



10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Tuesday we held our half-termly PTFA meeting in school. The PTFA here at Broughton High School have contributed significantly to the school over the years through the organisation of a number of events including the 'Year 7 Family Quiz Evening', Year 8 Easter Bingo and a 'Sponsored Walk' which in turn have led to the purchase of bike shelters, canopies for pupils and contributions to school mini-buses. We have a very strong and pro-active team of parent volunteers but we are always looking for more new faces to attend. This year so far, the PTFA have bought outdoor table tennis tables, a giant outdoor chess board which will be launched very soon, reading pens for our SEND department and a number of picnic tables. Our next PTFA meeting will be held after the Christmas holidays and will be advertised in the newsletter and on Synergy. If you would like to get involved, please come along and join us. We will be holding our annual 'Year 7 Christmas Family Quiz Evening' on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in school. More information to follow.

One of the many comments made by the inspectors during our Ofsted inspection was how impressive our school uniform was and how smart all the pupils look on their way to and from school and during the school day. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that uniform is worn correctly at all times and that no make-up or false tan is worn in school. If you require any items of school uniform we have an impressive selection of 'new unused' and 'nearly new' items in school. Please contact Mrs Dumbell [dumbellr@broughtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:dumbellr@broughtonhigh.co.uk) or Miss Cross [crosse@broughtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:crosse@broughtonhigh.co.uk) if needed. Items will be bagged alongside all items of uniform and donations can be made easily through ParentPay.

Assemblies this week have focused on the theme of Remembrance. I have shared with the pupils the meaning of remembrance and how it is commemorated. This morning I was accompanied by the Head Boy and Head Girl and their Deputies to lay a commemorative wreath at the cenotaph in Broughton and we paused as a school community to observe two minutes of silence. Next week our assemblies will focus on the importance and power of reading, storytelling and vocabulary.

On Monday, Mrs Newton took a group of our Food and Nutrition Year 10 pupils to the Dewlay Cheese factory at Garstang. The pupils had a wonderful time and gained an excellent insight into the cheese making business. Further details, and photographs from the visit, are included in this newsletter.

The 'End of Year Trips' are fast approaching. Year 7 will be going to Blackpool to see the pantomime, Year 8 and 9 will be going to the cinema to watch 'Wonka' and Year 10 and 11 will be going bowling. These trips are to recognise the hard work that the pupils have put into the first term of the academic year. Consent forms and payments can all be found on ParentPay.

Attendance continues to be a high priority for us at school and I am delighted to see that our attendance figures continue to be significantly above the National Average across all year groups. Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure pupils are in school every day.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

It is truly impressive to see the high number of Synergy points that are awarded to pupils for 'Excellence' in school. These awards are given for a variety of reasons from excellent engagement in lessons, excellent homework completion, excellent attendance and punctuality to excellent attendance at after school clubs. The totals since we returned in September can be found below. Every synergy point that a pupil earns contributes to our termly charity donation. This term our charity is 'Healing Little Hearts'.

Year 7	9934
Year 8	13005
Year 9	11933
Year 10	9761
Year 11	6634

It is also impressive to see so many children working towards their 'Best of Broughton Award'. This is an award the pupils will work on throughout the year with the aim of completing all aspects of the challenge. To achieve this award pupils will need to complete all eight challenges below.

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

Every pupil who manages to achieve this award will receive one of our new silver 'Best of Broughton' badges to wear on their blazer. We have a number of children who are close to completing this already and they will be presented with their badges in assemblies over the next few weeks.

Next Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding our annual Awards Evening for our former Year 11 pupils starting at 7pm. The following day, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, will be an INSET day.

If you ever have any concerns or worries please contact your child's Head of Year, their Form Tutor or myself. Please also let us know in school of any particular pupil successes out of school when they occur.

Key dates are as follows:


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
Christmas Concert	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 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 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**November**

**Year 9**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**November**


Every week there will be a new set of questions/answers set.

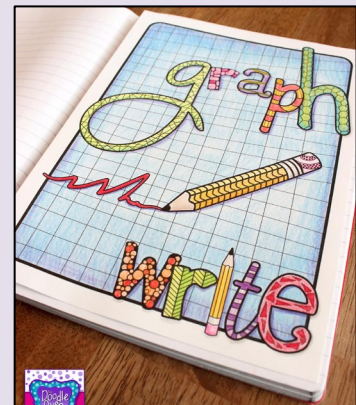
### English Etymology

1. Root: anthropo  
Definition: human  
Example: anthropologist
2. Root: auto  
Definition: self  
Example: autobiography
3. Root: graph  
Definition: writing  
Example: graphic
4. Root: hyper  
Definition: above; over  
Example: hyperactive
5. Root: hypo  
Definition: below; less  
Example: hypothermia
6. Root: logy  
Definition: study of  
Example: biology
7. Root: mono  
Definition: one  
Example: monologue
8. Root: pseudo  
Definition: false  
Example: pseudoscience
9. Root: scope  
Definition: for viewing  
Example: microscope
10. Root: script/scribe  
Definition: to write  
Example: prescribe

### Years 7, 8, 9

Learn the definition and example for each common root word.

graph/gram	
Origin: Greek	
Meaning	Picture
write or draw	



hyper-

### Why are we doing this?

- essential practice for exams
- learning relevant, factual information
- rote learning is good for pupils
- acquiring some general knowledge

## Football News

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, the U12 girls' football teams travelled to Christ the King to play in their first week of the central venue league. Broughton have two teams entered in the 7-a-side competition, which have been organised into an A and a B team, to give as many pupils the opportunity to represent our school.

### Broughton A vs Christ the King

The team was led by captain **Daisy Wilson**, who did an excellent job to help secure a magnificent **13-0 win**. Broughton dominated possession from the whistle, and it was only a matter of seconds until **Megan Pye** found the back of the net to make it **1-0**. Christ the King found it very difficult to handle Broughton's attacking play, and the goals followed in quick succession for **Megan Pye (x5), Mia McLennan (x2), Niamh Brown (x2), Claire Nunn, Daisy Wilson, and Isla Tuson**. This was a very successful first game, well done to all the girls!



#### Team

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

### Broughton B vs Christ the King

This was the first time many of the girls had played football together. In the first opening minutes of the game, Broughton struggled to keep hold of the ball and create any clear goal scoring opportunities. However, once Broughton had settled into the game, **Sian Morris** and **Georgia Heke** worked tirelessly to move the ball around and created some great scoring opportunities, many of which narrowly missed the post. **Heidi Hanson**, who captained the team, worked hard defensively and **Omojolade Ikubuwaaje** made several excellent saves to deny Christ the King the opportunity to further extend their goalscoring lead. Although this was a tough first game with an unfortunate 5-0 loss, it will give the girls great experience moving forward.



#### Team

**Gracie Chadwick, Amelia Gates, Heidi Hanson, Georgia Heke, Omojolade Ikubuwaaje, Alice Moore, Sian Morris**

We look forward to the next week of fixtures. Well done to all the players involved!

Miss Hunter



### 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.

## Netball News



Year 9 and 10 played their second fixture on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at St Cecilia's. The final scores were:

Year 10

**Broughton 7 v St Cecilia's 7** (player of the match **Amelia Lyon**)

Team: **Amelia Lyon, Alice Chapman, Niya Soji, Katie Parker, Thea Gleave, Annabel Ager, Holly Thorpe**

Year 9

**Broughton 3 St Cecilia's 14** (player of the match **Lauren McCulloch**)

Team: **Pippa Burchell, Lauren McCulloch, Isla Pye, Mia Murphy, Rachael Eaton, Jasmine Deluce, Caitlyn Scott**

Mrs Hough

### Bedrock Update

Well done to 7EA/En who were the **top performing class in the school** and scored **1054** points in October. The average points per pupil in this class was 105. The average points scored per pupil for the whole school was 74.

**Meer Modessa** scored 478 points - the most in the school!

#### Attainment

This month, pupils made a 15% improvement overall.

**9EZ/En** made the most progress this month, with 60% improvement.

**Mohammad Qazi** made the most progress with 381%.

#### Words

This month, pupils have been learning the following words:

introduce      languish      formidable      apprehend      endeavour      dialect  
eccentric      anarchy      cordial      dwell

Mrs Smethurst

## Fundraising for the Royal British Legion

I was delighted to hear that on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, along with other cadets from 143 Longridge Squadron of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets, **Seth Wilcock** and **Jamie Steele** (Year 9 pupils) spent their afternoon selling poppies to raise funds for the Royal British Legion.

I am so pleased to see both boys doing fantastic work and this is testament to the responsible and kind young men they are.

Well done!

Mr Hughes



# Remembrance

Pupils from 9EL recently produced some impressive poems on the theme of war and remembrance. Their efforts reflect their high levels of engagement in History and English lessons this term.

Some excellent examples are below. Well done to all the pupils involved. There is clearly evidence of careful crafting and mature appreciation of language and context.

Mrs Lees

## To Speak of War

To speak of war is to speak of men,  
Of the young boy who made his first kill,  
Of the father, too old to follow him into battle,  
Of the man who watched his brother's blood spill.

To speak of war is to speak of women,  
Of the girl wondering where her brother has gone,  
Of the woman who has bleeding nails from anxious biting,  
Of the mother who had two sons, and is left with none.

To speak of war is to speak of blood,  
Of gaping wounds, writhing with pains,  
Of the enemy's blood, caked under fingernails,  
Of a son, watching his father's blood pour from familiar veins,

Of the lies they tell to make it all seem heroic,  
Of cries of anguish, of men left for dead,  
All that blood was never beautiful,  
It was always just red.

Natasha Hamilton-Thorpe

## In trenches deep

In trenches deep, where horrors loomed  
Young souls sent off, their dreams consumed.  
World War One, a brutal strife  
Where youth were robbed of precious life.

Posters painted a tempting scene  
A game it seemed, a noble dream.  
They lured them in with patriotic grace,  
But war's true nature they'd soon face.

Innocence lost on battlefields cold,  
Where comrades fell – stories untold.  
Gas masks and trenches, the cruel cost  
Of a war that youth were quickly tossed.

Bodies drowned in an inescapable sea of red  
Amidst the chaos, echoes of the dread.  
Players of the 'game', their hearts now sore,  
Regretting recruitment forevermore.

Deceived, in anger they fume  
Told it's a game but found a nightmarish gloom.  
In trenches deep, death stays waiting,  
In war's cold grip, all hope dissipating.

Through mud and blood, they fought and cried  
A generation scarred, so many died.  
Tricked by the people, they paid the price  
In the brutal vice of sacrifice.

So, let us remember the fallen young,  
Whose lives were claimed by the war's dark tongue.  
In the shadows of history, their memory lives.  
As a reminder of all the pain war gives.

Zoha Warraich 9N 9EL

## Warning

Ready to play the game	
The marvellous game	
A wonderful game	
Gone are the years of childhood	
They can't hold you back any more	Pain echoes in your dreams
In the war to end all wars	Soft melodies and then the screams
	"begon o demon... stray not near!"
However, I must warn you	But the gas is already here
Warn you of their lies	
Their cold unforgiving deception	Fumbling, fitting the forsaken mask
Of the place where all hope dies	While friends flounder, filling the air with fiery farewells
Take a gun in hand and go off to the war	
Just know that when you return	Haunting, reminding...
You won't be the man you were before	Let's we forget
	Luke Morris

## Something More

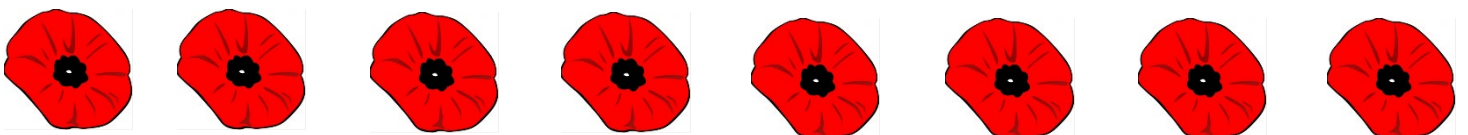
Those Flowers,	
A marker, of those young, naive men.	
A soul, unseen by most.	Young men.
A component of the war machine.	Their faces marked with a permanent scar.
	They morph into something new.
Those Soldiers,	While they were torn to shreds,
A young soul, in search of glory.	And gas clouded their vision.
Twisted thoughts from those up higher,	They couldn't see the truth
A small snowflake, dissolving in a child's hands.	Through it all.
	The dripping blood from those brave souls,
As they bloom,	A scarlet petal in another's hand.
On the soil of souls.	They grow in unison, into something more,
War turned into beauty,	Something more than war.
They hold the guilt of the past,	
Yet they bloom.	Sam Newell



# Remembrance

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, we observed two minutes silence in school at 11.00am as a mark of respect and Mr Shepherd, Head of Music, played the Last Post outside the school entrance.

Our Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies, accompanied by Mr Botes, walked to the Cenotaph in Broughton to lay a commemorative wreath on behalf of the school.



## Wellbeing

### Anti-Bullying Week ... 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November

HOW TO DEAL WITH BULLYING AND GET HELP

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

HOW TO STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/how-to-stand-up-against-bullying/>

### World Kindness Day ... 13<sup>th</sup> November

**What is kindness and how do we show it to ourselves or others?**

Kindness is being selfless, caring, compassionate, and unconditionally kind. Kindness is choosing to do something that helps others or yourself.

**How can you show kindness?**

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/explore-mental-health/kindness-and-mental-health/random-acts-kindness>



C Law, Roots Counselling

## CPSHE

You may recently have seen comments in the news regarding consultation around CPSHE curriculums in schools. If you have any enquiries regarding the content of CPSHE lessons at Broughton, all curriculum information, guidance and policy can be found on the school's website. [CPSHE Curriculum - Broughton High School](#)

In addition, all pupils receive knowledge organisers outlining individual lesson content at the start of each unit to provide a clear breakdown and summary. Alternatively, please feel free to contact the Head of CPSHE, Mrs Wallace, if you would like to discuss anything further - [wallacel@broughtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:wallacel@broughtonhigh.co.uk)

Mrs Wallace

Anxiety levels and struggles with mental health are on the rise in children and young people, and as mums and dads, this can feel overwhelming ... even at times debilitating. But there's good news! You, as parents, have incredible power to help your children build strong emotional resilience and healthy mental wellbeing.

A Mind of Their Own is packed with practical and preventative tools for you to use at home, helping you to better understand what's going on in your child's head. Together with Katharine Hill and Mark Chester, we'll explore the science of the mind, and why children act and react the way they do.

Featuring interviews with mental-health professionals, Dr Rob Waller and Dr Kate Middleton, this event will expand your understanding of the unique pressures and opportunities facing young people today, so you can help your child develop an emotional resiliency that lasts.

**Wednesday, November 22 · 7:30 - 10pm**

**Fulwood Free Methodist Church  
Lightfoot Lane Fulwood PR2 3LT**

**For ticket prices and event information, please go to:**

[Eventbrite.co.uk-A-mind-of-their-own-Preston-Tickets](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk-A-mind-of-their-own-Preston-Tickets)



The rates of young people struggling with anxiety and depression are rising to levels that no previous generation has encountered.

Now, 1 in 6 children report that they struggle with their mental health. As mums and dads, this can feel overwhelming ... but there is good news! You have incredible power to help your kids grow into strong and resilient young people. A Mind of Their Own is packed with simple and effective strategies for you to use at home, helping you to better understand what's going on in your child's head.

To book:  
029 2081 0800  
[cff.org.uk/moto](http://cff.org.uk/moto)





**BROUGHTON**  
Music Department

# Christmas Concert 2023

Thursday 7th December

Time: 6:00pm onwards

**FREE ENTRY**

Broughton High School - Multi-Purpose Hall



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# COURSE ADVICE MORNING

**Saturday 18th November**  
Starts 10.00am



CENTRES IN PRESTON, BLACKBURN, LIVERPOOL AND WARRINGTON

RUNSHAW  
COLLEGE

# Next Open Event

Tuesday 21 November 4.00pm-8.00pm

[www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent](http://www.runshaw.ac.uk/openevent)

## WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 13<sup>th</sup> November

### penitence: noun

expressing or feeling regret or sorrow for having committed sins or misdeeds.

#### Example

A little more **penitence** from him might go a long way.

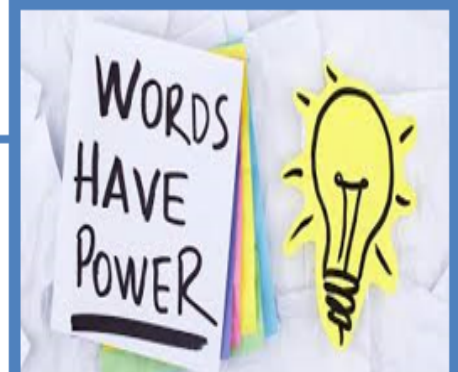
#### Synonyms

remorse, contrition.

#### Antonym

shamelessness.

SCHOOL SYNERGY



## Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition

### Visit to Dewlay Cheese Factory



Year 10 pupils enjoyed a visit to Dewlay Cheese Factory. They are currently working on the Dairy commodity, learning facts on primary and secondary processing of milk. This was an excellent opportunity to see the manufacturing processes in a modern, local cheese factory. Pupils were informed of the history of Dewlay followed by a tour of the factory from the viewing platform showing all stages of production. Pupils were engaged and asked interesting questions. Pupils were able to put the theory of cheesemaking into reality.

Thank you to all Year 10 pupils who were exemplary representatives of the school.

Mrs Newton



# 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](mailto:lordc@broughtonhigh.co.uk)

## JOB OF THE WEEK

Click to watch a small information video



### Ophthalmic Optician

Optometrists test vision, identify eye health problems, prescribe glasses and fit contact lenses.

Average Salary – £33,706 – £65,262PA

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](#).

## JOB OF THE WEEK



## NOTICES



Broughton High School's Careers Fair,  
24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**FINAL CALL!** 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](mailto:lordc@broughtonhigh.co.uk)

## BAE SYSTEMS

Apprenticeship open events

Preston, Warton and  
Samlesbury

25 Nov 2023: 9:00-11:00

[Register here →](#)

25 Nov 2023: 11:30-13:30

[Register here →](#)

Registration Required

Click for more



# RADIOTHERAPY STUDENT OPEN DAY

Saturday 6th Jan  
2024



Are you in year 10 or above? or a mature student? Have you thought about a career in Radiotherapy? Would you like to know more about radiotherapy and this fantastic profession?



We are inviting prospective students to visit our radiotherapy open day on Sat 6th of Jan. Situated in the radiotherapy department at Royal Preston Hospital

If you would like to attend please book a 1 hour slot by contacting the email below .



To book please email-  
[education.radiotherapy@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:education.radiotherapy@lthtr.nhs.uk)