



# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

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## HALF TERM FOOTBALL AND EDUCATION COURSE TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE



**BTEC & A-LEVELS FOOTBALL & EDUCATION COURSE TASTER SESSION**

Join our Football and Education course in partnership with Blythe Bridge High School and Sixth Form!

You can study BTEC or A-levels whilst training 2-3 times a week with UEFA standard coaching and represent Port Vale playing against other EFL clubs in the U19's CEFA (Community Education Football Alliance) league.

Join us on Monday 24th October for a taster session of the programme at Blythe Bridge High School and Sixth Form, open to all year 10 and year 11 students.

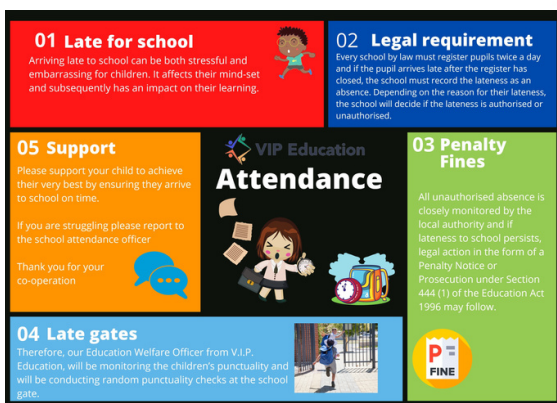
WHERE: BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM (STU 9PW)  
WHEN: MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 3:00PM-4:30PM  
INTERESTED? EMAIL TOM.FARR@PORT-VALE.CO.UK FOR MORE INFO

**DARIEL POWELL: IN FOCUS**  
PORT VALE FOUNDATION

Port Vale has a number of exciting opportunities to join their football & education programmes! The first one is a Port Vale FC course in partnership with Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form. Students study a wide range of BTECs & A-levels alongside training 2-3 times a week with UEFA standard coaching as well as playing against other EFL clubs. If you are interested, please email [tom.farr@port-vale.co.uk](mailto:tom.farr@port-vale.co.uk)

In addition to these great opportunities on the pitch, our partnership with Port Vale FC Foundation is enabling a group of students interested in careers in sports journalism to gain valuable experiences. Every few weeks, our student media team will be choosing a player to be 'In Focus'. This week's video, produced by Louis, features our goalkeeper, Darriel. The video was a superb effort - well done!

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS



**01 Late for school**  
Arriving late to school can be both stressful and embarrassing for children. It affects their mind-set and subsequently has an impact on their learning.

**02 Legal requirement**  
Every school by law must register pupils each day and if the pupil arrives late after the register has closed, the school must record the lateness as an absence. Depending on the reason for their lateness, the school will decide if the lateness is authorised or unauthorised.

**03 Penalty Fines**  
All unauthorised absence is closely monitored by the local authority and if lateness to school persists, legal action in the form of a Penalty Notice or Prosecution under Section 444 (1) of the Education Act 1996 may follow.

**04 Late gates**  
Therefore, our Education Welfare Officer from V.I.P. Education will be monitoring the children's punctuality and will be conducting random punctuality checks at the school gate.

**05 Support**  
Please support your child to achieve their very best by ensuring they arrive to school on time.  
If you are struggling please report to the school attendance officer.  
Thank you for your co-operation

**VIP Education Attendance**

## WELCOME

Many of our lunchtime clubs and activities have started again and it is wonderful to see students involved in the wider opportunities that the school offers. I know the PE department are delighted with the enthusiasm that students are displaying in training sessions and matches.

Next week, our annual harvest festival organised by Year 7 students will take place. If you are able to make a donation to the appeal of non-perishable food, then your items will go to the Trussell Trust who provide vital support to families in need. Look out for details on how to contribute via form tutors.

Mrs Johnson

## #PRIDRESPECTKINDNESS

## OCTOBER IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



As we look forward to celebrating Black History Month this October our school is proud to be part of the national celebrations and events to honour the accomplishments of Black Britons in every area of endeavour throughout our history. It is an opportunity to reflect upon the fact that the history of Britain belongs to everyone and that the contributions of black people in our country have been key to the development of a modern democracy.

## WORLD KINDNESS DAY

We are looking for students to spread some kindness in our local community. See FROG for more details.



**KINDNESS POSTCARDS**

Could you create some Kindness Postcards? Share the love and kindness!

We are looking for students that would enjoy setting a postcard to residents in care homes who may be feeling lonely this winter.

Using your class or supplies, design your own postcard or choose a ready-made postcard.

Send to all your friends, family, the first postcard to the C of E.

All year groups welcome, especially 9th Year to 13th Year to help us reach 1000.

**make kindness the norm.**

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES GALORE

### ART CLUB

Would you enjoy painting the set for our school production?

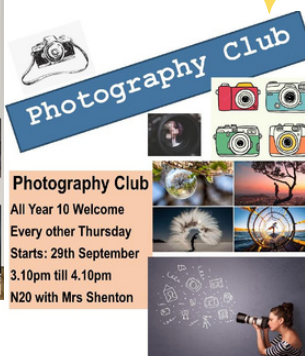
**Wednesdays- N20**  
**3.15pm- 4.00pm**

20 spaces available. See Mrs Johnson or Mrs Shenton to reserve your place. All year groups welcome.  
First session: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022



### Photography Club

**Photography Club**  
All Year 10 Welcome  
Every other Thursday  
Starts: 29th September  
3.10pm till 4.10pm  
N20 with Mrs Shenton




Exploring how to use a digital camera.  
Experimenting with a range of compositional, editing, experimental and photographic techniques.  
Looking at a subject matter of your choice.  
Learning how to be more confident with photography.

### SCRABBLE CLUB

Open to Year 7 and 8 students  
Room N2 with Mrs Winter  
Week 1 Wednesday Lunchtime  
Week 2 Wednesday Lunchtime  
Bring your lunch, play individually, play as a pair, competitively or just for fun!  
Starts Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September



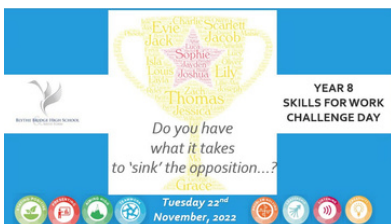
Our extra curricular activities are now on your FROG dashboards. There is quite literally something for everyone! - These are just a few examples of what we have on offer and the clubs run during lunchtimes and after school.

## YEAR 8 'SKILLS FOR WORK' CHALLENGE DAY

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Do you have what it takes to 'sink' the opposition...?

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022



Year 8 students will soon be participating in an exciting team challenge. Students have been sent a form to complete via FROG assignments - the deadline for completion is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

## PROPOSAL THAT BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM JOINS JOHN TAYLOR MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

### You asked:

Will the school name change?

### Our reply:

No, there are no plans to change the school name from Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form

### You asked:

Will the uniform change?

### Our reply:

No, there are no plans to change our school uniform, parents/carers should note that governors review our uniform policy every year to ensure that it remains good value for money.

### You asked:

Will losing 'Music Foundation Trust' status impact on music provision?

### Our reply:

Absolutely not, governors are committed to music being part of our curriculum.



## OUR SILKY CHICKS ARE 6 WEEKS OLD



6 weeks old already and our surprise baby chicks are really growing fast, with an ever changing plumage. At the moment, mum and babies are sectioned off from our other birds, just until the chicks are old enough to fend for themselves.

Our eco-budding gardeners managed to spend some time with them at close range this week.

## REGENT THEATRE TRIP TO WATCH CLASSIC PLAY

Earlier this week, we took Year 11 GCSE literature students, and some GCSE and BTEC drama students, to The Regent Theatre to watch the play they are studying - JB Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls'.

Well done to all our students - their behaviour was fantastic, and hopefully it was enjoyed by all



## 'HUG IN A BAG' PROJECT GATHERING MOMENTUM



Year 7 and Year 8 are doing an incredible job with their Hug in a Bag project, supporting the wonderful UHNM Charity.

All of the details can be found on your FROG assignment; the deadline for donations is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. All donations to Mrs Pheasey in N6a, please.

There will be a session after school for packing up the donations straight after half term, and a form will be emailed out for students in these year groups to express interest in coming on the visit to deliver our donations. Any questions, please see Mrs Pheasey. As always we would like to thank you so much for your amazing support.