



9th February 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The first half of the Spring term has passed unbelievably quickly but I am pleased to say that it has been an extremely productive five weeks. Every day, and across every year group, I am extremely proud to observe the high expectations that our pupils set for themselves. The learning atmosphere in lessons, supplemented by our excellent teachers is regularly commented on by visitors to school and is something that I experience every day on my tours around school. In addition to this, the superb behaviour, manners, presentation of work, uniform and eagerness to get involved with school life is a credit to our pupils. The pupils have undoubtedly deserved a well-earned rest over the half term. I hope they all manage to have a happy and relaxed half term break.

Last night we held our final Year 11 Parents' Evening which was superbly attended. It was an extremely positive evening where teachers were able to share the progress that pupils have made since the mock exams before Christmas and give some honest and constructive feedback to ensure each pupil prepares thoroughly for the exams in May. Unbelievably there are only 83 days until the first exam!

When we return after the half term our Year 11 pupils will access the '6 period day' extra revision slots, from 3-4pm every night, to assist them in their preparation for their upcoming GCSE examinations which start in May. This extra support has always been a huge factor in building confidence, further subject knowledge and developing exam technique with attendance always extremely high. Thank you in advance to the members of staff who will run these sessions. If your child is in Year 11 please remind them to attend each and every one of these sessions after half term. We will be launching the Year 11 online 'Revision Hub' when we come back after half term; pupils will receive details about this during their assembly on Monday 19th February.

On Tuesday evening, four of our exceptional Year 10 pupils represented the school at the Oxford Schools Debating competition in Manchester. Competing against other schools across the North West of England (mostly sixth form pupils) our children performed exceptionally well. Congratulations to Aebha Bayliss, Alice Chapman, Evie Eastham and Nina Finley.

This week Mr Brandwood and Mr Bailey have led our 'House Assemblies' where pupils in each House Beech, Cedar, Hawthorn, Nordmann, Rowan and Sycamore came together from Years 7 to 11 to celebrate their collective achievements this half term. Total synergy points, attendance and homework completion, amongst a range of other areas are collectively ranked and shared with the pupils to see what position they are in. The top performing house this half term was R. Congratulations to pupils in forms 7R, 8R, 9R, 10R and 11R – they celebrated with waffles at break time today! The House which is still the highest performer with points accumulated since the start of the academic year is C.

This half term our pupils have been awarded an impressive number of reward points in a range of categories. Reward points are given for excellent work, receiving a praise postcard, excellent homework, reading, engagement in lesson, excellent organisational skills, excellent attendance, helping out at a school event, acts of kindness and generosity, superb progress, excellent attendance at extra-curricular activities and Head of Year, Head of Department and Headteacher awards.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

When your child accumulates 100, 200, 300 and 400 reward points they will be awarded a Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum badge to signify their achievement. The numbers for this half term are below.

Year 7	5196
Year 8	5776
Year 9	5696
Year 10	4541
Year 11	2694

Our whole school attendance continues to be significantly above the National Average, sitting at just below 96%. Attendance is one of the biggest factors in ensuring that pupils make excellent progress in school and I appreciate your efforts to ensure that your children attend school every day. With your continued support I am confident that we will continue to maintain our excellent levels of attendance.

Last weekend saw two of our top athletes take part in the Lancashire Schools Cross Country competition at Witton Park in Blackburn. I am delighted to announce that Molly Taylor in Year 10 and Hugh Smith in Year 9 won their event against an impressive array of other locally talented runners. Both Molly and Hugh will now represent Lancashire at the English Schools event.

Please can I ask you to continue to be considerate to the community and residents around school when you are dropping off or picking up your child at the start and end of the school day. Please be mindful not to park across residents' drives, or in a position that will cause danger to other road users, pedestrians or cyclists. There have been times where parking on Woodplumpton Road and Garstang Road at the start and end of the day has blocked the pavement so prams and wheelchairs have been unable to pass. Your continued support and consideration for the Broughton Community is greatly appreciated.

Key dates are as follows:


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  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 21st
February

Year 9
Thursday 22nd
February

A collective noun is a word that denotes a group of people, animals, objects or things.

1. A **murder** of crows.
2. A **pandemonium** of parrots.
3. An **exaltation** of larks.
4. An **army** of caterpillars.
5. A **cast** or **company** of actors.
6. A **choir** of singers.
7. A **range** of mountains.
8. A **galaxy** of stars.
9. An **anthology** of poems.
10. A **fleet** of vehicles.

Years 7 and 8

Launched
Wed 7 Feb

Test on
Wed 21 Feb

Year 9

Launched
Thurs 8 Feb

Test on
Thurs 22 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

Bedrock Update

71% of pupils scored **between 50 and 100 points** in this month.

13% of pupils scored **100 or more points** in this month.



Class 7EA/En were the top performing class and scored 876 points. The average points per pupil in this class was 88. The average points scored per pupil for the whole school was 76.

Class 9EL/En were the top performing class and scored 2743 points. The average points per pupil in this class was 88. The average points scored per pupil for the whole school was 76.

Daniel Sange-Ahmed scored 544 points - **the most in the school!**

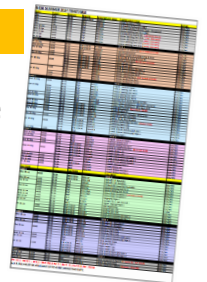


Mrs Smethurst

Year 11 – Summer Exam Timetable

An updated copy of the exam timetable has been added to the school website, with the date for the Engineering exam included.

[Year 11 Summer Exam Timetable 2024](#)



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.

*** From Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March ***

the late bus will run Monday to Friday inclusive.

Success at the Lancashire Schools Cross Country Championships

Many congratulations to **Hugh Smith (9N)** and **Molly Taylor (10S)** on their outstanding performances at the Lancashire Schools Cross Country Championships held at Witton Park in Blackburn on Saturday 3rd February 2024.

Competing in the Inter Girls grouping, **Molly finished in first place** with a time of 15:55.

Competing in the Junior Boys grouping, **Hugh finished in first place** with a time of 12:52.

Hugh and Molly should be extremely proud of their achievements. Very well done.



Mrs Lupton

U12 Hockey Fixtures

On Tuesday, 6th February, both the u12 boys' and girls' hockey teams travelled to Lytham St Annes High School.

U12 Girls' Hockey

For most of the girls it was their first ever hockey match, so they were feeling both excited and nervous. Broughton got off to a bright start by playing some lovely passes around the pitch and into the D, where the ball found **Claire Nunn** who slotted it into the goal to make it **1-0**. However, the experience of the Lytham side started to show through as they were quick to close down our play and attacked strong. Lytham had some talented players who created multiple chances in the D and eventually managed to equalise. Broughton continued to battle hard and had lots of opportunities but could not convert them into goals. The game finished **2-1** to Lytham.



Team

**Niamh Brown, Safia Cole, Mia McLennan,
Darcy-Mae McClelland, Alice Moore,
Megan Pye, Claire Nunn**

Player of the match

Safia Cole

U12 Boys' Hockey

Last week, the boys had already experienced playing against a strong Lytham side so were looking forward to a great game of hockey. Broughton started with no fear, making quick passes and linking up well with **Jake Helders** working hard to give options to the midfield and defence. Despite demonstrating some brilliant attacking play, Broughton were unable to capitalise from the early possession and it was Lytham who took the lead. Nonetheless, Broughton kept their heads held high and continued to work the ball up and down the pitch and created some fantastic goal scoring opportunities which narrowly missed the post. Broughton were beaten **1-0** by a strong Lytham side.



Team

**Harry Burnham, Oliver Foster, Jake Helders,
Oliver Ogden, Shay Panchal,
Henry Smart, Harley Waite**

Player of the match

Oliver Ogden

Our players were praised by the opposition for their excellent hockey skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Well done to all the players involved!

U13 Preston Girls' Cricket Competition

An excellent team performance in the Preston Schools' Cricket!

Winning both of our games, we have **now qualified to the North Lancashire finals at Bolton Arena** on Tuesday 27th February.

Results:

Broughton 56 - Archbishop Temple 47

Broughton 61 - Our Lady's 55



Well done to the whole team!

Ellie O'Neill (C)

Emily Bradley

Grace Ashworth

India Amrith-Thompson

Isla Dean

Alexandra Mazik

Kara Giddins

Aliyah Ahmed

Nishi Thakkar

Mrs Lupton

Oxford Debating Competition

Four of our Year 10 pupils did our school proud by competing in the Oxford Schools Debating Competition on Tuesday evening. Described as 'the biggest debating competition in the world', and run by pupils for Oxford University, it was held at the prestigious Manchester Grammar School and the pupils were up against pupils from across the Northwest, aged from 14 to 18.

We are proud to say that our four debaters (**Aebha Bayliss**, **Alice Chapman**, **Evie Eastham** and **Nina Finley**) completely held their own against what were mainly year 12 and 13 pupils, representing Broughton with enthusiasm and determination. They had fifteen minutes to prepare their arguments for or against random debate motions and they argued in British Parliamentary format, taking roles in either government or opposition. They spoke confidently and passionately and quickly learnt a lot about thinking on their feet!

Alice Chapman said, "We faced much older pupils during the debate and whilst it was intimidating, it was great to see the standard that we believe we can achieve through more practise. So, while it was challenging in the moment, it has given us great motivation for next year."

While **Evie Eastham** said "Whilst it was a very challenging competition, it was a fantastic experience. We learnt how to communicate ideas with other teams whom we had never met before, and adapt our ideas as the debate went on".

Although the evening was long and everyone was tired by the end, our pupils left with a sense of accomplishment and pride. **Nina Finley** explained the best bit for her was, "meeting new people and getting advice from some Year 12s, who said we did a really good job for our first time- it made me realise we can do it!"

So, to next year, **Aebha Bayliss** and I both agree "Oxford, here we come!"



Mrs Smethurst and Mr Alston

Psssst.....

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2024

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Get Caught Reading Competition

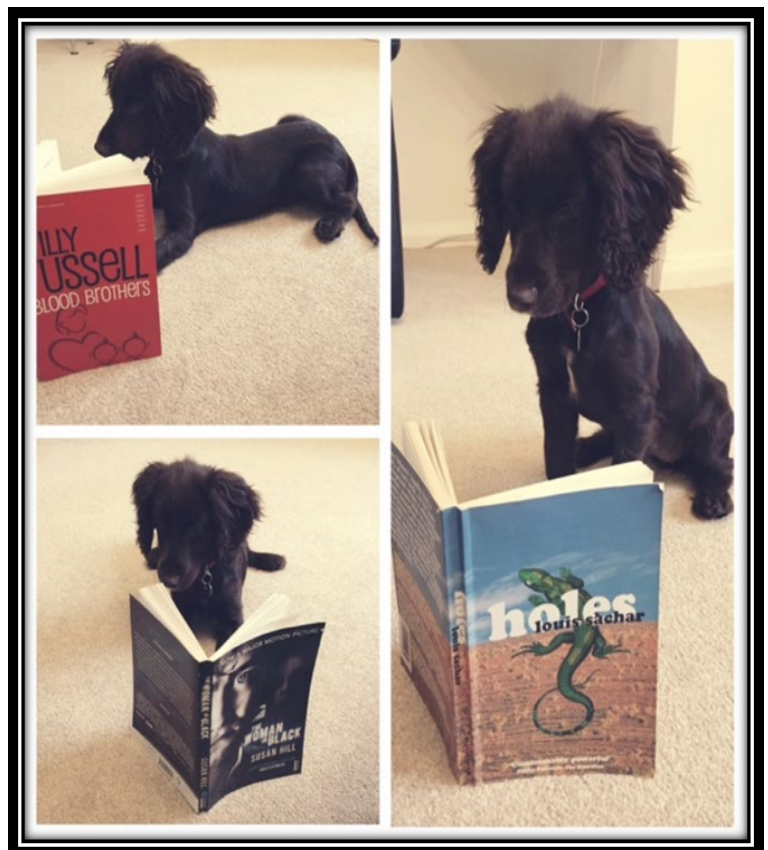
Here at Broughton, we recognise the importance of reading for both academic achievement and emotional well-being. The research continues to show that reading **leads to improved academic results and, importantly, a happier life.**

To promote World Book Day this year, we are launching a '**Get Caught Reading**' competition and the basic idea is, well, to get caught reading! We want you to submit a photograph of where you have been caught reading: the wackier and the more adventurous the better! We are also broadening entries to include pet submissions. Here is some inspiration from Mrs Armstrong's dog, Willow, from when she was a puppy (we really do mean it when we say we recognise how important reading is for all – including pets!). All entries will receive a Synergy point and there will be prizes for the winning entries!

Please send your entries to:

whitlocka@broughtonhigh.co.uk

by **Friday 8th March.**



13th February is World Radio Day - Impact of music on our wellbeing. WHAT CAN MUSIC DO?

- Express feelings
- Enhance moods
- Improve communication
- Promote wellness
- Promote rehabilitation
- Alleviate pain



CREATE A PLAY LIST

1. WAKE UP - motivation music to wake you up and get you started for the day.
2. GOALS - create a play list that is personal to you which will inspire and help you reach your goals.
3. RELAXING - music is created to help you relax. Choose what suits your needs, everyone is different.
4. AT HOME - WITH OTHERS- listen to music with family and friends. Pick songs which are meaningful to you and create positive and fun memories or send an important message. This also helps you discover other types of music.
5. BEDTIME - to create a playlist which is relaxing and calming.

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC 🎵

LOOK AFTER YOUR HEART ❤️

Our emotional wellbeing is especially important so don't ignore emotions that may make you feel overwhelmed – like stress, anger, sadness, anxiety. These feelings can have a negative effect on our hearts. Happy emotions create a healthier balance in our lives which creates a healthy heart. The heart relates to the brain so our thoughts can signal the heart to respond and if we have feelings in our hearts, it sends signals to the brain to respond. So, in theory – happy mind happy heart, happy heart happy mind.

SHOW YOURSELF SOME LOVE

- Do something you enjoy
- Have a fun day/night with friends
- Pamper night
- Treat yourself
- Put yourself first
- Exercise
- Eat healthily
- Find ways to manage stress levels
- Protect yourself from negativity
- Set healthy boundaries
- Express yourself – talk about your feelings

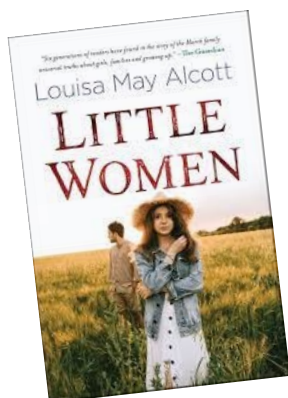
C Law, Roots Counselling

PTFA Meeting

Thursday 22nd February 2024 at 6.00pm
at Visitor Reception
All welcome

WE HOPE YOU
CAN JOIN US

Reading Recommendations



Thea Gleave

- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- The Murderer's Ape by Jakob Wegelius
- Heroes of Olympus series by Rick Riordan
- These Violent Delights by Chloe Gong

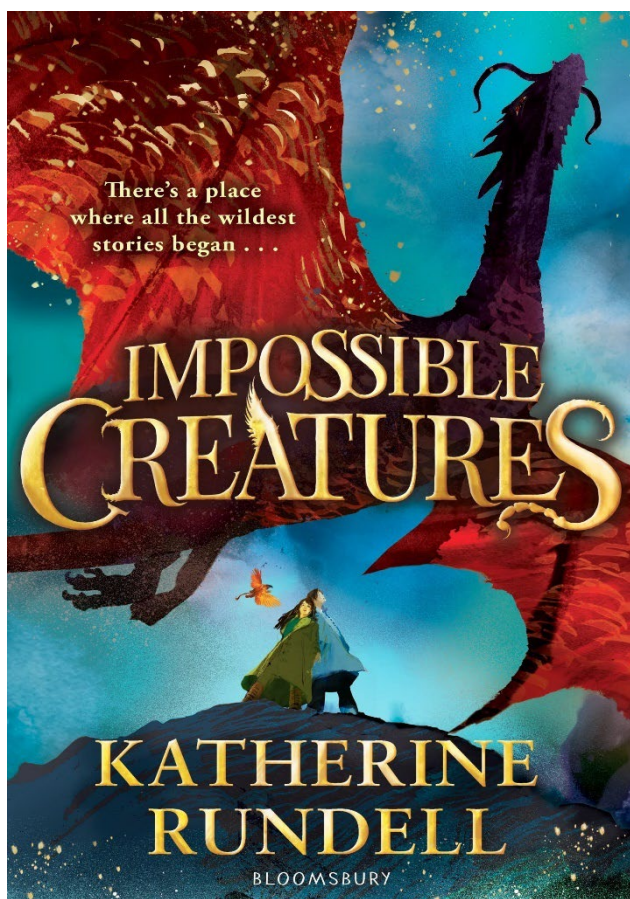


It is always great to hear any recommendations you have.

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!



It was a very fine day, until something tried to eat him. A boy called Christopher is visiting his reclusive grandfather when he witnesses an avalanche of mythical creatures come tearing down the hill. This is how Christopher learns that his grandfather is the guardian of one of the ways between the non-magical world and a place called the Archipelago, a cluster of magical islands where all the creatures we tell of in myth live and breed and thrive alongside humans. They have been protected from being discovered for thousands of years; now, terrifyingly, the protection has worn thin, and creatures are breaking through.

Then a girl, Mal, appears in Christopher's world. She is in possession of a flying coat, is being pursued by a killer and is herself in pursuit of a baby griffin. Mal, Christopher and the griffin embark on an urgent quest across the wild splendour of the Archipelago, where sphinxes hold secrets and centaurs do murder, to find the truth—with unimaginable consequences for both their worlds. Together the two must face the problem of power, and of knowledge, and of what love demands of us.



The English Department

**A pupil who reads
is a pupil who succeeds.**

WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 19th February

superficial: adj.

concerned with or understanding only
the obvious.

Example

I would rather have a few good friends
than many **superficial** friendships.

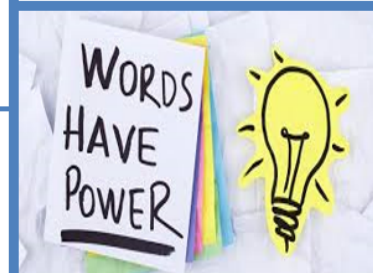
Synonyms

insincere, shallow.

Antonym

sincere.

SCHOOL SYNERGY



GAMES & GRAPHICS TASTER WORKSHOP



MONDAY 12th 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



**PRESTONCOLLEGE
CREATIVEARTS**

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

JOB OF THE WEEK

Illustrator

Illustrators produce drawings, paintings or diagrams for use in products like books and greetings cards, or on packaging.

Average salary (a year)



Variable

Typical hours (a week)



39 to 41
variable

You could work



freelance / self-employed
managing your own hours



[Click to watch a small information video](#)

To find out more about being an illustrator, click the link [here](#).

Applications for 2024 are now open!



We offer apprenticeships at all different levels at **United Utilities** so there will be something for everyone.

Click the link to see all the roles we have on offer. <https://www.unitedutilities.com/corporate/apprenticeship-roles-2024/>

Everyone in Year 10 and 11 has access to Unifrog, a platform designed to help with all things careers.



This week, Year 11 logged in to search for Apprenticeship opportunities using the **Apprenticeships tool** on their dashboard. Hopefully, they found this really useful.

Unifrog also offers **so many free resources** with one of the best things on offer being the **free webinars pupils can sign up to**.

Pupils need to sign in to be able to search for them, but there is an example of one below for anyone who is interested in Advancing Architecture!



Advancing architecture: Housing and media in contemporary architecture

What role do buildings play in the way we live our lives? Do our homes have an influence on the quality of our personal and social experiences? Studying architecture gives you the chance to learn both the professional skills required to design and construct buildings, and a chance to explore the meaning and impact of those actions. Join this webinar with the University of Plymouth to learn more.

When Thursday 22 February @ 16:30 UK time

Duration 45 mins



- CURRENTLY AT SCHOOL IN YEAR 11?
- INTERESTED IN COMPLETING A BTEC LEVEL 2 OR 3 QUALIFICATION IN FOOTBALL?
- WANT TO STUDY & PLAY AT A HIGH QUALITY & ESTABLISHED FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE?

**REGISTER FOR OUR APPLICANT
DAY NOW
TUESDAY 13TH FEB**

[HTTPS://MYERSCOUGH.AC.UK/MY-APPLICATION/PRESTON-MYERSCOUGH-APPLICANT-EVENTS/](https://myerscough.ac.uk/my-application/preston-myerscough-applicant-events/)



Football Applicant Day

Please find attached an advert for Myerscough's upcoming Football Applicant Day.

This is running during half term on **Tuesday 13th February** for both applicants and any interested Year 11's, who have not yet applied.

Pupils can book on using the link below:

[Myerscough College & University Centre Applicant Day - Preston \(February\) Tickets, Tue 13 Feb 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Rugby Advice Morning

Please also see information below, about the upcoming Rugby Advice Morning for interested Year 11's, this is running on the same day - **Tuesday 13th February**. Again, this is for both applicants and interested Year 11's who have not yet applied.

Not only will we be showcasing the colleges education pathway but also the rugby opportunities and playing pathway to unlock your potential. The day will culminate in our U17s playing Sharks U16s SDG.

For those that haven't already applied for a place, pupils can book onto this via the link below or email sgough@myerscough.ac.uk:

[Rugby Course Advice Morning | Myerscough College](#)