



26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It has been an extremely busy week of school trips, visits, drama performances and sporting fixtures with a huge number of pupils experiencing different opportunities to learn outside of the classroom. We have held a wide variety of extra-curricular activities and had a huge number of pupils attending running club last night! On Monday, author Tom Palmer visited and spoke to Year 7 and 8 about his books, his journey into writing and where he gets his ideas and inspiration from. His books have always been popular in the school library but borrowing figures have increased even further since his visit.

On Tuesday morning, Year 11 were treated to an excellent performance of 'A Christmas Carol' by an external drama company to help them prepare for their upcoming GCSE examinations. It was essential for the pupils to see the story brought to life through a drama performance and speaking to a number of Year 11 pupils it was reassuring to find that they thought the performance was extremely beneficial for their understanding.

Yesterday, some of our Year 10 pupils studying Triple Science attended the GCSE Science Live event at Manchester Opera House. Pupils had the chance to listen to talks delivered by five of Britain's top scientists, who all work at the cutting edge of their specialisms: Professor Robert Winston, Dr. Kate Lancaster, Dr. Hannah Critchlow, Dr. Anna Ploszajski and Dr. Tim Gabriel. There was also a session run by an experienced GCSE Science examiner focusing on exam technique. The event was very thought-provoking and an excellent opportunity for our pupils to meet top scientists; I am sure all the pupils who attended will have been inspired by what they heard.

Congratulations to the Year 10 football team who beat Morecambe High School 1-0 to progress to the next round of the Lancashire Cup. The Year 8 Basketball team travelled to Longridge High School to play in a tournament on Tuesday. The team beat Corpus Christi 25-8 and lost 22-14 to Longridge. On Wednesday our Year 7 girls' football team played against Shuttleworth High School; Broughton won the match with a final score of 2:0. As well as these fixtures, there was excellent participation at American Football, Basketball, Hockey and table tennis clubs throughout the week.

Assemblies this week have focused on the importance of 'engagement' and 'giving your best'. Mr Webster spoke to all year groups sharing some valuable advice about working hard and concentrating in every lesson and taking part in activities outside of the classroom whenever possible. I know that the pupils will take this advice on board and apply it wherever possible in school.

I will be writing to all Year 11 parents next week to share the schedule as we progress towards the final exams. Following the successful Mock Exam results day last week, we will be holding our Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. We will be launching the Year 11 online 'Revision Hub' on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February and starting the 6-period day revision period for all pupils. Mr Church has written to all parents regarding the 6 period day. We will be holding a Year 11 'Final Preparation for Exams' meeting for parents on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. More detail on all of these events will be shared in my letter.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

Please encourage your child to work towards their 'Best of Broughton Award' (2023-24). We have already awarded a significant number of the new silver badges for this year but want to ensure that all pupils strive to achieve this prestigious award by the end of the academic year. A reminder of the list of things to achieve throughout the academic year is below:

1. Achieve at least a bronze award for academic and pastoral achievement in school.
2. Have great attendance: This must be across a term.
3. Evidence of reading at least 3 extra-curricular books from our reading lists.
4. Support a parents' evening, open night or event that shows willingness and commitment.
5. Attend a club or team activity over a minimum of 4 sessions.
6. Support a charity by promoting or helping raise funds.
7. Help out in a chosen area of school in the pupil's own time.
8. Feature in the school newsletter or receive a praise postcard.

I mentioned in last week's newsletter about the importance of attendance. Broughton's attendance figures continue to be significantly above the national average. Our whole school attendance figure is currently 95.6% which is higher than at the same point last year. Please find each year groups attendance figures below:

Year 7:	96.5%
Year 8:	95.6%
Year 9:	95.3%
Year 10:	95.7%
Year 11:	94.9%

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your children attend school every day.

Key dates are as follows:

Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 8 February 2024
PTFA Meeting at 6.00pm – all welcome	Thursday 22 February 2024
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 14 March 2024
Year 11 'Final Preparation for Exams' 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 **10** 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 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**January**

**Year 9**  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**February**

#### Learn the titles of the following most famous paintings:

1. Leonardo Da Vinci  
[Mona Lisa](#) (1503-19)



2. Johannes Vermeer  
[Girl with a Pearl Earring](#) (1665)



3. Sandro Botticelli  
[The Birth of Venus](#) (1484-1486)



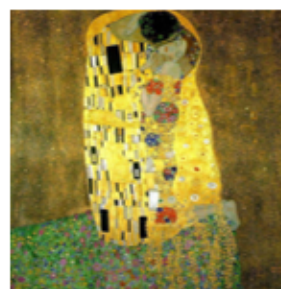
4. Vincent Van Gogh  
[The Starry Night](#) (1889)



5. James Whistler  
[Arrangement in Grey and Black No. 1](#)  
or [Whistler's Mother](#) (1871)



6. Gustav Klimt  
[The Kiss](#) (1907-1908)



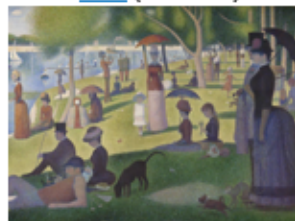
7. Jan Van Eyck  
[The Arnolfini Portrait](#) (1434)



8. Hieronymus Bosch  
[The Garden of Earthly Delights](#)  
(1503-1515)



9. Georges Seurat  
[A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte](#) (1884-1886)



10. Pablo Picasso  
[Les Femmes d'Alger \(O.J.\)](#) (1907)



January – Week 4  
Years 7, 8 & 9

**Art**  
**Famous Paintings**

**Years 7 & 8**  
Launched  
Wed 24 Jan

Test on  
Wed 31 Jan

**Year 9**  
Launched  
Thurs 25 Jan

Test on  
Thurs 1 Feb  
2024

**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

## Author Visit – Tom Palmer

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Year 7 and Year 8 were treated to a talk by award-winning author Tom Palmer. Introduced by **Megan Wilcock** and **Tabitha Roberts**, Tom explored his journey into becoming a writer and how he pushed himself out of his comfort zone in his writing and reading. He also took the time to answer any questions, including (must to the dismay of the PNE fans) that he is a Leeds United supporter! Tom commented on the excellent questions asked by the pupils which was great to hear.

### Some of the comments from pupils included:

"As a Year 7 settling into the way Broughton High School do things, I was so thrilled to know that reading is so significant to our learning and we have authors come in to visit us!"

*Maryam Master*

"My favourite part of the talk was when Tom showed a slideshow exploring how he planned his books. Tom is very enthusiastic and it was an incredible experience to see the way Tom Palmer writes."

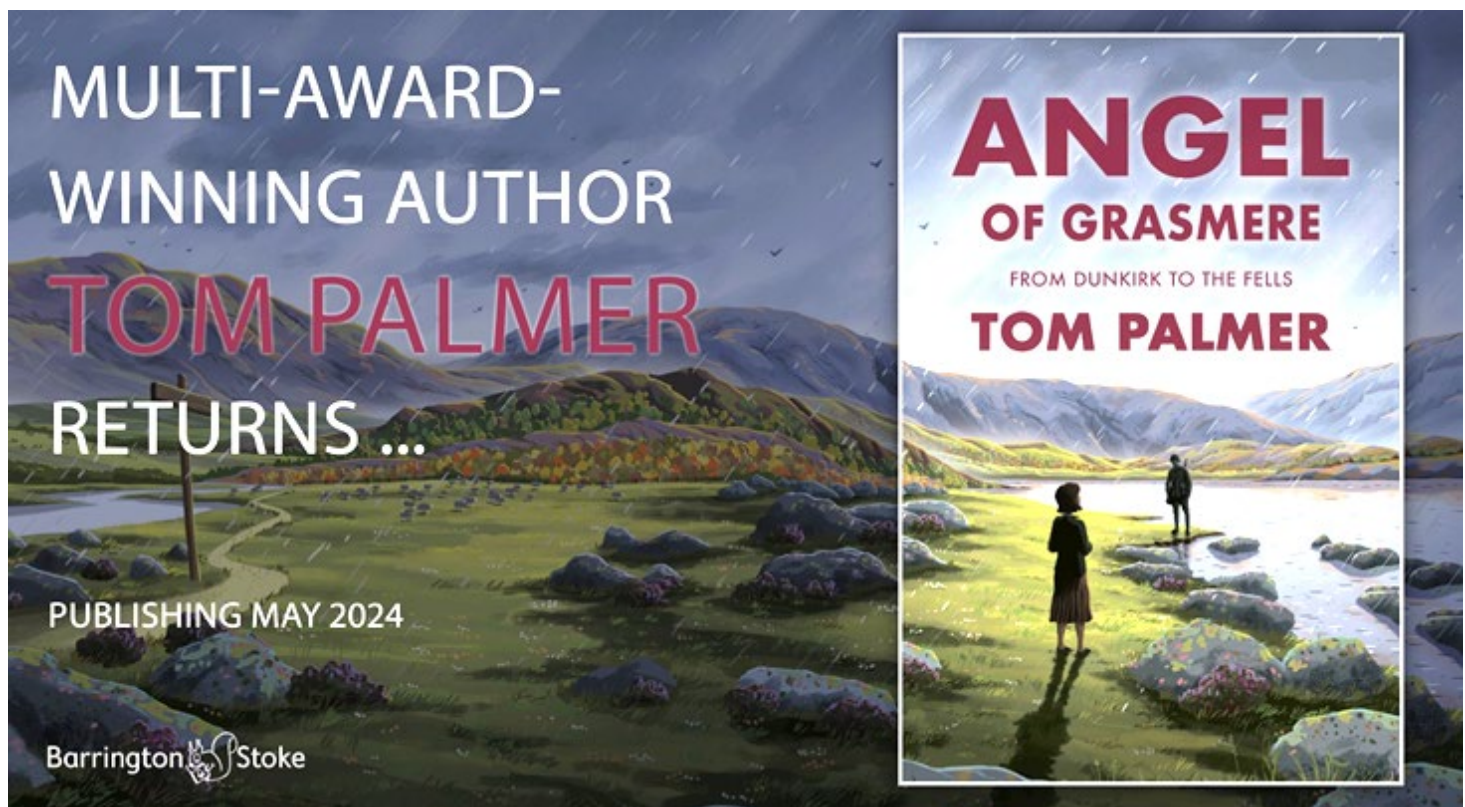
*Freya Houghton*

"Tom has inspired me to read some of his books, especially D-Day Dog!"

*Heidi Hanson*

Don't forget we have many of Tom's books in the library and you can reserve them if they are currently out on loan.

Mrs Armstrong



## PTFA Meeting

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 at 6.00pm  
at Visitor Reception  
All welcome

WE HOPE YOU  
CAN JOIN US

## Wellbeing - Time to Talk Day - 1st February 2024

Time to Talk Day is on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024. It is the nation's biggest mental health conversation and we want you to take part.

### SUPPORTING YOURSELF AND OTHERS



### What is Time to Talk Day?

Time to Talk Day is an annual awareness day held at the beginning of February. It is a day for us all to start a conversation about mental health. Talking about mental health is not easy but conversation has the power to change lives.

- Why is it important?
- Take part
- Tips for talking
- Ask questions and listen

For more information follow the link: [Mind.org.uk Time to Talk Day](https://www.mind.org.uk/time-to-talk/)

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## Reading Recommendation

### Alice Walmsley (85)

- Suzanne Collins – 'Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes' (and the rest of the Hunger Games series!).
- 'The Girl of the Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave.
- 'Frozen Charlotte' and the prequel 'Charlotte Says' by Alex Bell.

### Nina Finley (10B)

- 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell
- 'Good Girls Die First' by Katheryn Foxfield
- '1984' by George Orwell
- 'The Midnight Game' by Cynthia Murphy
- 'It's Behind You' by Katheryn Foxfield



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Animals  
Adventure

**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!

# WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 29<sup>th</sup> January

## decipher: verb

Study something that is written in code or in an unknown form.

### Example

Visual signals help us **decipher** what is being communicated.

### Synonyms

decode,  
decrypt.

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

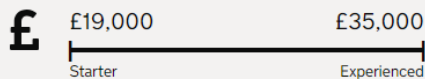


This section of the newsletter informs pupils and parents of the latest careers news, events held in school and opportunities further afield. Links to external employers and training providers can be accessed by clicking on the links underlined. Any careers queries can be directed to Mrs Smethurst by email [smethurstj@broughtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:smethurstj@broughtonhigh.co.uk)

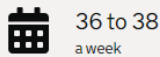
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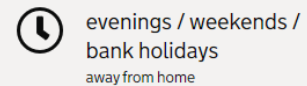
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# COURSE ADVICE MORNINGS

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

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