



22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We received some excellent news this week that celebrates the superb achievements and progress of our pupils who sat their GCSE examinations last year. The email stated:

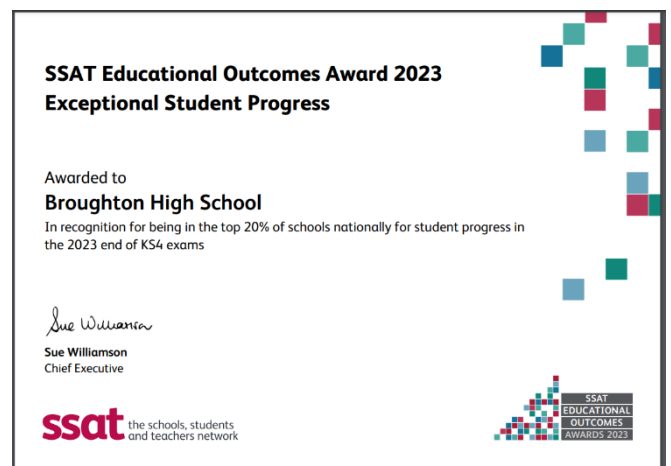
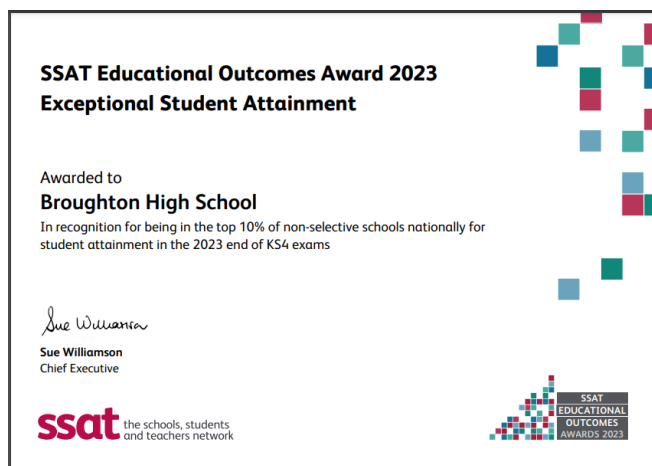
*Broughton High School have been recognised by the SSAT (The Schools, Students and Teachers Network) in this year's Educational Outcomes Awards. The award recognises that Broughton High School is among the highest performing secondary schools in the country, based on 2023 performance data and information from Ofsted.*

*Broughton High School has been recognised in two categories, receiving awards for being in the top 20% of schools nationally for student progress and in the top 10% of non-selective schools for student attainment in the 2023 end of KS4 exams.*

*The SSAT Educational Outcomes database compares all state-funded schools in England. To be recognised with an Educational Outcomes Award is a significant achievement and a testament to the work of the whole school community.*

*Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said:*

*"Congratulations to Broughton High School on winning two SSAT Educational Outcomes Awards. This success is down to the superb learning and teaching, outstanding support and inspirational leadership of students, staff, parents and governors. You have made a huge difference to the lives of the young people in your school. Thank you."*



On Wednesday, 39 pupils departed school with our staff team on this year's 'Paris Trip'. There was a real buzz of excitement from the Year 9 and 10 pupils as they left school for a very busy but exciting few days. The schedule includes visiting the Eiffel Tower, Sacre Coeur basilica, the Arc de Triomphe and enjoying some shopping along the Champs Elysee.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

They are also sailing along the Seine in a Bateau Mouche to Notre Dame before a walking tour passing by many Parisian sites and practicing their French in cafes and 'crepe stalls'. Today they have spent the day at Disneyland Paris. I am sure they will all have had an amazing time.

Year 7, 8, 9 and 11 pupils will receive their second review of the year next week. This report will highlight how well your child is progressing with their studies and will give you a progress score out of 100. Please spend some time with your child looking at this report as it will give you clear indications where they are making good progress and also suggestions where they may need to improve. A good indication of how well your child is doing is to compare your child's score against the year group average.

Year 7 Parents' Evening will take place next Wednesday at 4pm in the Sports Hall. Parents' Evenings are always an extremely positive event in school and we are looking forward to seeing Year 7 parents to share with them how their child has settled into life at Broughton High School.

The final day of the Spring term is next Thursday and will be a non-uniform day for pupils. We would like to ask for a donation of £1 to this term's chosen charity which is the 'Foxton Centre'. This worthy charity offers support, safety and resources for vulnerable adults and young people in Preston. Your child must wear clothing appropriate for a day in school and we are of course still upholding all the rules regarding jewellery, make-up, fake tan etc. We will also be holding our end of year awards assemblies for each year group where pupils will receive recognition for their hard work and effort both in class and their contribution to school life.

Last night we held our Year 11 'Final Preparation for Exams' evening which was extremely well attended. This event focused on how parents can support their children throughout the busy exam period. A number of practical exams have already taken place including Food and Nutrition, Art and Drama which have all been extremely successful. It is now only 42 days to the first exam in May and I have to say how impressed I have been with the Year 11 pupils, not only with their attendance at the 6-period day for the last 6 weeks but also how hard they are working and their positivity in lessons and around school. Revision at home is hugely important now and I am confident that the pupils will be fully prepared for the exam challenges over the next 10 weeks.

Thank you to those who have purchased tickets for our PTFA 'Year 8 Family Easter Bingo'. The event will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 starting at 6pm. There will be a range of bingo prizes available and a raffle on the night too! A family ticket costs just £5 - payment can be made via ParentPay. I look forward to seeing Year 8 families at the event.

Congratulations to Harry Burnham in Year 7 who after attending our school hockey club now plays for Preston Hockey Club. He played in the team that took part in the National Hockey Championships in Fylde last weekend and won, progressing onto the NW Regional Finals in April. Well done Harry!

Key dates are as follows:


Year 8 PTFA Family Bingo at 6.00pm	Tuesday 26 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**  
**27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Year 9**  
**Thursday**  
**28<sup>th</sup> March**

### Spellings

Please learn how to spell these 10 words correctly.

1. acceptable
2. accommodation
3. apologise
4. argument
5. beautiful
6. beginning
7. believe
8. business
9. conscious
10. decided



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

## Boys' Football - Preston Cup

The boys' football teams have experienced success across all of their first-round fixtures in the Preston cup, with some fantastic performances across the board. The year 7's edged past Longridge 3-1, in a tight game where two late goals ensured their progress.

**Year 8** played out a high scoring game against Moor Park, coming out eventual winners with a 9-5 victory, a fantastic result having been tied 5-5 at half time.

**Year 9** took on Archbishop Temple and after a tense game managed to grab a late winner thanks to a well worked attack that was finished off in stylish fashion with a glancing header into the far corner, resulting in a 2-1 victory.

**Year 10** played Eden boys in their tie, again another tight game that could have ultimately gone either way. After struggling to get going the boys managed to settle down and clinch a 2-1 victory.

Finally, **Year 11** took on Corpus in what will be their last opportunity to represent school for football. After a fantastic game, the score was at a deadlock with no team managing to grab the desired goal. As per the competition rules, it was the nerve wrecking penalty shootout that followed. Thankfully, after some well taken penalties, Broughton managed to edge through 3-2.

Well done to all involved and keep your eyes peeled for an update on the next rounds fixtures.

Mr Cowen

## U15 Girls' Cricket

Last week, the girls travelled to Bolton arena once again to take on the best of the best across Lancashire to see who would progress to be the representative of Lancashire in the following round.



The day saw the team come up against some high-level opposition, but the girls stood up to the task and a combination of good batting, high quality bowling and accurate fielding saw them in contention in each game played. By the end of the day, after becoming TikTok sensations on the Lancashire cricket page, the girls ultimately **finished 5th in Lancashire**. This is a fantastic achievement and one to be very proud of.



Mr Cowen

## Basketball

This year's basketball season has seen some fantastic games played across all age groups. After many games we are pleased to report that once again it has been a successful year for Broughton basketball.

The **Year 7** team grew from strength to strength as their games progressed, ultimately **finishing 3rd in Preston**, which for their first year together is a fantastic achievement.

**Year 8** again played out some tight encounters, and after their mini-leagues had been completed played a 3rd place play-off against Ashton in which they came out as winners meaning again they **finished 3rd in Preston**. Yet another outstanding success.

The **u14 team** played out some tough games, with an ever-changing team throughout their fixtures. Their final round of fixtures was played at Longridge, seeing us play both the host school and Moor Park. The team eventually **finished 5th in Preston** which is a strong base to build on moving forward.

Finally, **the U16's** also **finished 5th in Preston**. This was with a team of Year 10's who took on some strong Year 11 sides along the way. This again is a fantastic base to build on as they move into their final year.

Well done to all involved and please make sure to attend when clubs resume next year!

Mr Cowen

## U12 Girls' Football

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the U12 girls' football team was in action against Longridge in the first round of the Preston Schools' Knockout Cup. Broughton got off to a bright start and created several goal scoring opportunities but were denied on many occasions by the brilliant keeper. **Mia McLennan** and **Megan Pye** produced some quick passes and linked up well, with **Niamh Brown** working hard in the middle to give options to the defence and midfield. In the second half, Broughton continued to battle hard against the strong Longridge side. **Ava MacRae** and **Mia McLennan** looked dangerous down the right, finding **Megan Pye** whose powerful shot narrowly missed the post. The breakthrough for Broughton came from a lovely through ball by **Megan Pye** to **Mia McLennan** who found the back of the net to make it **1-0**. The game carried a huge sense of intensity as Longridge piled on the pressure, desperately searching for an equalising goal. **Daisy Wilson** made several fantastic saves to deny Longridge the chance to score. After an excellent performance, the girls worked tirelessly to come out **1-0 winners!**



We look forward to the next round. Well done to the whole team!

**Niamh Brown, Ava MacRae, Mia McLennan, Claire Nunn,  
Erin O'Regan, Megan Pye, Isla Tuson, Daisy Wilson**

Miss Hunter

## Broughton High Chess Competition 2024

This year, the school bought into the Delancey UK schools chess competition who play a Swiss-system tournament, which is a non-eliminating competition made up of 7 rounds. Pupils met one-on-one in each round and were paired using rules designed to ensure that each competitor plays opponents with a similar running score, but does not play the same opponent more than once. There were 3 points for a win, 2 for a draw and 1 point for a loss.

39 pupils from all year groups entered the tournament and games became more competitive as the weeks passed by, as they were playing a similar standard opponent. Round 3 saw a drawn match between **Daniel Siggers (10H)** and **Anand Singh (11R)** meaning they both dropped points. By the end of round 6 **Aaron Law (8N)** had won all his matches and **Janesh Rathod (10S)** had only dropped 2 points to **Charlie Allonby (11B)** in an earlier round. This meant that **Aaron** and **Janesh** faced each other to decide who the overall winner would be. After a close game, **Aaron** came out on top winning all 7 games, **Daniel** and **Anand** both managed to secure joint second place with 18 points leaving **Janesh** just out of the medals in joint 4<sup>th</sup> on 17 points with 4 other people, showing just how close the competition was.



All pupils won a badge and mascot and those with more points were able to choose a prize from the lucky dip. Well done to all the boys and girls involved, it was a big commitment to turn up for 7 weeks in a row.

Mr Starkie and Mr Peterson



## Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 was the start of Spring

It's time to make changes to give your mind and body a spring clean. Let go of negativity in your life routines, memories, situations and people.



- Look around and appreciate nature.
- Spring clean the house or your bedroom – tidy house, tidy mind!
- Declutter.
- Refresh your wardrobe.
- Try a new look.
- Take things to charity shop or earn extra money and sell.
- Paint.
- Decluttering and refreshing your home/room has a positive effect on the mind and it provides an element of control, calming and de-stressing which can improve your mood.
- Outdoor activities – boating, seaside, walks, nature reserves, have a picnic in the garden/park.
- Being outdoors helps boost vitamin D, spend time with friends and family and escape from your daily routine.
- Go out to eat somewhere new – try new foods – food and happiness can link together, experiencing new things. Get out with friends, socialising can lift your mood.
- Book a break away - helps with general wellbeing.
- Putting plants and flowers around the house can improve mental health and decrease levels of anxiety.
- Look at your diet, give yourself a nutrition boost - a healthy diet can increase focus, decrease mood swings and help with anxiety.
- Exercise - is good for physical and mental wellbeing, it reduces stress, anxiety and can improve self-esteem.
- Looking after your skin - it is good to have a routine, making time for you and helps make us feel good about ourselves mentally and emotionally boosting our mood, reducing stress, strengthens self-worth and it keeps our skin healthy.

**LET'S SPRING INTO ACTION!**

C Law, Roots Counselling

### Late Bus

**\* \* Operating 3 days per week after the Easter break \* \***

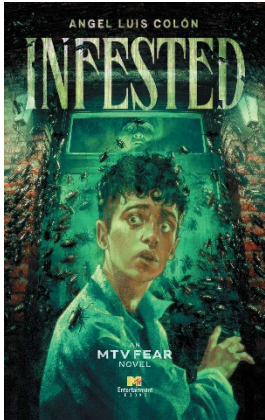
The Late Bus will **revert to three days a week** after the Easter break; running on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The service departs from Broughton at 4.25pm allowing pupils to stay late to complete school work or participate in activities after school.

60p per pupil, per journey.

Pupils are able to use their bus passes and return tickets.

# Reading Recommendation



The Taking of Jake Livingston meets Cemetery Boys in this YA ghost story about a Puerto Rican teen's battle with a malevolent spirit targeting his apartment building and the all-too-real horrors of gentrification.

It's the summer before senior year, and Manny has just moved from Texas to the Bronx in New York. So, instead of hanging with his friends and making some spending money, Manny is forced to do menial tasks in his new home, a luxury condo his stepdad is managing, while stressing about starting over.

Thankfully, he meets Sasha, who is protesting the building but turns out to be really cool. And he strikes up an unlikely friendship with Mr. Mueller, the building's exterminator. Maybe life in the Bronx won't be so bad.

Then the nightmares begin. And Manny swears he has roaches crawling under his skin. When building contractors start to go missing, Manny and Sasha come to the terrifying realization that Mr. Mueller is not who he says he is. Or rather, he is, but he died decades ago in a fire exactly where Manny's new building is located. A fire that Mueller set. Now, in a race against time, Manny must rescue his family from a deranged spectre determined to set the Bronx ablaze once again.

**Infested**

Horror

Young Adult -  
mature content

Identity

This summary was taken from the **Goodreads website**  
which is a great website to discover your next book  
<https://www.goodreads.com/>

**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!

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

## Year 9 Pupils take part in a Dance Workshop ...

**Rachael Eaton** and **Annabel Cooke**, both Year 9 pupils, performed in a dance workshop at the Lowry on Monday evening, 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Rachael and Annabel are members of Preston Youth Dance Company. This year the dance company have successfully obtained a place in a national programme 'making moves' run by Sadler's Wells. Rachael and Annabel attended a performance workshop on Monday with Sadler's Wells - a great experience for both of them.

Mrs Hough



Broughton High School's PTFA invite you to their

**Year 8**

## **Family Easter Bingo Event**

**Tuesday 26 March 2024**

**at 6.00pm**

**£5**  
per family

There will be bingo,  
light refreshments and the  
chance to win some  
raffle prizes too!



Payment to be made via  
**ParentPay**



## **WORD OF THE WEEK**

w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March

**ostentatious: adj.**

marked by a vulgar display of wealth and  
success designed to impress people.

### Example

She wears an **ostentatious** diamond ring and a  
pearl the size of a marble.

### Synonyms

flashy, flamboyant.

### Antonym

modest.

SCHOOL SYNERGY

WORDS  
HAVE  
POWER





**COME AND JOIN US!  
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME**



**NEW SEASON  
STARTING SOON**

**FROM MONDAY 8TH APRIL**

**GIRLS SESSION 6PM- AGES 13-16**

**WOMENS SESSION 7PM- OVER 16**

**ENQUIRE VIA EMAIL: [FANDBJUNIORMANAGER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FANDBJUNIORMANAGER@GMAIL.COM)**

**FULWOOD & BROUGHTON  
WOMEN & GIRLS CRICKET**

# Prefects required!



We are currently looking for Year 10 pupils to apply for the prestigious roles of Prefect, Head Boy and Head Girl. This is great opportunity for pupils to serve the school and demonstrate their leadership skills.

All pupils will receive support with their application in tutor group time, acquiring essential skills that will be not only useful for this role, but integral when looking to apply for colleges and employment. It is important that pupils use the criteria to highlight why they are suitable candidates for the role. We would like to encourage all pupils to apply.

Successful candidates will be chosen after looking at a combination of their application, school achievements and attendance records, whilst also taking account of the recommendations from their teachers.

## **Essential Skills;**

- Lead others.
- Work under pressure.
- Give verbal direction and/or instructions.
- Work with peers, staff and adults cooperatively.
- Work with limited supervision and show initiative.
- Organise time effectively and plan ahead.
- Adapt to changing circumstances.
- Be assertive, yet friendly.



## **Desirable skills;**

- Excellent attendance and punctuality record.
- Excellent discipline record, following school rules (including wearing uniform correctly).
- Commendations for school reports.
- Regular and recent involvement in a range of clubs and extra-curricular activities.
- School awards.
- Undertaken roles as a tutor group representative or member of the school council.
- Involvement in tutor group assemblies.
- Responsibilities in and out of school.

Application deadline: **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (3pm).**

The application will be set as a task on FireFly (after the Year 10 assembly on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March). Once completed, please put your application into an envelope.

Envelopes should then be put in the box which will be at Pupil Reception.

Please state if you are applying for the role of prefect, or Head Boy/Girl.

# 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

### Osteopath

Osteopaths massage, move and stretch clients' muscles and joints to improve wellbeing or help with a health issue.



Average salary (a year)



Variable

Typical hours (a week)

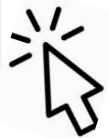


37 to 39  
variable

You could work



in your own business  
managing your own hours



### Explore the different ways to get into this role

You can get into this job through a university course or professional development training.

### University

To become an osteopath, you'll need to complete a degree or postgraduate master's degree approved by the [General Osteopathic Council](#).

Courses usually take 4 years full time, or you might be able to study part time over 5 years.

### Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English, Maths and Science
- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including a science, for a degree
- a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study



**RECRUITING  
NOW FOR  
2024!**

## **EARLY YEARS APPRENTICESHIPS**

Nurseries located near Penwortham,  
Preston City Centre,  
Cottam and Bilsborrow

- Full-time apprenticeship working towards your Level 2 or 3 childcare qualification.
- Protected off the job training and expert tuition provided.
- Guaranteed permanent employment on successful completion.
- Continued development to achieve further qualifications.
- Fantastic atmosphere, support network and employee benefits including uniform, meals whilst at work and local discounts.
- Fully supported and accredited by Runshaw College.

**email: [apprenticeships@ashbridgeschool.co.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@ashbridgeschool.co.uk)**

**APPRENTICESHIP  
PAY - OVER £150  
PER WEEK**

**LEVEL 2 PAY - UP  
TO £380 PER WEEK**

**LEVEL 3 PAY -  
OVER £400 PER  
WEEK**

**Contact  
Ashbridge directly  
or come and  
collect an  
application form  
from Mrs Smethurst  
in EN6.**

**RUNSHAW  
COLLEGE**

*On Wednesday we took a small group of Year 9 students to Runshaw's Oxbridge Bound event. Oxbridge Bound is a half day event and the activities aim to develop ways of thinking and discussing; essential skills for interviews at prestigious universities.*

*Students need to understand and be well prepared for the rules of thinking and discussion which underpin prestigious university interviews. We believe that an introduction to 'academic discourse' cannot come too early. Oxbridge Bound is an introduction to academic discourse and students had the opportunity to discuss ideas such as "Who killed JFK?", "What is a person?" and debate who was the most deserving of a kidney transplant.*