

Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form

# Friday Focus



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Highlights of this week's news at school  
and forthcoming events



Photo of the week  
#weareblythe

## SIXTH FORM VISIT TO BRICK LANE

As part of their Changing Places case study, our A Level Geography students travelled to Brick Lane in East End of London to look at the cultural uses and changes the area has undergone over the years. From brick and tile production to an extremely creative and ethnically diverse area, the students had a productive and very enjoyable day gathering data on the case study, even bumping into comedian Jimmy Carr! The students were excellent and did our sixth form proud.



## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

The focus of our assemblies this week was Holocaust Memorial Day and, in particular, the events that took place at Auschwitz-Birkenau. This year marks 80 years since the liberation of the camp and students listened to the experiences of survivors who experienced the horrors of the Holocaust. Students were then asked to reflect on the theme of this year and consider what we can learn from history about the importance of respecting others and showing kindness.



## WELCOME

Many thanks to all the staff, students and parents who completed the recent survey commissioned by the trust reviewing different aspects of schools across the MAT. The overall results are incredibly positive with all our ratings coming through as good, very good or outstanding. Detailed analysis has been presented to governors and staff and actions on specific concerns raised have already begun.

A strength across all surveys was the school's provision for personal development, especially careers and by looking at today's careers fair you can see why. This year, parents of Year 11 students have been given the opportunity to accompany their son/daughter to visit one of the many stands. It has been a wonderful event and I thank everyone who has been involved in making it such a success.

Mrs Johnson  
Headteacher

#PRIDERESPECTKINDNESS

## SUPPORT KICKSTART AT TESCO



Our staff continue to support our Kickstart Breakfast Club in the Tesco Stronger Starts initiative. This time Mrs N Johnson was visiting the Meir Park store and popped her tokens in after doing her shopping. Mrs Adams likes to get her early morning coffee from the Blythe Bridge store and always remembers to collect her token to show support for our breakfast club. Many thanks to everyone who is supporting us to ensure Kickstart remains accessible to all students. Have you voted yet?



## STAR BAKER BEN

Mrs N Johnson's star baker on Monday was Ben G in Year 8 for working so well making his ragu. Miss Housley and Mrs Johnson were very impressed. Great job Ben.



## WE WILL ROCK YOU

Don't miss out on the chance to see our school's spectacular production of 'We Will Rock You'! With high-energy performances, unforgettable music by Queen, and a talented cast bringing the iconic rock musical to life, this is a show you won't want to miss. Whether you're a fan of classic rock or just love an entertaining night out, it promises to be an unforgettable experience. Get your tickets now and support our amazing students who continue to work hard in rehearsals.



Head to ParentPay and book your tickets!  
£5 - under 16s  
£7 - over 16s.



## MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY

Thank you so much for our parents/ guardians who have already taken part in our survey. The deadline for completion is Monday 3rd February <https://forms.office.com/e/RAb7JCcu3i>. Laura Wright is our Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) from the mental health support team (MHST). She is currently working within our school offering a variety of support for students and community based support for parents and carers. To ensure that we are offering support that is accessible for all, we would be really grateful if you would consider completing this short survey regarding parent forum workshops that would benefit you and your families.

## GAMING CLUB ON TUESDAYS

🎮 Need a brain break after a busy morning of lessons? Come chill in Room 3 during lunch on a Tuesday for some gaming fun. Relax, recharge, and enjoy some downtime with video games and computers. Everyone's welcome! 🎮🎮



## YEAR 11 MFL SPEAKING MOCKS



A massive well done to our Year 11 students for working hard and showing resilience in their MFL speaking mock exams. Teachers commented on our students' efforts and conduct.

## REVISION AT HOMEWORK CLUB

A massive well done to Freya and Kaylee for their dedication at homework club! 💡🇬🇧 They've been working hard together, using flashcards and Frog resources to test each other and reinforce their knowledge in preparation for the Year 10 mock exams. Keep up the fantastic effort, girls—your hard work is sure to pay off!



## SUPERB STUDENT LEADERS

From helping on the car park, helping to pack stalls, making tea and coffee, serving biscuits and interacting with our visitors at the careers fair - our student leaders have been busy today! Thank you for showcasing the best of our school and for doing yourselves proud.



## SPRING TERM MONDAY P4 CITIZENSHIP

- Year 7 - Body positivity
- Year 8 - Goal setting
- Year 9 - Making the law
- Year 10 - Stem cell research
- Year 11 - Careers escape room

Year 12 will continue their focus on employability and in particular the importance of personal branding and developing a CV. Year 13 will have a lesson delivered on what free speech is in modern Britain.

## KEY DATES

## Monday 3rd February

- Year 10 mock examinations begin
- Year 12/13 Progress Evening 4-6pm

## Tuesday 4th February

- **U16 Netball**

Thursday 6th February

- U13 boys' cricket

## Friday 7th February

- Dance Academy perform at '025 Dance' Regent Theatre

Tuesday 11th February - Thursday 13th February

- We Will Rock You performances 6:30pm



## NEXT WEEK'S ASSEMBLIES

## Year 7 -11

# Charles Dickens

## CAREERS SPOTLIGHT - CAREERS FAIR

A big thank you to all the 41 representatives who attended our annual careers fair this week. It was wonderful to see Year 11, 12 and 13 students engage with the colleges, universities and companies. We saw an increase in parental attendance this year which will have a positive impact in our young learners choices moving forward. The young skills leaders and prefect career leaders did a fantastic job looking after our visitors and displayed the essential skills they represent.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Don't forget! PRK Club will meet after school on Tuesday 4th February. Please meet in the Student Leadership Area 3.10 - 4.00p.m.

# IMPORTANT

## YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMS

We wish our Year 10 the best of luck with their mock exams next week, make sure you use this weekend to revise, with plenty of breaks in between! Frog is full of resources to help focus your studies.

**GOOD LUCK!**



## M E N U   C H O I C E

# STREETRIES

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## LUNCH MENU

WEEK 2

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### • MEZZE • MIX IT UP!

#### MON

CHICKEN SHAWARMA

CUMIN CHICKPEA & VEG BAKE IN BAHARAT TOMATO SAUCE

MOROCCAN COUSCOUS MEZZE SALAD

### INCREDIBLE INDIA

#### TUE

CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA with turmeric rice

CHANA MASALA with turmeric rice

CUMIN ROAST CARROTS & PARSNIPS

### Home STYLE

#### WED

ROAST GAMMON & YORKSHIRE PUDDING with Gravy

QUORN SAUSAGE TOAD IN THE HOLE with Gravy

SKIN ON GARLIC ROASTED GREEN BEANS

### NACIEMNA MEXICANA

#### THU

SMOKED CHICK BEEF OVER RICE with Smashed Potatoes, Spring Onion & Sour Cream

VEGGIE BAKED CHILI LOADED NACHOS with Spring Onion & Sour Cream

SMOXY CORN

### Chips & More

#### FRI

Choose from:

BATTERED FISH SAUSAGE or VEG SAUSAGE

Buttermilk or glaze

Margarita Pie

Chicken Nuggets

Chips

MINTY PLEI, BAKED BEANS, GRAY or CURRY SAUCE

### MAINS

### SIDES

### - PASTA & NOODLE POTS -

CARBONARA PASTA	VEGGIE TART STYLE NOODLE POT	BOLGONESE PASTA	CHINESE CHICKEN CHOW MEIN NOODLES	CARBONARA PASTA
ITALIAN TOMATO PASTA - DAILY				

### BEANS - CHEESE - JACKET POTATOES - TUNA MAYO - SMIRLY PLAN

CLASSIC NOISCE WITH EGG	BRIGHT & LIGHT CHICKEN PASTA SALAD	SUPERFOOD GREEN SALAD	ADAMAN CUCUMBER, EGGMALE & NOODLE SALAD	JERK CHICKEN & PINEAPPLE SALAD
SHORTBREAD	NEW YORK VANELLA BAKED CHEESECAKE	APPLE CRUMBLE	WARM WHITE CHOCOLATE BLONDIE with Caramel	BROOKE

**Big Bowl SALAD**  
**DESSERTS**  
 Daily Meal Deals  
 Regular  
 Chef's Specials

Freshly Made from Scratch  
**DAILY!**

Fresh Cut Fruit & Yogurt Pots  
 Available Daily

HANDCRAFTED DELI SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES, WRAPS, SALADS & MORE!

**DELI KITCHEN**  
 HOT GRAB & GO

100% REAL CHEESE  
 100% REAL BUTTER  
 100% REAL MEAT

# TESCO VOTE

Ask for a token at any checkout and vote for Kickstart!

- 📍 Longton Extra
- 📍 Meir Hay Express
- 📍 Meir Superstore
- 📍 Blythe Bridge Express

Voting is open now until the end of March.

THANK YOU!

## KICKSTART

N1  
-8:40am

MEET FRIENDS  
CHECK HOMEWORK  
READ OR PLAY GAMES  
PURCHASE STATIONERY

TOAST & DRINKS AVAILABLE

**SUPPORTED BY  
YEAR 11 PREFECTS**





**BUXTON**  
NATURAL MINERAL WATER

**THE MACCAS PROJECT**

**nsmind**  
North Staffs

## Maccas Movers

Running group for beginners aged 13-16

Aimed at people aged 13-16 who want to improve their mental wellbeing through being physically active in a supportive and friendly group. Whether your aim is to reduce stress, improve your mood, run a 5k or meet new people. Our qualified run leader will take you from Couch to 5k in 12 weeks, giving you the confidence to keep going.

Join our new free 12 week Couch to 5k programme, in partnership with Buxton, starting on Saturday 11th January 2025.

Hanley Park  
Every Saturday Morning  
10:30am – 12:30pm

Register by contacting us:  
reception@nsmind.org.uk  
01782 262100

For more information  
Visit [www.nsmind.org.uk](http://www.nsmind.org.uk)

"I was apprehensive about joining a running group, but it's changed my life"  
Quote from a previous Couch to 5k member.

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## Drama Reading

Fancy reading a playscript instead of a novel?

Every half term, the drama department will recommend three playscripts that you can borrow to read.

**This half term's recommendations are:**

**Comfort Me With Apples**

Shows a farming family whose lives and expectations are different across the generations.

**Blue Remembered Hills**

Follows seven young children on a sunny day out in the country – an innocent day that turns into eventual tragedy.

**The Caretaker**

A classic from 1960 by Harold Pinter, who is considered one of the most influential playwrights of the last century.


**You are very welcome to borrow these or other plays through Mrs Baines.**

# plus

BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

If you are interested in purchasing items please email [t.matthias@bb-hs.co.uk](mailto:t.matthias@bb-hs.co.uk) and we will let you know what we have in stock. Donations are always welcome.



**LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

**MONDAY**  
Colouring club - All lunches

**TUESDAY**  
Yr 8 & 7 Lunch  
Archeology Club

**WEDNESDAY**  
Sign Language Club- All lunches

**THURSDAY**  
Year 9 & 10 Break- Literacy prefect reading

**FRIDAY**  
Year 9 & 10 Break- Literacy prefect reading  
Year 7 & 8 Lunch - Story sessions



## Train to Teach

in Local Schools

Primary (3-7) • Primary (5-11) • Secondary (11-16)

**The John Taylor SCITT**  
[jtscitt.co.uk](http://jtscitt.co.uk)

Funding for Selected Routes

Full or Part-Time Routes

Gain School Experience



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& SIXTH FORM

Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form  
is excited to offer our school facilities to the  
local community and businesses.

If you are looking for a regular indoor or outdoor  
venue for your club or society, or a space for a one  
off event, we offer a range of facilities.

## THESE INCLUDE

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MAIN HALL ● CLASSROOMS ● ICT SUITES ● ART  
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