



3rd November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It was wonderful to welcome our pupils back to school on Monday after their half term break. The pupils looked refreshed after their time away from school and extremely smart in their uniforms. Pupils have returned this week with real positivity and a noticeable 'can do' attitude and there has been an excellent learning atmosphere around school. Extra-curricular clubs have re-started and there has been a huge uptake again in the numbers of pupils 'getting involved' in the wider life of the school. What is really pleasing to see is the huge number of Year 7 pupils who are taking the opportunity to try new clubs and activities for the first time. My message to all pupils is to keep attending clubs at lunch and after school wherever possible.

This week in assemblies I have spoken to pupils about what it means to be a pupil at Broughton High School. I shared with them my thoughts about our work to ensure that we strive every day for 'High Achievement', 'Personal Support', a 'Feeling of Community' and for us all, pupils, staff, parents, and governors, to be part of the 'Broughton Team'. I asked pupils to reflect on giving their best every day, not only in the classroom but in their relationships with their friends and classmates and in extra-curricular activities. I also reminded them about the importance of kindness towards each other and excellent manners and politeness, something which I see every day here at school. Every pupil has their part to play every day to be their 'Best at Broughton'.

The theme for assemblies next week is 'Remembrance' and I will be talking to pupils about what it means for us all. It is a time to reflect on all those affected by war or conflict and a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. I will be accompanied by our Head Boy, Head Girl and their Deputies next week as we lay a commemorative poppy wreath at the cenotaph in Broughton.

Last night we held the first of our Year 11 Parents' Evenings at school where parents and pupils were able to discuss with staff their recent Year 11 progress report that has just been issued. The attendance was excellent again and it was wonderful to see so many families in school. Our Year 11 pupils continue to show a really positive and mature attitude towards their studies and their preparation for their GCSEs in the summer. Thank you to all Year 11 parents for your support last night in the preparation for the mock exams in December

Mr Lord, teacher of Geography and Head of Careers has been successfully appointed at St Augustine's Catholic High School in Billington, starting after Christmas. We are extremely sad to see Mr Lord leave us as he is an excellent teacher, form tutor and a superb leader of our school's careers programme. He is undoubtedly ready to take the next step into middle leadership and I am sure you will join me in congratulating him on his promotion.

On Tuesday we interviewed for Mr Lord's replacement. After a very rigorous process involving four very strong candidates I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Mr Miles Florentine who joins us from Darwen Vale School. He will be an excellent addition to the Geography Department and the school and will also take over the role of form tutor for 8C.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

Mrs Fahey visited the Blackpool Grand Theatre yesterday with Year 11 and Year 10 Drama pupils to see 'The Woman in Black'. Although this is quite a scary performance with a number of 'jumpy' moments, I am told the pupils were extremely brave and managed to thoroughly enjoy a superb show. This show undoubtedly helps the GCSE Drama pupils prepare for their practical performances in the Spring Term.

A number of our pupils have been successful in being selected to play football for the District and for Lancashire; these are wonderful achievements, congratulations from us all. Please see further details within this newsletter.

A reminder that we will be holding a D of E presentation evening at 6.00pm on Thursday 23rd November in school for our Year 11 pupils who have achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. This award is an extremely important achievement and equips so many of our pupils with a variety of new and different skills that they can take forward into their everyday life and beyond. We look forward to welcoming back former pupil Grace Newton who has kindly agreed to be our guest speaker. Grace completed her Bronze Award whilst at Broughton High School and continued through to achieve her Gold Award last year which was presented to her at Buckingham Palace.

Key dates are as follows:


PTFA Meeting (6.00pm)	Tuesday 7 November 2023
Awards Evening - former Year 11 pupils	Thursday 16 November 2023
INSET DAY - school closed	Friday 17 November 2023
D of E Presentation Evening - Year 11 pupils	Thursday 23 November 2023
Careers Fair in school - all years	Friday 24 November 2023
Year 7 PTFA Christmas Social	Wednesday 13 December 2023
School closes for Christmas at 1.00pm	Thursday 21 December 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** 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 test will be on these days ...

Years 7 and 8
Wednesday 8th
November

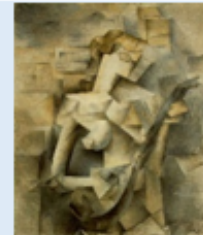
Year 9
Thursday 9th
November

LEARN THE NAMES OF THE 20TH CENTURY ART MOVEMENTS FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PICTURES

1. Cubism

An early 20th-century movement in art, in which subjects are viewed from multiple viewpoints and broken into simple geometric shapes.

Leading Artist: Pablo Picasso.



2. Surrealism

A 20th-century movement in art which sought to release the creative potential of the unconscious mind; depicted dream-like & strange subject matter.

Leading artist: Salvador Dali



3. Fauvism

A style of painting with vivid and non-naturalistic use of colour that started in Paris around 1905.

Leading Artist: Henri Matisse



4. Pop Art

Art movement which began in late 1950s in both UK & USA. Subject matter reflected modern popular culture and the mass media.

Leading Artist: Andy Warhol



5. Futurism

An artistic movement originating in Italy in 1909. It emphasized speed, technology, youth, violence and objects such as the car, the aeroplane and the industrial city.

Leading artist: Giacomo Balla



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

6. Abstract Expressionism

A development of abstract art which began in New York in the 1940s with a particular emphasis on the spontaneous, emotional & creative act of painting (also known as action painting).
Leading artist: Jackson Pollock.



7. Photorealism

A style of art in the late 1960s/early 1970s, characterized by the highly detailed depiction of ordinary life with the precision of a photograph. Leading Artist: Audrey Flack



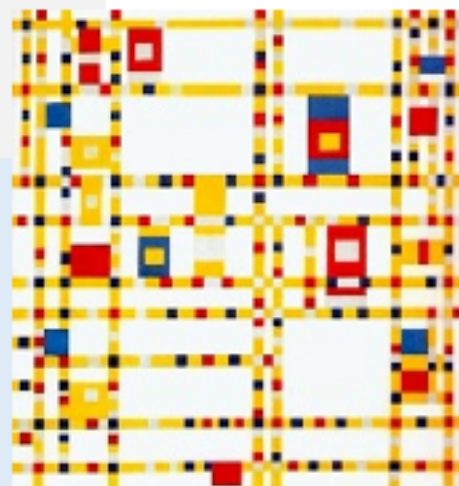
8. Expressionism

A style of painting in which the artist seeks to express the inner world of emotion rather than external reality.
Leading Artist: Edvard Munch.



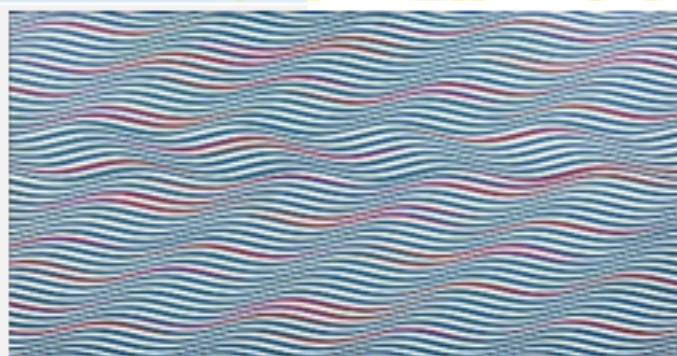
9. De Stijl

An early 20th century style of abstract painting developed by Piet Mondrian, using only vertical and horizontal lines and rectangular shapes in black, white, grey, and primary colours.



10. Op Art

A form of abstract art developed in the 1960s, that gives the illusion of movement by the precise use of pattern and colour, or in which conflicting patterns emerge and overlap.
Leading Artist: Bridget Riley



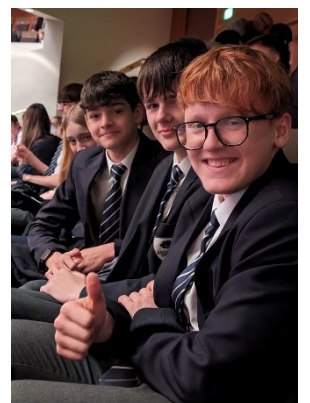
Year 11 Trip to Bridgewater Hall



On the last Friday of half term, 25 Year 11 pupils took a trip to Manchester's Bridgewater Hall to listen to the Hallé Orchestra perform the 'Orchestra Through the Ages'. This was a fantastic experience for our musicians, and for a large number of them, the first time they had ever heard an orchestra perform live.

The concert was a whistle-stop tour through the development of the orchestra, from the renaissance period right the way through to the current 21st Century orchestra. Pupils enjoyed excerpts from Mozart, Beethoven, Wagner and more, with the finale of a performance of Defying Gravity from the West End Musical 'Wicked' and the theme to Star Wars.

The musicians were impressed by the skill and artistry of the Hallé Orchestra, particularly the way the orchestra could change its sound so dramatically to suit the different pieces of music. The concert was also a great opportunity for our pupils to learn more about the history of the orchestra and the different instruments that are involved, including the way that the orchestra has evolved over time and how new instruments have been added to create the rich and complex sound that we hear today. Tom Redmond, presenter for the concert also discussed key elements of Bach's 'Badinerie' which is our GCSE set work, with the orchestra demonstrating different features of the piece. This was invaluable as we prepare for the listening component of the exam in the summer.



Overall, the trip to the Bridgewater Hall was a huge success. Our pupils had an amazing time listening to the Hallé Orchestra perform and they learned a lot about the history and development of the orchestra. It was a truly unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

Mr Shepherd & Miss Peters

History - Year 8

Year 8 have been studying the English Civil War and this week all classes had the opportunity to handle some reconstructed Civil War-era artefacts in their History lessons. We were visited by Mr Stockley, a member of the Sealed Knot,



who stage re-enactments of Civil War battles. He brought with him replicas of the clothing and weapons used by pike men, musketeers and cavalry men. Pupils had the opportunity to try on the different uniforms and handle the weaponry whilst discussing their relative uses, advantages and disadvantages, the weight of the armour and just how long it took to load a musket for one shot. I am sure many parents and older siblings will remember Mr Stockley from his time at Broughton and we are very grateful to him for giving up his time and sharing his considerable expertise. Pupils and staff alike really enjoyed the interactive sessions and gained a valuable insight into life as a seventeenth century soldier.



Miss Klunder and Mr Hughes

English Schools' Cup - Second Round

On Tuesday afternoon we travelled to **St Mary's in Wigan** to play in the second round of the **English Schools' Cup**. From the very first minute we knew we were in for a challenging game, both teams hungry for the win! We realised we needed to press hard if we wanted to regain possession and after 9 minutes **Isabelle Harrop** played a great ball over to **Grace Lochhead** who found the back of the net! St Mary's fought back and after numerous attempts on goal, and **Evie Lee** denying them on many occasions, our defence eventually broke down and they equalised.



1-1 at half time and both teams wanting to claim victory ... both teams started the second half strong, playing some exceptional football! 24 minutes in, we found our flow again and worked hard to pass the ball around their defence and we challenged the goalkeeper, forcing her to make a save over the cross bar and gaining us a corner. **Grace Lochhead** played a fantastic ball in which deflected off the keeper and into the goal! **2-1 to Broughton**. St Marys' were now rattled by us and we were pushing for more! At 25 minutes we played some superb balls around which annihilated the defence and **May Ackley** found **Isabelle Harrop** who scored to make us **3-1**. Finally, just 3 minutes later, **Amy Beardwood** played a ball over the top which was controlled well by **Isabelle Harrop** who found the goal again!

The game finished with a **4-1 win to Broughton** and progression into the next round.

Alex Latham (C)
Olivia Newman-Kirk
Faye Green
Amy Beardwood

Evie Lee
Tabitha Lamoury
Cara Lee

Olivia Rankin
Isabelle Harrop
Imogen Goodwin

May Ackley
Afiya Lakha
Grace Lochhead

Football News

Congratulations to all the pupils who have been selected to play **football to represent either the District or Lancashire**. These pupils have made it through the intense trial sessions to make the final squad. We wish them the best of luck in their fixtures this season!

Some trials are still being held and we wish those players who are still going through the trial process the best of luck.

Preston Schools' District Football

U13

Louie Lewis
Max Whittaker
Oscar Waterhouse
Spencer Uviase

U14

James Lillystone
Ellis Worthington
Rayhaan Mohamed
Riley Stansfield
Billy Ward
Matt Ward

U15

Charlie Hamilton
Sam Willingale
Matthew English
Tom Irwin
Oliver Blackwell
Umar Nala
Andrew Killeen
Isaac Allen
Myles Kirnon
Reuben Watson

U15

Kara Lee
Grace Lochhead
Imogen Goodwin
May Ackley
Olivia Rankin
Alex Latham
Lily Beetham

U16 Lancashire

Antonio-Raul Iglesias-Leeming

Mr Marquis and Mrs Lupton



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.

CATERING ASSISTANT

18.5 hours per week, term time only, permanent post

Foundation living wage: £10.90 per hour

We are looking to appoint a hard-working, conscientious and reliable person to provide catering support in our hugely successful catering department.



Closing Date: Monday 13th November 2023 (12 noon)

Interview Date: Wednesday 15th November 2023

Please see the application pack for further details.

[APPLICATION PACK - CATERING ASSISTANT](#)

Netball News



The Year 7 and Year 8 Netball teams participated in their first netball fixture of the season at Longridge on Monday this week.

The Year 7 team dominated the opposition winning 8 - 1.

The Year 8 team fought tirelessly throughout in a physically demanding game but unfortunately lost 11-4.

Players of the match were **Emily Bretherton** (Year 7) and **Kara Giddins** (Year 8).

Mrs Hough

Bedrock Update

Congratulations to our top point scorers in Bedrock for October.

Year 7	Meer Modessa
Year 8	Samantha Humphrey
Year 9	Raeef Tanveer

Please do sign up to Bedrock as a parent so you can see how your child is progressing. Instructions can be found here [How do parents/guardians activate their account? – Bedrock Learning Support Hub](#) and the access code can be found in your child's planner.

Thank you,
Mrs Smethurst

Year 8 Reading Ambassador ... *Recommended Read*

Murder Most Unladylike - Robin Stevens. This is one of 10 books of the series which is written like a casebook and shows two schoolgirls solving the case of their missing science teacher. It is a murder mystery story.



YOUR PTFA Spark

November
2023

Wishing you a warm welcome to this second edition of **Spark**.

Like me, I'd guess that you may have been amazed at how quickly the festive season is approaching.

It's a busy time for the school and the PTFA is here to lend a hand.

Next Tuesday 7th November we have our PTFA meeting at 6pm in the Oak meeting room at Visitor Reception. Please come if you can!

Amongst the topics up for discussion will be our support of the **PTFA Year 7 Family Social** taking place on **Wednesday 13th December 2023**. It's a fun and friendly event and something we all look forward to. It will be lovely to meet our new Year 7 parents there.

We will also be discussing the **PTFA Programme of Events for Spring and Summer 2024** along with ideas on how else we can support our school and pupils in the coming year.

Finally, there's an opportunity for a brief update and feedback session with our Headteacher, Mr Botes.

On behalf of your PTFA we hope to see you at the meeting on 7th November!

Best wishes.
Anthony Mellor
PTFA Chair

PTFA Meeting

Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 6.00pm

in the Oak Meeting Room at Visitor Reception

All welcome - please see the agenda attached to this newsletter.

WE HOPE YOU
CAN JOIN US

National Stress Awareness Day - 2nd November 2023

YOUNGMINDS ... Consider the following

1. What is self-care?
2. How can self-care help?
3. Finding what self-care works for you
4. What does self-care look like?
5. Real stories from young people
6. When self-care feels difficult or impossible
7. What is community care?
8. Where to get help

Go to the following website to get more information.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/self-care/#:>

Exam Stress

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/>



Stress Bucket Activity – YOUNGMINDS

When you feel worried, the stress bucket is a visual way to communicate this and help you develop strategies.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/media/rymge2va/stress-bucket.pdf>

Relax and breathe.

C Law, Roots Counselling



There are an increasing number of **school coats at pupil reception** which have been lost by pupils. These coats are not labelled.

If your child has lost their coat,
please ask them to see Mrs Dumbell at pupil reception,
so that it can be returned to them.

Please can all items of school uniform, including coats and PE kit, be clearly labelled with the pupil's name on. Thank you.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - PE Department	Day	Time	Where	Member of staff
Lancashire Cricket Girls' Shine Programme - Years 7, 8, 9 & 10	Monday	3.00 - 4.00	Astro	PE Department
GCSE Table Tennis League	Tuesday	1.25 - 1.55	Gym	PE Department
Boys' Football - Years 7 & 8	Tuesday	3.00 - 4.00	Astro	PE Department
Girls' Netball - Years 10 & 11	Tuesday	3.00 - 4.00	Courts	PE Department
Boys' Table Tennis - Year 7	Wednesday	3.00 - 4.00	Gym	PE Department
Boys' Basketball - Years 10 & 11	Wednesday	3.00 - 4.00	Sports Hall	PE Department
Running Club	Thursday	3.00 - 4.00	PE Yard	Miss Klunder & Mr Brady
Girls' Table Tennis - Years 7 & 8	Thursday	3.00 - 4.00	Gym	PE Department
Boys' Football - Years 9,10 & 11	Thursday	3.00 - 4.00	Astro	PE Department
Girls' Netball - Years 7, 8 & 9	Thursday	3.00 - 4.00	Courts	PE Department
Girls' and Boys' GCSE Badminton	Thursday	3.00 - 4.00	Sports Hall	PE Department
Boys' & Girls' - Myerscough Basketball - Years 7 & 8	Friday	3.00 - 4.00	Sports Hall	PE Department
American Flag Football	Friday	3.05 - 4.15	Astro	Mr Hughes

WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 6th November

underhand: adj.

done secretively and dishonestly or with the intention to deceive or cheat somebody.

Example

She went about business in an **underhand** manner.

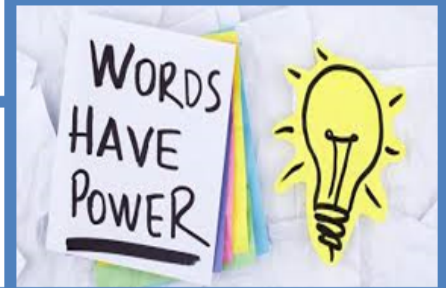
Synonyms

deceitful, shady.

Antonym

open, honest.

SCH^{OO}L SYNERGY



PRESTON
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REGISTER FOR OUR

YEAR 10 & 11 OPEN EVENT
SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER, 10AM-2PM

www.preston.ac.uk/nov23

SCAN TO
REGISTER



FUTURE EVENTS

Thursday 7 March 2024, 4-7pm

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



Nutritionist

Nutritionists teach patients and clients about the effects of food on their health, motivating them to make positive changes in their diet.

Average Salary – £27,055-40,588 PA

Average Working Hours- 37-39

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

Amazing Apprenticeships

amazon

Click for more

WORK WITH US

CONNECT WITH AMAZON





**Blackpool Teaching
Hospitals**

NHS Foundation Trust

BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST CAREERS OPEN DAY

Are you interested in finding out about the many different careers that are available at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals?

If so, join us on our Careers Open Day where you can speak to a wide range of different healthcare professionals in our Education Centre.

**SATURDAY 4TH
NOVEMBER**

**DROP IN ANYTIME
BETWEEN
10AM – 2PM**

**EDUCATION CENTRE,
BLACKPOOL TEACHING
HOSPITALS, FY3 8NR**

ALL WELCOME!



GIFTED & TALENTED SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of scholarships are available to Year 11 applicants on eligible T-Level/Level 3 courses.

BENEFITS:

£1,000

Over 2 years

FREE

Travel Pass

FREE

College Gym
Membership

Ambassador
HOODIE



Support from our
extensive range
of employer
links



Evidence to
support your
UCAS application

WHAT COURSES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GIFTED & TALENTED SCHOLARSHIP?

- > Accountancy
- > Aeronautical Engineering
- > Applied Science
- > Business Studies
- > Digital (IT) / Media (Film & Photography)
- > Early Years
- > Engineering
- > Health & Social Care
- > Performing Arts - Acting
- > Performing Arts - Musical Theatre
- > Professional Construction
- > Professional Dance
- > Public Services
- > Sport
- > Travel & Tourism with Event Management

CAN I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

You should apply for a scholarship if:

- > You are currently in Year 11
- > You are applying for one of the T-Level/Level 3 courses listed
- > You meet the entry requirements
- > You have a skill or talent in your course choice

(For example, if you are applying for a sport course, you may volunteer at a local sports club or represent your school/county/country.)

Note: each subject may have additional entry requirements – see the online Scholarship Application Form for more details.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

You can apply for a Scholarship online at www.preston.ac.uk/scholarships

- > All sections of the form must be completed in **FULL**
- > A **Personal Statement** section is included within the form. It is essential that you clearly justify why you are suitable for a Preston College Scholarship - make sure you reach the 300 word count
- > Applications must be submitted before Friday 26 April 2024.

WHAT DO COLLEGE EXPECT IN RETURN?

If your application is successful, Preston College expects:

- > Excellent attendance and punctuality
- > Performance at or above your target grade
- > Support to promote your course to potential learners
- > Any additional requirements as outlined in your scholarship agreement

IF I DO NOT RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP, WILL THIS AFFECT MY APPLICATION TO STUDY AT PRESTON COLLEGE?

No. If you are unsuccessful in securing a scholarship, this will not affect your application to study on a full-time course.

APPLY NOW
www.preston.ac.uk/scholarships

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SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP OPEN EVENT

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER, 5-7PM

Visit Preston College on Thursday 23 November to discover the Supported Internship programme – an academic year-long programme designed for young people aged 18-25 with an Education, Health and Care Plan, transitioning from education to paid employment.

Supported Internships are an initiative from DFN Project Search which brings together a host business, education provider and professional support to provide paid employment in an integrated setting.

During the open event you will have the opportunity to meet the host businesses Lancashire Constabulary and Lancashire County Council, the professional support provider Hft and the education provider Preston College.

You'll also have the opportunity to attend a short presentation and meet current interns and alumni. Ultimately, you'll be able to find out if a Supported Internship is the right for you.

Under 18?

Our Foundation Learning programme is an ideal stepping stone to the Supported Internship and we'd love you to come to our event to learn more and meet the team.

Register now
www.preston.ac.uk/internship

Scan to register



PARTNERS



Online Safety Newsletter

November 2023

Staying safe on a PlayStation

Internet Matters have teamed up with Sony Interactive Entertainment to create a quiz that you can play with your child to see who knows more about the safety options available on a PlayStation. Play the quiz here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-playstation-safety/>

Talking to your child about sexting

It is important that we talk to our children about the risks of sexting. We understand that it can be difficult to start these conversations though. 'Children 1st' have an area on their website offering advice on talking to your child about sexting and ideas on how to start a conversation:

<https://www.children1st.org.uk/help-for-families/parentline-scotland/guidance-advice/sexting>

Amaze have also created a useful video – 'Sexting: What Should You Do?' which is worth a watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RWxAimnKupE>

Roblox

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up appropriate parental controls for your child.**



What rating is Roblox?

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.

What should I be aware of?

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. For children under 13, you can set the Monthly Spend Restriction in settings.

Game content – as mentioned, users create games so sometimes the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

How do I report abuse and block users?

Roblox have a Report Abuse system so show your child how to use it to report inappropriate content as well as how to block other users. There are different ways of doing this depending on the device being used.

How do I set up parental controls and a pin?

Parental controls are available within settings. We recommend that you explore the parental controls available and set as appropriate. You can enable a PIN, which means that changes cannot be made without this pin. You can set up Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age. Age categories available are for all, 9+, 13+ and 17+. All experiences are still searchable though.

To view content that is suitable for 17+, then a user must participate in a verification process by submitting valid ID.

Further information:

- <https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>
- <https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/roblox/>

TikTok

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. Some of the videos on TikTok may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure the appropriate security/privacy settings are on.



Account set up

By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private at the start and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child must approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available (such as switching off comments and switching on restricted mode) here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings>

As always, it is important that when setting up an account on TikTok, your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age. For example, Direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15 and they do not receive push notifications from 9pm. In addition, advertisements are tailored to the user's age.

Family Pairing

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate) and screen time management. You can find out more here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok

Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing.

Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them, including how to report comments, direct messages and another user. You can find out more here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>

WhatsApp's editing feature

You must be at least 16 years old to use WhatsApp.

You may have noticed that WhatsApp have added an editing feature so you can change messages that you have sent for up to 15 minutes afterwards. Childnet have published a blog outlining what you should be aware about with this new feature:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/find-out-whatsapps-new-features-and-how-it-can-impact-online-safety/>

Sensitive Content Warning on Apple devices

Apple released their new iOS 17 operating system in September. One of the new features includes a "sensitive content warning." You can choose to receive a warning about any photos or videos that might contain nudity before you view them. It also links to related resources and guidance.

If Sensitive Content Warning is activated on your device and the device believes an image/video contains nudity, then your device will blur the image and display a warning so you can choose to view it or not. You can activate this setting in 'Privacy and Security.' You can find out more here:

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT213834>

This article also links to further information about "Communication Safety on your child's Apple device." This is available for child accounts signed in with their Apple ID and part of a Family Sharing group.