

24th November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Last Thursday, we held our annual Awards Evening where over one hundred of our former pupils were welcomed back to school to receive their GCSE certificates, subject prizes and special awards. Our former pupils looked exceptionally smart and we were all extremely proud to see them on their return to school. We were joined by ex-staff members, governors, award sponsors and parents on the evening. Congratulations to all the pupils on their amazing exam results. Below are a list of the pupils who received a special recognition award on the evening and some photographs are included within this newsletter.

Andrew Sullivan Technology Award Evie Hough	Chris Morris Award Cerys Allen
Graham Collinson Award Ewan Meacher	The Emily Alker Award for Making a Positive Difference Varsha Saravanan
Sportsperson of the Year Award Jessica Anderson, Joe Nicholson	Headteacher's Award for Progress Erin Kopydlowski
Myerscough College Award Amelia Brome	Headteacher's Award for Achievement Eleanor Andrews, Agmada Allen Asa Libby Church, Toby Porter
Cardinal Newman College Award Adam Boocock	The SLT Award Head Boy, Rayaan Mal Head Girl, Libby Church
Preston College Award Lewis Boyle	Deputy Head Boys Agmada Allen Asa, Samuel Gooch Zayd Khan, Elliott Palmer Oliver Wilcock
Runshaw College Award Mia Duncan	Deputy Head Girls Erin Kopydlowski, Anna Lenton Varsha Saravanan, Louisa Stanley Grace Willingale
Bob Davies Award Noah Cruz	

A truly excellent and fitting end to a superb five years at Broughton High School. Thank you to all who attended, it was a very enjoyable evening.

Last night we held our first Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening in school. Pupils in Year 11 who have just completed their Bronze Award were awarded their certificates and badges. We were delighted to welcome back to school former pupil Grace Newton who started her Duke of Edinburgh journey whilst she was a pupil here at Broughton. Grace recently completed her Gold Award and visited Buckingham Palace to receive her Award. Grace spoke to the pupils about her experiences through the completion of the award and how she has developed a number of lifelong skills as a result. Well done to our current Year 11 cohort who will now hopefully progress onto their silver and bronze award. We look forward to recruiting for the Duke of Edinburgh Award from our current Year 9 pupils after Christmas.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

Today we had an amazing careers fair that was accessed by every year group. It was great to see our pupils engaging with so many different companies and education establishments. Many thanks to Mr Lord for coordinating this superb event. Pupils were able to speak to employers from a wide range of organisations including the Royal Air Force, Lancaster University, Manchester Metropolitan University, Mitie, Westinghouse, Persimmon, Azets, Equinix and many more. Having spoken to a number of pupils from Year 7 through to Year 11 I know they found this experience extremely useful. We received some excellent feedback from representatives of the organisations attending the event; they commented on how interested, engaging and extremely polite our pupils were. Further details about the event can be found in the Careers section of this newsletter.

A reminder that our Year 7 Family Social Event, being organised by the PTFA, will be held on Wednesday 13th December at 6.30pm in the Senior Dining Room. The six Year 7 form group teams will compete against each other by answering some (easy!) quiz questions. There will be light refreshments and also the chance to win some wonderful raffle prizes too! All family members are welcome to attend; the cost is just £5 per family, payable via ParentPay. I hope you see you on 13th December.

Year 11 pupils start their mock examinations on the 4th December. They have been working hard, in school and at home, supported by their teachers and parents, to prepare for these exams. This is an extremely important time for pupils in Year 11 and their significant amount of hard work and revision should enable them to do their very best. Good luck to everyone in Year 11.

Our uniform expectations are regularly shared on the newsletter and can be found on the school website. Some of the basic rules are as follows:

- No make-up or false tan to be worn at any point in school
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times with top buttons fastened
- Ties must be tied appropriately and worn to the waistband of trousers or skirts
- Skirts must be worn to the knee
- No trainers or trainer style shoes to be worn

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that uniform is worn correctly 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 or Miss Cross crosse@broughtonhigh.co.uk if needed. Items will be bagged alongside all items of uniform and donations can be made easily through ParentPay.

Key dates are as follows:

Christmas Concert	Thursday 7 December 2023
Year 7 PTFA Christmas Social	Wednesday 13 December 2023
School closes for Christmas at 1.00pm	Thursday 21 December 2023
School re-opens	Monday 8 January 2024
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 **10** 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 29th
November

Year 9
Thursday 30th
November

Learn the names of the five world oceans and the five capital cities for the countries shown below.



1.	<i>Atlantic</i>
2.	<i>Arctic</i>
3.	<i>Pacific</i>
4.	<i>Indian</i>
5.	<i>Southern</i>

	Country	Capital City
6.	Australia 	<i>Canberra</i>
7.	Brazil 	<i>Brasilia</i>
8.	China 	<i>Beijing</i>
9.	USA 	<i>Washington D.C.</i>
10.	India 	<i>New Delhi</i>



Learn it CHALLENGE

November –
Week 4

Years 7, 8, 9

Geography

Years 7 and 8

Launched
Wed 22 Nov

Test on
Wed 29 Nov

Year 9
Launched
Thurs 23 Nov

Test on
Thurs 30 Nov
2023

**LEARN
THEM!**

Name the 5 world oceans.



1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Name the 5 capital cities.

	Country	Capital City
6.	Australia 	
7.	Brazil 	
8.	China 	
9.	USA 	
10.	India 	

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

Football News

On Wednesday 15th November, the U12 girls' football teams were in action against St Cecilia's and Ashton in their second week of the central venue league.

Broughton A vs St Cecilia's

The team was led by captain **Megan Pye** who did an excellent job to help secure **a fantastic 7-0 win** in their first game of the evening. Broughton dominated from the opening minute, and within minutes a great goal came from **Claire Nunn** who calmly slotted the ball into the bottom corner to make it 1-0. The goals followed in quick succession for **Mia McLennan** (x2), **Niamh Brown** (x2), **Megan Pye** and another goal for **Claire Nunn**.

Broughton A vs Ashton

The team continued their unbeaten run with **a successful 3-0 win**. Their second game of the evening began seemingly evenly matched with both teams creating plenty of chances. Broughton were hungry to score but were denied on many occasions by the Ashton keeper. However, some brilliant build up play involving **Niamh Brown** and **Mia McLennan** resulted in goals for **Megan Pye** (x2) and **Claire Nunn**. Well done to the whole team!

Team:

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

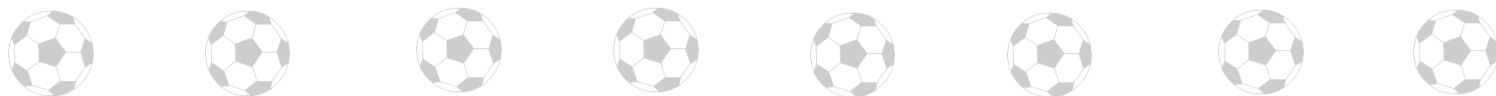
Broughton B vs Ashton

The team was captained by **Sian Morris**, who did an excellent job both on and off the pitch, showing excellent leadership skills. Again, this was the first time many of the girls had played football together and it was brilliant to see them representing Broughton. This was a difficult game and the girls worked tirelessly to defend against a strong attacking team. Despite an unfortunate 7-0 loss to Ashton, the whole team worked incredibly hard. Well done to all the players!

Team:

**Heidi Hanson, Alice Moore, Sian Morris, Eve Hansen,
Freya Houghton, Darcy-mae McClelland, Grace Taylor**

Miss Hunter



**Well done to the following girls who have been successful
in making it into the U12 and U13 town team this year!!**

Niamh Brown

Megan Pye

Mia McLennan

Ava MacRae

Daisy Wilson

Erin O'Regan

Claire Nunn

Ellie O'Neill

We wish them the best of luck in their fixtures this season!

Mrs Lupton

Utilita Cup - Thursday 19th November - U13 Girls' Football Team

What a performance from our U13 girls' football team! If the competition had been done in league format, Broughton would have comfortably finished on top with 13 points at the end of the matches, however the competition then moved into playing semi-finals and a final. Broughton faced Archbishop in the final, who we had drawn with in the initial game stages. Both teams were extremely strong and played some excellent football throughout the competition. Broughton had the 1-0 lead for the majority of the game but unfortunately in the final minutes of the game we conceded two goals. Although the team were deeply disappointed to lose 2-1 in the final, they should be extremely proud to have come 2nd in this high standard competition. A massive well done to the whole team!

Results below ...

Broughton v Our Lady's - WON 1-0
Broughton v Balshaws Y8 - WON 2-1
Broughton v Archbishop - DREW 1-1

Broughton v St Cecilia's - WON 4-0
Broughton v Balshaws Y7 - WON 3-1

Semi-final - Broughton v Balshaws Y7 - WON 4-0
Final - Broughton v Archbishop - LOST 2-1

Mrs Lupton

Ellie O'Neill (Captain)

India Thompson-Amrith

Niamh Brown

Bella Clark

Mia McLennan

Megan Pye

Claire Nunn

Daisy Wilson

Ava MacRae



Netball News



The Year 7 and Year 8 teams travelled to St Cecilia's on Monday 13th November in their second match of the season.

The **Year 7 team** had a very successful game with a **18-12 win**. Player of the match was **Emily Bretherton**.

The **Year 8 team** had a very tight game throughout but managed to sustained their lead **winning 8-6**. Player of the match was **Grace Ashworth**.

Mrs Hough

Reading Recommendation

From the author of *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant* comes another brilliant escapade. A thrilling adventure set in fictional Sri Lanka, jam-packed with peril and kidnap and a huge blue whale!

Razi, a local fisher boy, is watching turtle eggs hatch when he sees a boat bobbing into view. With a chill, he notices a small, still hand hanging over the side... Inside is Zheng, who's escaped a shipwreck and is full of tales of sea monsters and missing treasure. But the villains who are after Zheng are soon after Razi and his sister, Shifa, too. And so begins an exhilarating adventure in the shadow of the biggest sea monster of them all...

A story of hope, speaking up and the power of coming together in the face of hatred.



The Boy Who Met A Whale Themes

Growing up

Adventure

Loss



It is always great to hear any recommendations you have.

If you have read a book that you think other pupils will enjoy,
please email Mrs Armstrong with the title, author
and why you recommend the book:

armstrongk@broughtonhigh.co.uk

Synergy points are awarded for all submissions and you will feature in the newsletter!

PE Department Extra -Curricular	<u>Lunch – 1:25pm-1:55pm</u>	<u>After-school – 3pm-4pm</u>
<u>Monday</u>		Lancashire Cricket Girls' Shine Programme (7/8/9/10) – Astro
<u>Tuesday</u>	GCSE Table Tennis league - Gym	Basketball (9/10) – Sports Hall Girls' Netball (9/10/11) – Courts
<u>Wednesday</u>		Boys' Table Tennis (8/9) – Gym Girls' Badminton (8/9) – Sports Hall
<u>Thursday</u>	Dance (7/8) - Gym	Table Tennis (7/8) – Gym Girls' Netball (9/10) – Courts Girls' and boys' GCSE Badminton – Sports Hall Running Club (All year's boys and girls) - Astro
<u>Friday</u>		Myerscough basketball (7/8 boys/girls) – Sports Hall American Flag Football (7/8/9) – Astro Table tennis (10/11) – Gym

Charity Bingo raises money for 'Healing Little Hearts'

Congratulations to 10C who have shown how generous, charitable and altruistic they are in organising a charity bingo during lunch time last week. The form raised £41.80 which will be put towards the 'Healing Little Hearts' charity.

Evie Eastham, Alice Chapman, Rohan Connelly, Daisy Edmondson, Sophie White and **Layla Friar** were the key players in making this a success but the whole form had their roles to play from bringing in chocolate to counting up the money at the end. As their form tutor, I would like to express my gratitude for their tenacity and willingness to go that one step further as well as working so well as a team!

We still have lots of prizes left and so hopefully there will be something else for everyone to get involved with in the not so distant future!

Well done again 10C; we are very proud of you!

Mrs Smethurst

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.

The winter months are upon us ...

Shake up your winter tiredness! We can often feel more tired in the winter time and unmotivated. So, try to get outside for a walk as often as you can. Keeping active helps us cope with the winter blues and increases feel good chemicals in the brain.

- Being out in sunlight in winter months helps expose you to more vitamin D.
- Look after your skin, moisturise it regularly as our skin in the winter time can become quite dry – remember SPF CREAM YOU STILL NEED TO PROTECT YOUR SKIN even in winter!
- Try a new winter activity or hobby i.e. skating, wreath making etc.
- Get cooking! Have a look for warm hearty winter meals and soups.
- Spend time with family and friends to lift your mood.



Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that comes and goes in a seasonal pattern. Follow the link below for more information.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/tips-for-coping-with-seasonal-affective-disorder/>

TAKE SOME TIME TO CHECK ON OTHERS IN THE WINTER MONTHS AHEAD.

C Law, Roots Counselling

Toll Bar Cottage Café

* Volunteers Required *

Saturday and holiday volunteers needed at the tollbar cottage community meeting rooms and cafe. Full training given and expenses paid.

If you are interested please email:

tollbarcottage@broughtonpairshcouncil.org.uk.

VACANCY

Learning Support Assistant – Level 2a

32.5 hours per week, term-time only (pro rata)

Grade 4 SCP 4-6 - starting at Spinal Point 4

Full Time Equivalent £21,189 (pro rata) - subject to increase following 2023 pay review

We require a Learning Support Assistant from February 2024 to support pupils with particular learning, social and emotional needs in and beyond the classroom. The post is term-time only, for 32.5 hours per week (with a half hour unpaid lunch break). For further details, please see the Application Pack for this post.

[Application Pack - Learning Support Assistant Level 2a](#)

To apply, please complete and return the support staff application form, together with a supporting letter of application (maximum two sides) outlining your reasons for applying and how you think you can contribute to our future success.

Closing Date: Monday 4th December 2023 (12 noon)

Interview Date: Wednesday 13th December 2023

AWARDS EVENING - 16th NOVEMBER 2023

Celebrating the efforts and achievements of our former Year 11 pupils for the 2022-2023 academic year.





BROUGHTON
Music Department

Christmas Concert 2023

Thursday 7th December

Time: 6:00pm onwards

FREE ENTRY

Broughton High School - Multi-Purpose Hall

It's that time of year again when we warmly invite you to come along and enjoy our annual **Christmas Concert** on **Thursday 7th December from 6:00pm**.

Entry is completely free.

Rather than issue tickets, seats can be reserved by clicking the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/hkjSA5LTQr>

We are actively encouraging as many of our musicians to perform a possible if they are feeling confident, as it is a fantastic opportunity to perform to an appreciative audience. If you could encourage your son/daughter to take part, that would be much appreciated! There is a sign-up sheet outside the music practice rooms. Please also remind pupils to attend ensemble rehearsals if they are in one of our ensembles.

The evening will include soloists, our GCSE musicians and GCSE Rock Band as well as some of our newer musicians who will perform to an audience for the first time. We are also looking forward to showcasing our growing Choir led by Miss Peters and our fantastic Jazz Band.

I hope to see you there!

Mr Shepherd – Head of Music

Antarctica Day Flag Initiative 2023

It's that time of year again! Year 7 Geographers have been busy designing flags to celebrate Antarctica Day on 1st December. In class, we have investigated the importance of Antarctica and discussed how although Antarctica belongs to no-one, it belongs to us all.

It has been a very tricky task choosing our winning flag this year with so many excellent entries. However, the judges felt that the chosen flag met all parts of the brief including being bright and colourful with minimum white so it will stand out against the snowy landscape.

This year's winner is **Sebastian Syversen** of 7R. I will report back when Sebastian's flag reaches Antarctica later in the year.



Well done to everyone who entered a flag.

Mrs Wortley

WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 27th November

propaganda: noun

information put out by an organisation or government to promote a policy, idea or cause.

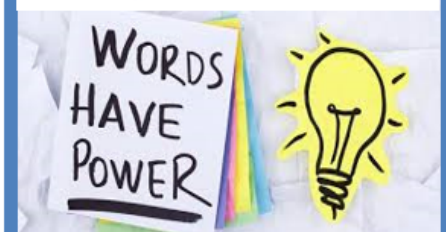
Example

They set up strike committees, produced **propaganda** and even put on shows.

Synonyms

publicity,
campaign.

SCHOOL SYNERGY





YOUR PTFA Spark

24 November
2023

Dear Parent,

We have had an especially busy and exciting time over the last few weeks.

We had our quarterly PTFA meeting at school where the theme was very much on how we can help improve your child's school experience during 2024, particularly in the current financial climate.

Our Headteacher and the school leadership group are working wonders with the funds available but there is always a need for more and we really hope you will be able to help us with this.

We're now registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online.

It's easy and completely FREE!

These donations really mount up, so **please sign up to support us at:**

[easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends of broughton high school](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-broughton-high-school)



As an **introductory offer**, **easyfundraising** will donate £1 for each parent who signs up within the next 2 weeks.

[You spend, brands donate to Friends of Broughton High School - Preston.](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-broughton-high-school)

Help us when you shop with 7,000+ brands. Join now.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Thanks for your support and please help if you can!

Yours sincerely

Anthony Mellor

PTFA Chair

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Viking

ASOS



Uber Eats

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



Prison Officer

Prison officers supervise people who are in prisons, remand centres and young offenders' institutions.

Average Salary – £30,702 -38,168

Average Working Hours- 37-41

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, 24th November 2023.

There was a real buzz around school as pupils attended this year's careers fair. We would love for you to discuss your child's experiences and feedback to us using the link found [here](#)

If your child would like to book a careers appointment to further discuss any career paths explored this afternoon, please ask them to book with Mrs Dumbell in pupil reception or email Mr Lord.



Click for more



CAREERS FAIR

A huge thanks to our volunteers from local businesses, colleges, training institutes and university providers. Without your support these events don't happen!



Manchester Metropolitan University
Lancaster University
PRESTON COLLEGE
EQUINIX
B&FC
NHS
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust
mitie
ARMY BE THE BEST
Edge Hill University
RUNSHAW COLLEGE
Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
Department for Work & Pensions
Myerscough College
AZETS
NHS North West Ambulance Service
NHS Trust
Diamond Dental Care
Westinghouse
PERSIMMON



LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Life in the library continues to be busy and it has been lovely to see all our Year 7s settling in and celebrating the reading culture here at Broughton. So far, they have borrowed almost **1000** books between them. An impressive achievement, keep up the brilliant reading Year 7!

Lots of our pupils have also been borrowing from our selection of '**Best of Broughton**' books. Three books read from the list means they are able to tick off one of the criteria needed to achieve their Best of Broughton Award and it has been great to see pupils from across the school embracing the challenge.



Our displays and quizzes have seen us celebrating **Halloween** with a suitably spooky selection of fiction to choose from. We also offered pupils the chance to borrow one of our mystery 'Trick or Treat' books.

We marked **Black History Month** by highlighting a wide range of fantastic fiction and non-fiction and also put a spotlight on **Diwali** and **Remembrance with our book displays**



Book Buzz is a reading programme from Book Trust that aims to help schools inspire a love of reading in year 7 and 8 pupils. Pupils are given the opportunity to choose their own book to take home and keep from a list of 17 titles selected by a panel of experts.

We held our second meeting with our Year 7 Book Buzz group this week, during which we handed out the books they had chosen during our previous meeting. Once again, we enjoyed a breakfast of toast and juice in the library and settled down to enjoy some quality reading time with our selected books. A copy of each book from the list will be available to borrow from the library as from this week and we look forward to meeting up with our Year 8 group shortly, to hand out their chosen titles. Thanks go, as always, to **Mr Webster** for his time and help with hosting these Book Buzz events.



In other news, we have been busy recruiting new pupil librarians to help out in the library. Pupil Librarians make an essential contribution to life in the library. The last interviews were held this week and I have been so impressed with the confidence and willingness to 'get involved' shown by all who attended. We look forward to introducing you to our new librarians in the not too distant future.

Finally, there are lots of new books coming into the library so do please encourage your children to come in and choose something to borrow. For further reading activities, suggestions and links why not check out the LRC page on firefly. Keep Reading!