

13th October 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Last night we held our first Year 7 Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to see so many of our new parents in school meeting their child's form tutor to receive an update on how they have settled into life at Broughton High School. Our new Year 7 cohort have made a fantastic first impression and I am sure they will continue to work hard and 'get involved' in all aspects of school life. It was excellent to see so many parents attending the information assemblies throughout the night held by Mrs Boardman, Mr Brandwood and Mr Bailey who shared important information about attendance, Synergy, homework and safeguarding. The resounding message from parents last night was that they were happy with their choice of school for their child. Attendance at the parents' evening last night was just over 95%.

Year 11 teachers have been collating the necessary data for the first academic review of the year which will be shared after half term. I am really pleased to see such a huge number of pupils making excellent progress since their last review, showing that they have taken on board the feedback from teachers in Year 10 and acted upon it. Year 11 pupils have undoubtedly returned to school with a real determination and maturity towards their final year in school. Pupils will receive their review on Monday 30th October following their 'Review Assembly'. They will also receive their 'Mock Exam Revision Guide' which highlights the topics to be revised for each subject, their exam timetable, a revision planner and useful tips on the best ways to revise. Year 11 form tutors will be working with pupils after half term to develop and refine their revision skills.

On Tuesday morning we were honoured to have a visit from the Young Adult author Cynthia Murphy who is a two-time winner of the Lancashire Book of the Year 2022 and 2023. Pupils in Year 9 and 10 listened to an extremely informative and interesting talk about Cynthia's writing process and her journey into becoming an award-winning author.

The focus of this week's assemblies was online safety. Keeping pupils safe online continues to be a theme for us all with nearly all young people having access to a mobile phone. We are constantly updating staff and pupils in school about the dangers that are present online and I know you will be doing the same at home. Below are some useful tips that you may want to discuss with your children:

Keep it Private

- Don't share personal information e.g. your email address or date of birth.
- Turn ON privacy settings to protect yourself.
- Don't add people you don't know.
- Turn OFF location sharing.
- If you wouldn't share with a stranger on the street, don't share it publicly online.

Keep it Positive

- Think about how much information you are sharing online.
- If you haven't anything positive to say, avoid saying anything at all.

Keep it Real

- If you wouldn't say it to someone's face, don't say it online.
- Be the same person online as you would be in real life.
- Beware of fake profiles. Other people may not be who they say they are.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

Keep it Healthy

- Find a healthy balance with screen time. The internet is designed to be addictive.
- Avoid gaming or any screen time for at least an hour before bedtime.
- The number of 'likes' that you get doesn't define you as a person.
- Ensure the content that you view on line is ALWAYS age appropriate.

Keep Talking

- You can always talk to parents or members of staff if you are worried or uncomfortable about anything online.
- Sometimes you won't know the best thing to do. Don't simply react – talk it over first with an adult that you trust.

On Thursday next week, Year 7 pupils will be off timetable during periods 1-3 to receive a series of talks on 'Staying Safe'. Year 7 will start the day with a production from Safer Travel, they will then have a number of guest speakers including the Police talking about 'staying safe online' and representatives from Compass Bloom talking about 'Healthy Minds' and how important it is to look after our wellbeing.

Next week we will be holding our first House celebration assemblies where pupils will meet in their individual houses (Beech, Cedar, Hawthorn, Nordmann, Rowan and Sycamore) across Years 7-11. Overall totals for each house will be shared, with the winning house for this term receiving an early break pass and a free chocolate waffle. I am really looking forward to seeing the 'Houses' come together for the first time to celebrate the hard work and effort that the pupils have demonstrated this half term across the school.

When we returned to school in September, we reminded pupils about our approach to the use of mobile phones during the school day. Pupils must ensure that their phones are switched off and put away as soon as they enter the school site in the morning. In line with our current policy, phones must not be out or used at any point of the school day. Once pupils exit the school buildings at 3pm they may then use their phones.

We have been fortunate to secure a grant for £5000 from LCC to enhance some of the cycling facilities and shelters on the school site. It is wonderful that over 200 pupils regularly cycle to school and this is something we want to further encourage and support. Pupil safety when cycling to and from school is extremely important. If your child cycles to school please can you remind them that a fastened helmet must be worn at all times for the whole of the duration to and from school. As the mornings and evenings get darker it is also advised to purchase lights for your child's bike to make them more visible to drivers and pedestrians. Please also remind your child to cycle safely at all times, not only for themselves but for other cyclists, pedestrians and motorists and to be courteous in their behaviour and how they ride their bike.

Key dates are as follows:


Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 2 November 2023
PTFA Meeting	Tuesday 7 November 2023
Awards Evening - former Year 11 pupils	Thursday 16 November 2023
INSET DAY - school closed	Friday 17 November 2023
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

Learn it CHALLENGE

Every week, pupils in **Years 7, 8 and 9** will be 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 test will be on these days ...

Years 7 and 8
Wednesday 18th
October

Year 9
Thursday 19th
October

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



Learn it CHALLENGE

October
Week 2

Years
7, 8 and 9

Years 7 and 8

Launched
Wed 11 Oct

Test on
Wed 18 Oct
2023

Year 9

Launched
Thurs 12 Oct

Test on
Thurs 19 Oct
2023

1. List the four types of shape transformation.
2. What is an arithmetic sequence?
3. How do you find the volume of a cuboid?
4. What is a reflex angle?
5. How many centilitres are in a litre?
6. How do you find the median of a set of numbers?
7. How do we find the area of a parallelogram?
8. What do we call the view of a 3D object from above?
9. What do we draw on lines to show they are parallel?
10. What do we call the longest side of a right-angled triangle?

1. The four types of shape transformation are **reflection, rotation, translation and enlargement**.
2. An arithmetic sequence is **made by adding the same value each time**.
3. **Length x width x height** = the volume of a cuboid.
4. A reflex angle is **an angle between 180 and 360 degrees**.
5. There are **100 centilitres** in a litre.
6. To find the median of a set of numbers, **write them in order and find the middle number**.
7. **Base x perpendicular height** = the area of a parallelogram.
8. The view of a 3D object from above is called **the plan**.
9. **Arrowheads** are drawn on lines to show they are parallel.
10. **Hypotenuse** is the name for the longest side of a right-angled triangle.

**LEARN
THEM!**

PTFA Meeting

Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 6.00pm

in the Oak Meeting Room at Visitor Reception

ALL WELCOME

WE HOPE YOU
CAN JOIN US

Author Visit

On 10th October, Year 9 and Year 10 had the delight of having a visitor, none other than the renowned author Cynthia Murphy. She has won the Lancashire Book of the Year Award two years in a row and is the first female to win the award twice. Some of her most popular books are: 'Win, Lose, Kill, Die'; 'Last One to Die', and 'The Midnight Man'. During her visit to Broughton, she gave a very inspirational speech to Year 9 and 10 about her journey to becoming a successful author, along with many important tips to help with creative writing. This was followed by a meet and greet in the library which involved an interview by the journalists for the Broughton school newspaper. Thank you, Cynthia!



By Nina Finley, 10B

Homework Support in School

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sparx Club in MA5 (lunchtime)○ KS3 Art Homework Drop-In in ART1 (lunchtime)○ Homework can be completed in the library at lunch and after school until 4:15pm.
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ GCSE Art drop-in in ART1 (lunchtime)○ GCSE Art drop-in in ART1 (3:00pm-4:00pm)○ Homework support in IT4 (3:00pm – 4:00pm)○ Learning Support Homework Help in IT3 (3:00pm – 4:00pm)○ Sparx Club in MA5 (3:00pm – 4:00pm)○ Homework can be completed in the library after school until 4:15pm.
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Homework support in IT4 after school (3:00pm – 4:00pm)○ Learning Support Homework Help in IT3 (3:00pm – 4:00pm)○ Computing club in IT1 (3:00pm – 4:00pm) where students can use computers○ GCSE Art drop-in in ART1 (3:00pm-4:00pm)○ GCSE Music Composition Workshop – (3:00pm to 4:00pm)○ Homework can be completed in the library at lunch and after school until 4:15pm.
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Homework support in IT4 (3:00pm – 4:00pm)○ Learning Support Homework Help in IT3 (3:00pm – 4:00pm)○ Homework can be completed in the library after school until 4:15pm.
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Homework can be completed in the library at lunch and after school until 3:45pm.

Wellbeing Values

Thursday 19th October is **WORLD VALUES DAY**. WHAT ARE VALUES?

Values are things that you believe are important and you care deeply about. These values are the basis for the choices we make in life.

Time to reflect

- ❖ What are your personal values?
- ❖ How do they have a positive impact?
- ❖ Talk about and share your values with others.

Examples of some core values:

Honesty
Truthfulness
Kindness
Responsibility
Growth

Friendship
Respect
Hard work
Determination
Being true to yourself

Value you!

C Law, Roots Counselling

World Mental Health Day

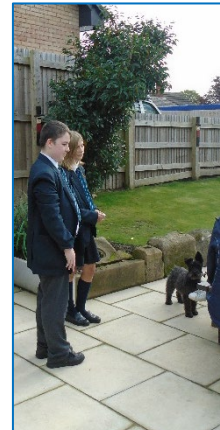
On Tuesday, 10th October, we celebrated World Mental Health Day in school. This year's theme was 'Tea and Talk' emphasising the importance of talking about mental health. With this in mind, we encouraged pupils in form time to talk other, asking each other numerous questions and taking the time to listen to each other which is as equally as important.

Mrs Smethurst's form (10C) fully embraced 'Tea and Talk' with biscuits and lots of conversation, so much so that the form recognised the importance of talking and will be completing the activity again.

A group of pupils from our Student Council, **Penny Harrison, Zac Harrison, Evie Eastham** and **Arush Kanwar** went to the Toll Bar Cafe in Broughton to talk to members of the public about World Mental Health Day. One gentleman approached the pupils to discuss his struggles with mental health and how important it is that it is discussed ... and in his opinion even more so amongst young men. It was extremely touching that he shared his story.



Mrs Bamber



Football News

U14 Girls' Football v Our Lady's: Broughton Won 2-1

Our most challenging game of the season against Our Lady's saw us battle hard from the start to gain an advantage. Their defence were strong and we had little time and space on the ball.

Towards the end of the first half we started to move the ball around much more comfortably, which led **Imogen Goodwin** to send a very well placed ball through to **Ellie O'Neill** who found the back of the net. However, it was quickly agreed that unfortunately the player was offside and therefore the goal disallowed.

We composed ourselves at half time and came back stronger in the second half and with a more attacking formation it wasn't long before we found the goal again with **Kara Lee** placing an excellent free kick close to **Grace Lochhead** who finished well!

Our final goal came from **Grace Lochhead** crossing the ball exceptionally well towards the feet of **India Thompson-Amrith** who scored.

Another great team performance!



Kara Lee
Imogen Goodwin
Grace Lochhead
Amara Jenkins- Smith
Elsie Kerley
Lilly Beetham
Amy Beardwood
Ellie O'Neill
Isobel Harlow
India Thompson- Amrith
Grace Ashworth
Isla Dean



Miss Lupton

P.E. Department Extra-Curricular Clubs

Lancashire Cricket Girls' Shine Programme - Years 7, 8, 9 & 10	Monday	3.00 - 4.00	Astro
GCSE Table Tennis League	Tuesday	1.25 - 1.55	Gym
Boys' Football - Years 7 & 8	Tuesday	3.00 - 4.00	Astro
Girls' Netball - Years 10 & 11	Tuesday	3.00 - 4.00	Courts
Boys' Table Tennis - Year 7	Wednesday	3.00 - 4.00	Gym
Boys' Basketball - Years 10 & 11	Wednesday	3.00 - 4.00	Sports Hall
Girls' Football - all Years	Wednesday	3.00 - 4.00	Astro
Running Club	Thursday	3.00 - 4.00	PE Yard
Girls' Table Tennis - Years 7 & 8	Thursday	3.00 - 4.00	Gym
Boys' Football - Years 9,10 & 11	Thursday	3.00 - 4.00	Astro
Girls' Netball - Years 7, 8 & 9	Thursday	3.00 - 4.00	Courts
Girls' and boys' GCSE Badminton	Thursday	3.00 - 4.00	Sports Hall
Boys' & Girls' - Myerscough Basketball - Years 7 & 8	Friday	3.00 - 4.00	Sports Hall
American Flag Football	Friday	3.05 - 4.15	Astro

Year 8 Reading Ambassador ... Recommended Read

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson. This is one of the three amazing books, about Pip a high school student who decides to do an open-shut murder case as her end of year project. It is a good one for people who like murder mysteries, but it is an older one as it may be difficult to understand and has some swearing in it.

On Thursday, 12th October, Year 8 pupils took part in the **IET Faraday Challenge Day** at Bishop Rawsthorne school. The theme this year was linked to Rees Jeffreys Road Fund and National Highways.

It was an excellent opportunity which saw our pupils excel with their teamwork skills, organisation and engineering skills. They were given a scenario which they had to plan and prepare a prototype which had to meet the criteria. They then presented back to the other teams. It is a National competition which schools will take part in over the next few months therefore I cannot give too many details on the task!



The pupils rose to the challenge of the task and performed at a very high standard. Well done **Oscar Bolton, Joe Dumbell, Amanda Osakwe, Alice Walmsley, Megan Wilcock.**

Mrs Newton

[IET Faraday® DIY Challenge Days - IET Education \(theiet.org\)](http://theiet.org)

WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 16th October

insidious: adj.

slowly and subtly harmful or destructive.

Example

His **insidious** jealousy warped his normal loving nature.

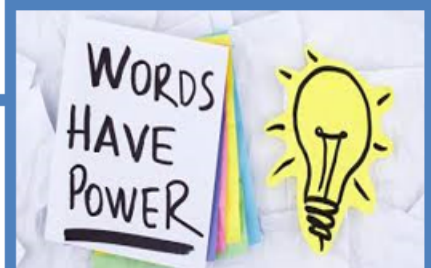
Synonyms

sinister, treacherous.

Antonym

harmless.

SCHOOL SYNERGY



**Interested in the law
and keen to
challenge
yourself?**



**Look no further.
Gather a team
and we'll see you
in court!**

**@YoungCitizensUK
#MockTrials**



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



Life Coach

Life coaches support and encourage people to help them make informed decisions in their working and personal lives.

Average Salary – Variable

Average Working Hours- 16-37 * Freelance

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



NOTICES



**Broughton High School's Careers Fair,
24th November 2023.**

Calling all parents!

**Can your business/ place of work inspire
the next generation?!**

We want to expose our pupils to a wide variety of employers with our pupils getting the opportunity to engage in a conversation about typical duties, pathways and opportunities. Can you help? Please email Mr Lord for more information

lordc@broughtonhigh.co.uk

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Women in Engineering

Apprenticeship Insight Experience

Applications are now open for the 2024 Women in Engineering Insight Experiences, taking place early next year.



Before I joined the Women in Engineering programme I was completing my GCSEs. I heard about the programme from my aunty and decided to apply. I really enjoyed the practical activities and meeting apprentices. I learnt a lot about the apprentice programmes at BAE Systems and had a go at engineering. I found it was something I enjoyed and I subsequently joined BAE Systems as a Craft Apprentice. I am now in my second year of an advanced apprenticeship, working as an aircraft fitter on F35, where I support the assembly of small components for the jets.



Jane, Participant



A four day programme, with opportunities across the Air, Electronic Systems, Land, Maritime Services, Naval Ships and Submarine sectors at BAE Systems, this hybrid event will introduce you to the exciting world of engineering and the vast range of apprenticeships and careers available.

You will learn more about what it is like to work for BAE Systems, gain hands-on experience in a in an engineering environment and explore the range of career pathways available.

Opportunities are available for school and college leavers, as well as individuals seeking a new challenge.

The programme will be delivered as hybrid learning, with some on-site activity and some virtual learning, across four separate dates in January and February 2024.

As part of the insight experience, you will interview for one of our engineering apprenticeships and could be offered a full-time position, starting in autumn 2024.

Insight Experiences are aligned to our:

Intermediate/Advanced
Apprenticeships (Level 2/3)

Higher/Degree
Apprenticeships (Level 4/6)*

*The insight experience for those interested in Higher/Degree Apprenticeships will be available in the Air, Maritime Services, and Submarines sectors only.

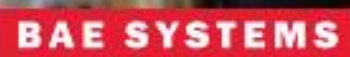
To apply, visit:
www.baesystems.com

Applications open on:
Tuesday 19 September 2023

Close on:
Tuesday 31 October 2023

Applications may close early if sufficient applications are received under the closing date

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YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATION 2023

WEEK 1

DATE	START	LEN	SUBJECT
Mon 4th December	09:00	01:00	Geography P1
Mon 4th December	11:20	01:30	Maths P1 (Non Calculator)
Tues 5th December	09:00	01:45	English Literature P1
Tues 5th December	11:20	01:30	History
Wed 6th December	09:00	01:30	Business
		01:15	Music
		02:00	Computer Science - 2 X 1hr
Wed 6th December	11:20	01:30	P.E P1
Thurs 7th December	09:00	01:45	Triple Biology
		01:15	Combined Science Biology
Thurs 7th December	11:20	01:30	Engineering
			Dance
Fri 8th December	09:00	01:45	English Language
Fri 8th December	11:20	01:05	French Writing - F
		01:15	French Writing - H
		01:15	German Writing - F
		01:20	German Writing -H

WEEK 2

Mon 11th December	09:00	01:30	Religious Studies
Mon 11th December	11:20	01:45	Triple Chemistry
		01:15	Combined Science Chemistry
Tues 12th December	09:00	01:30	Maths P2
Tues 12th December	11:20	00:45	French Reading - F
		01:00	French Reading- H
		00:45	German Reading - F
		01:00	German Reading - H
Wed 13th December	09:00	01:45	D & T
Wed 13th December	11:20	01:00	P.E P2
		01:00	Travel & Tourism
Thurs 14th December	09:00	01:45	Triple Physics
		01:15	Combined Science Physics
	11:20	01:45	Food & Prep (Onscreen) ICT & ICT2
Fri 15th December	09:00	01:30	Maths P3
Fri 15th December	11:20	01:15	Geography P2

WEEK 3

Mon 18th December	09:00	01:45	Drama
	09:00	02:00	CATCH UPS - UP TO 11:00am
Mon 18th December	11:20	00:45	French Listening - (H) - IN Drama Studio
Mon 18th December	12:20	00:45	German Listening - (H) - IN Drama Studio