

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

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## YEAR 10 MATHEMATICIANS



A great day earlier this week for our fantastic mathematicians from Year 10. They attended the Maths Feast event at Keele University.

Maths Feast is a fun educational challenge for Year 10 students which tests problem-solving and teamwork skills. Teams of four students test their maths skills with our all-you-can-eat feast of problems!

Our teams were fantastic and earned a certificate for scoring consistently high on all rounds.

Congratulations to all students and staff involved, we are very proud of your achievements!

## YEAR 13 REVISION



Our Year 13 maths students took over the student leadership area on Tuesday for an impromptu revision session with Mr Goodwin.

Year 13, you have been a superb group of students - keep up the hard work for the remaining exams.

## WELCOME

Welcome to this week's round-up, which is our 100th edition! We started this newsletter during lockdown to keep members of the school community up to date with what we were all doing when we were working remotely.

For this special edition, we have included a number of previous front pages as a reminder of the news from the last few years.

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## YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY



A few photos of our geography students, this time from Friday afternoon when the Year 11 students had a treat of ice lollies during the revision session before their exam.

Although Year 11 students have now finished, best of luck to the sixth form students who may still have one or two exams left!

## YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY



Good luck to our amazing Year 13 geographers who came in for a lesson of quizzes, games and doughnuts now their exams are completed. An absolute pleasure to teach for the last seven years. Top geographers.

## TOMORROW'S TEACHERS



Although our Tomorrow's Teachers programme is launched in September, yesterday our Year 12 maths and physics students delivered

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During the morning, our sixth form students led a range of Harry Potter themed puzzles and experiments. In addition, the Year 6 students used our very own escape room. Staff were really impressed with the Year 12 who made the visit a big success.

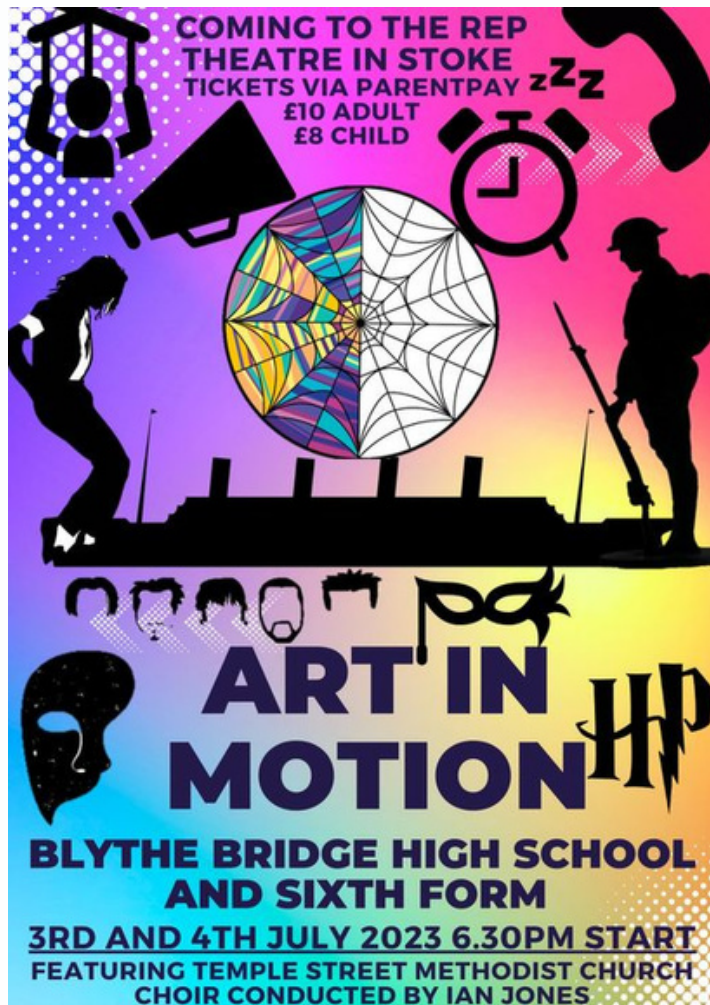
We are looking forward to the start of the full Tomorrow's Teachers programme in the new school year.

## Did You Know?

Did you know that Galileo was sentenced to life imprisonment for saying that the sun was at the centre of the solar system?

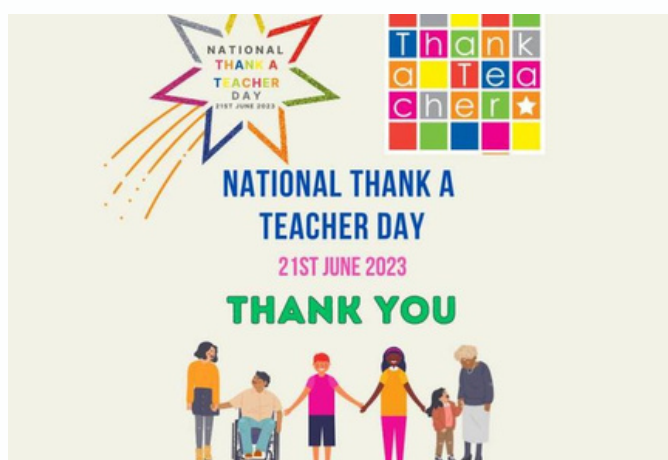
Find out more in this week's "Did you Know ...?" by clicking on the Latest News tab on the FROG homepage.

## ART IN MOTION



Message from Miss Housley: Year 7 dance groups have received a letter about Art in Motion - please can all reply slips be returned to the dance office. Any issues please email Miss Housley or Miss Knott.

## THANK A TEACHER DAY



We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our teachers and support staff on National Thank a Teacher Day! Your hard work is always very much appreciated.



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## GIRLS FOOTBALL



The U15 girls 6 a-side football team travelled to Wigan Athletic to play in the EFL girls U15 Area Cup Final representing Stoke City Football Club. Despite their tough group they performed incredibly well, fighting hard for every ball. Unfortunately it wasn't their day and they didn't manage to qualify for the semi-finals. Regardless of the result we are incredibly proud of every single one of the girls. They will be receiving their trophy for winning the previous stage of the EFL Cup on January 21st at Stoke City V Reading.

## MATILDA MUSICAL



The excellent cast of "Matilda the Musical" are proud to invite you to watch our school musical on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd March for a 6.30pm start. Tickets are available ONLY on parentpay and are £6 for adults, £4 for children (under 16). We would love to welcome many of you there.

## WELCOME

Following the successful appeal for items for the Gingerbread Centre at the end of last term, our Year 11 team have decided to continue with this initiative for the next few weeks. Posters around school give students details on the items required, which include unwanted gifts or books, nearly new toys and good quality clothes, and where to bring them to. Many thanks to everyone who is able to donate items, these acts of kindness really do make a big difference.

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## YEAR 7 INSPIRES



A huge thank you to all involved in our talent show in December. The money raised has been turned into donations for the critical care unit at the Royal Stoke, who requested toiletries for their patients and Hug in a Bag packages for relatives. We have also had enough money to create 'Hugs' for neonatal intensive care and the Children's Centre. A special well done to the Year 7 Inspires team for their hard work.

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## BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

The following students have achieved the highest behaviour for learning scores this week - well done! Year 11 have been in their mock examinations so their averages are not included this week.  
Year 7 - Grace C, Joshua W  
Year 8 - Aimee W, Lara B, Kayleigh B  
Year 9 - Hannah F, Keeley T, Sienna P  
Year 10 - Macy A/W  
Year 10 - Grace D

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Thank you to Krish, Georgina, Joshua and Taya for making the first donations to Year 7's community appeal. On day two, Lilliana, Daniel, Alfie and Jack blew us away with their generosity. We think we may need bigger boxes to hold all the items! We will be sending the donations to the local foodbank and animal rescue centres at the end of term.



## WELCOME

As a school, we rely on a range of methods of communication to keep members of the community up to date with news, including social media. This week we reached 2000 followers on Facebook. Thanks must be given to Mrs Cottrell and Mrs Preway who have worked tirelessly for many years to post news stories from across the school. Their efforts have helped create a valuable resource which is hugely appreciated.



Regards,

Mrs B Johnson  
Headteacher

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## COMPETITION WINNER

Thanks to Heath Books who have provided this fabulous prize for Chloe H following her success in the book cover competition. She now has plenty of reading material to keep her busy. Chloe has started by reading Itch by Simon Mayo, which is a favourite of Mrs Johnson's!



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## RESULTS DAYS - AUGUST 2022

We were delighted to report some outstanding achievements by its students in their A levels and BTECs this summer. We are immensely proud of all the work and achievements of our students, especially given the challenge of higher grade boundaries and the disruptions of the last three years.

Rhys Carson-Deering gained four A\* grades in business studies, chemistry, geography and mathematics and will study economics at the University of Warwick. Joseph Dawson gained three A grades in maths, further maths and chemistry, with a B in physics securing his place to study chemistry at the University of Nottingham. Students performed well in vocational subjects, too, with Holly Blood, Ellie Bostock, and Katie Roberts passing their health and social care BTEC with three starred Distinctions. Bryony Robinson gained the same outstanding result in sports studies and applied science. Holly will now study Adult Nursing at Keele University. Ellie, criminology at Derby University and Katie has accepted her place at Chester University to study primary teaching. Bryony has secured her place to study police and criminal investigations at Staffordshire University.

The school also celebrated another set of excellent results on Thursday 25th August as students received their GCSE grades.

A remarkable 25% of students gained 7, 8 or 9 in and English GCSE and English. 87% of students achieved a pass or better, with 71% gaining a strong pass (grade 5 or higher). 82% gained a standard pass or better in maths, with 20% getting a grade 7 or above.

Against the background of a very disrupted Key Stage 4, there were some outstanding individual results, too, with Maddison Johnson gaining 8 grade 9s, Suzi Hopwood getting 7 grade 8s or above, and Evie Hall gaining 9 GCSEs at grade 8 or higher.



## WELCOME

Following the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, staff and students have spent time reflecting on her life and her remarkable reign. Special assemblies were delivered where we looked at some of the many tributes shared by world leaders which commented on many of her personal qualities. Many of these link to our core values of pride, respect and kindness. Within citizenship lessons, students discussed her role as Head of State and the next steps during the period of mourning and beyond.

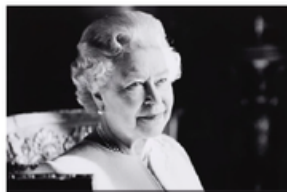
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## STATE FUNERAL OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN ON MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

The state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II takes place on Monday 19th September and has been declared a bank holiday. The school will be closed on that date.



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## FESTIVAL OF ARTS



It was wonderful to see our fantastic Year 7 students performing in their Festival of Arts on Tuesday night. Many thanks to all who supported them and well done to the students who participated.

## YEAR 7 CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGNS



Our Year 7 students were set a task by their computer science teachers to design a Christmas card using computer software. Staff and governors will choose their favourite from the eight shortlisted designs when voting opens this week. The overall winner will be used as the school's card for this year.

## WELCOME

Walking into school this morning with a member of staff, we both commented on the fact that we only have two weeks left of term and we didn't know how we were going to get everything planned squeezed in!

Looking towards the start of next term, you will have received an email from Mrs Keeble regarding the requirement for us to carry out on-site COVID-19 testing on the return to school. Please email w.keeble@bb-hs.co.uk if you have ANY questions about this.

Have a lovely weekend.

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## BBHS CHRISTMAS LIVE ADVENT CALENDAR 2021

BBHS Live Advent Calendar 2021

Our very own BBHS Live Advent Calendar is back!

Day 1 - White Christmas by Katie B.

Day 2 - Step the Cavalry by Daniell L.

Day 3 - Jingle Bells by Joe K.

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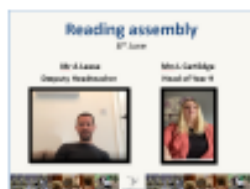
## SUPPORT FOR OTHERS

Mrs Winter is very proud of her Year 7 and 8 English students, who were challenged to write lockdown poems, expressing their emotions about the current situation. Shown above is a photograph of Ellie H in Year 7, reading stories to her young neighbours at a social distance. Well done Ellie for promoting this within your community and demonstrating our school value of kindness.

## DAILY ASSEMBLIES

During this week in their daily assemblies, Mr Leese and the Heads of Year have been focussing on the importance of reading. Staff and students have really enjoyed watching the assemblies, which can be accessed by all year groups via the link on FROG.

If you have got a book that you have read recently that you would like to recommend to others, let us know.



## WORKING WITH OTHERS

When we received a request from a primary school for additional PPE for their staff administering first aid, Mr Hughes and Mr Li were more than happy to help. With the support of Mr Foulkes, our brilliant DT department used the 3D printer to create a set of face shields and mask clips. Mr Hughes is shown testing out the first prototype.

Many thanks to the team.

## WELCOME

Students and parents/carers will know that our regular termly newsletters are filled with news of the events and activities from across the school. To develop our communication further, we will be trialling a weekly newsletter for the rest of the term while the majority of our students continue to work from home. This will be even more beneficial for those of you who do not follow the school on social media.

We are so proud of the achievements of our students and we hope this will become an additional way to celebrate and share these with you.

Mrs R Johnson  
Headteacher

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## ECO-SCHOOLS GREEN FLAG AWARD

Last week, we received the wonderful news that the school had achieved the prestigious Green Flag Award from Eco-Schools in recognition of our environmental work. Although over 20,000 schools are involved in the programme nationally, only 1,300 have achieved the highest award. Well done and thank you to everyone involved in this important part of our school life.

We look forward to continuing to develop our action plan when we are back in school.



## BBHS OLYMPIC GAMES

Our Health, Sports & Exercise department have been challenging staff, students and parents/carers to take part in our BBHS Olympic games. Points have been awarded for each challenge and there has been a very close battle between Year 7 & 8 for the gold medal position. The Heads of Year were challenged to recreate a famous Olympic scene. Some of their entries are shown, can you work any of them out?

The challenges for students included speed bounces, which, as you can see from the blurred photograph, Harrison in Year 7 did rather well at!



As we would expect, a weekend challenge for staff and parents/carers saw Mr Goodwin jump at the chance to complete as many sit-ups as possible in 60 seconds.

We will share the results of the BBHS Olympic Games next week.



## TEACHUS 2 COOK

During lockdown when most of our school were working from home, we saw so many photographs of students demonstrating their wonderful baking skills that we challenged them all to 'TeachUs 2 Cook'.

Students from Year 6 to Year 11 submitted their favourite recipes via FROG. Over fifty members of staff then volunteered to bake one of their suggested items over May half term ready for students to vote for the winners in a 'Virtual Village Fete'.

Thank you to all the staff and students who took part.

Our TeachUs 2 Cook recipe book is now available so you can all try out the recipes.



## WORKING FROM HOME

Every week, we celebrate some of the amazing work that students are completing at home through 'In the Spotlight', assemblies, and ePlanner comments. Here are a selection of images of work shared on social media last week.

