



WEEKLY ROUND-UP

BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

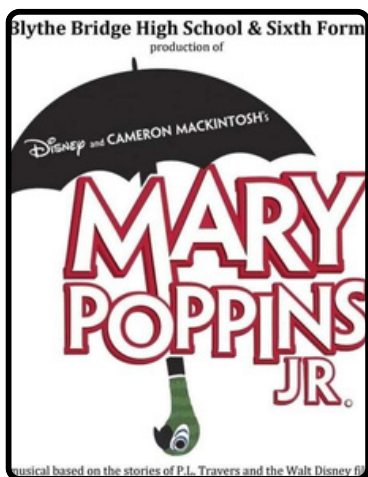
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IN THE HOT SEAT



This week nominated students joined Mrs Johnson and Mrs Adams for In the Hot Seat. Year 9 students spoke about the project Your Time, which encourages girls to participate in sport and their involvement in coaching football with a local primary school. Staff then heard from a talented and creative Year 7 student who hopes to raise money for the UHNM charity by selling handmade hats and scarves.

TICKETS ON SALE!



The drama, dance and music departments of Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form would like to invite you to this year's school musical performance of Mary Poppins, which will take place on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February 2024.

Each show will commence at 6.30pm and will take place in our main school hall. Tickets are available via ParentPay and are priced at £6 for adults and £4 for concessions.

ParentPay will close for ticket sales on Friday 2nd February or when 200 tickets for each session have been allocated; we are expecting a sell out, so hurry, get your tickets!

WELCOME

Happy New Year

Unlike the autumn term, this term is relatively short and if it is anything like this week the time will fly by. Students taking vocational subjects have already taken external assessments this week and Year 13 mocks start on Monday. We wish all students the very best of luck with these examinations. At the start of February, we have the performance of Mary Poppins Jr. which staff and students are working so hard for. Tickets will no doubt sell out fast so I'd recommend you purchase them as soon as possible.

Mrs Johnson

#PRIDERESPECTKINDNESS

STUDENT SUCCESS



We absolutely love to hear what past and current students achieve outside of the classroom.

And what an achievement and undertaking this is: 45 minutes playing for the women first team! So proud of you, Phoebe!

WINTER NEWSLETTER



Our winter newsletter was emailed out to all our parents and feeder schools when we broke up for the Christmas break but, if you missed it, have a look at it on our website. So many great things to share! It certainly has been a very very busy term!

<https://www.bb-hs.co.uk/.../01/Winter-Newsletter-2023.pdf>

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form
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Deputy Curriculum Leader of Modern Foreign Languages
Permanent, full-time position, required for an April 2024 start
Salary: MS1 – UPS3 £30,000 to £46,525 per annum
Plus TLR 2.5: £5,349 per annum

John Taylor Multi Academy Trust (JTMAT) believes in the power of education to improve lives – and the world. As a partner academy in JTMAT, Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form is seeking to appoint a dynamic, dedicated deputy curriculum leader of MFL to join our successful and talented department where typically over 90% of our students complete a GCSE in a Modern Foreign Language.

The successful candidate will support the curriculum leader in building a curriculum that secures progress, regularly reviewing intent, implementation, and impact, and ensuring consistently good and outstanding teaching is delivered across the curriculum. They will be well-qualified, and have experience of teaching Spanish to GCSE and French to Key Stage 3. They will also have the vision and energy to inspire and motivate young people.

This opportunity would suit a qualified teacher who would thrive in a school whose culture and ethos of pride, respect and kindness permeates all aspects of school life and where staff morale is high. They nourish the enthusiasm of our learners and are empowered to find inspiring and creative ways of enabling students to be the best they can be. Our staff are supported by:

- An effective centralised detention system
- Sensible reporting and assessment policies
- Shared resources and structured schemes of learning and curriculum plans
- Opportunities for individual CPD

If you have a passion for excellence and share our vision, we can offer you the opportunity to be part of a successful and progressive Trust, which is committed to ensuring learning is at the heart of all we do.

If you would like to discuss this role please contact Mrs N Mitton by emailing office@bb-hs.co.uk or telephoning 01782 392519. Completed application forms should be emailed to office@bb-hs.co.uk. Only fully completed application forms will be submitted for shortlisting. CVs will not be accepted.

Closing date: **Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 10.00am**

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020). This means that certain convictions and cautions are considered "protected" and do not need to be disclosed to employers, and if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them into account. Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the Ministry of Justice website:

LILLE TRIP



Students returned home on our last day of the autumn term after spending a wonderful three days in fabulous Lille. After crossing the border to Belgium a great time was had at the chocolate factory, very creative chocolate bars made and let's not forget the fortune spent in the factory shop! After getting an earlier ferry home to avoid the traffic, everyone arrived home safe and a wonderful time was had by all!



ONLINE SAFETY

Online Safety Newsletter January 2024

WhatsApp
You must be at least 16 years old to register for and use WhatsApp. WhatsApp is a free messaging app that allows you to send messages, see notes, photos and videos.

What should I be aware of?
WhatsApp: One of the key features of the group chat function. Everybody in the group, even if they are not one of your child's phone contacts, will be able to see all messages within the chat. If your child is added to a WhatsApp chat with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them images within the group chat. It's things you can change who can add or child to groups. You can leave a WhatsApp chat at any point to talk to your child and encourage them to leave a WhatsApp chat that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Location sharing: you can share your location on WhatsApp. Talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use but also the potential danger of sharing their location, for example with strangers.

Blocking/Reporting: Show your child how to block and report other users on appropriate content. You can find out how to do it based on your child's age here: <https://www.whatsapp.com/11624817/102885/>

Other information
NCC provide further advice and tips help keep your child safe: <https://www.ncc.gov.uk/information/online-safety/online-safety-2023-01-12-rehab-act-2020-for-young-people/>

New devices
If your child has a new device, have you set up parental controls?
Consoles
All consoles offer parental controls such as limiting the time spent on the device or restricting who your child can communicate with. Find out the specific settings below:
• PlayStation: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/ps4/ps5/safety/parents-audits/>
• Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-gb/family2ub>
• Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Mobiles/Tablets
You can set up parental controls and restrictions on most mobile devices, which can limit what your child can access. Additionally, make sure appropriate settings are applied on the apps your child is using.
• Apple devices: <https://www.apple.com/uk/families/>
• Android devices: <https://families.google.com/familify/>

Further information
Internet Matters provide a checklist here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-safety-checklist-acting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>

Cybersecurity
Parent Zone have partnered with the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) to help educate young people on how they can protect themselves from scams and hacking whilst online. They have also created a quiz with the youth platform VoiceBox to test how cybersecurity your family is. The quiz is available for ages 13-12 and 13-14.
You can find out more here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/articles/cyber-security>

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Our latest online safety newsletter is now available on our website for your perusal. <https://www.bb-hs.co.uk/.../Online-Safety-Newsletter...>

Do you know someone who is looking for the next step up in their career and ready for a new challenge? Then please tell them to have a look at the link below to see if this post, o is for them. Deadline Wednesday 17th January so please share far and wide. Feel free to email office@bb-hs.co.uk for further details. <https://www.bb-hs.co.uk/.../20231130-Deputy-Curriculum...>