was had by all!

Our objective for 2024 is simply to help our outstanding school make life even better for our children. We already have some big ideas in the pipeline so watch this space!

*Anthony Mellor*

*PTFA Chair*