

Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form

# Friday Focus



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

WE WILL  
ROCK  
YOU  
SCHOOL EDITION



Photo of the week  
#weareblythe

## YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Well done to all Year 10 students for your hard work during this week's mock exams! Your dedication to revising and your excellent behaviour in school has been truly impressive. Keep up the great work – you are building a strong foundation for future success!

## SUPERSTAR STUDENT LEADERS

We are incredibly proud of our young leaders for their work and contributions to the careers fair last Friday.

They truly represented all the essential skills which are communicated across our school community. Well done team!

Well done!



## READING REWARDS AT THE LIBRARY

Take a visit to the library anytime in February and receive 10 achievement points for celebrating our love of reading!



**Book-borrowing Bonanza!**

St Valentine's Day is fast approaching and we want to celebrate our **LOVE** of reading!

For the whole of the month of February, you will receive **10** achievement points for borrowing a book from the library!

## WELCOME

Next week sees the culmination of months of hard work from the cast and crew as the school production 'We will rock you' is performed.

The staff and students have had hours of rehearsals, many at weekends, and their efforts are much appreciated. Behind the scenes there are many others who have supported with set design, ticket sales, costumes and publicity, my thanks go to them as well.

Tickets are available via ParentPay or by contacting Miss Balewski. You won't want to miss it!

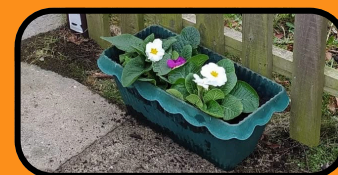
Mrs Johnson  
Headteacher

#PRIDERESPECTKINDNESS

## YEAR 7 GET GARDENING



Finally after all the cold and wet weather our Year 7 gardening group managed to start some planting. Primulas were planted in pots with the spring bulbs - which are already coming though.



After a busy hour the new bench was in use for a much needed rest.



## VALENTINE'S DISCO

💖 Valentine's Disco - Friday 14th February! 💖

**Year 6 and Year 7!** Ready to kick off your half-term break in style? Come join us for a Valentine's Disco on Friday, 14th February, from 4-6pm! 🎵🎶 It's going to be an unforgettable evening filled with great music, dancing, and fun! You won't want to miss it. 🌟 Tickets are only £2, on sale at 8:35-8:45 and break one in the student leadership area until Friday 14th. Don't forget to bring extra money for delicious refreshments and snacks! So grab your friends, put on your best dancing shoes, and get ready for an awesome time. Let's make this Valentine's Disco a night to remember! 🥳 See you there! 🍷



## CHESS CLUB WITH MR PUGH

The school chess club/league runs fortnightly on week 2 lunchtimes in room 10: Tuesday for Years 7, 8, 11 Thursday for Years 9, 10 & sixth form

Despite a healthy attendance, Mr Pugh is always looking for new players, especially from Year 7 and 8. All abilities welcome.



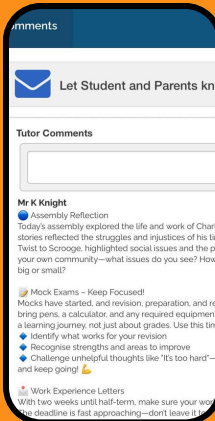
## COMMUNICATION REMINDER

We always try our best to communicate with our school community in a multitude of ways: emails, text messages, newsletters, round-ups, letters on the ParentPortal, social media updates and last but not least comments from teachers and tutors on the Frog ePortfolio.

It even sends you a notification to your Frog app, and an email to the one you provided to our admin team, so you know when a new one has been posted.

So don't forget to check it!

If you have lost your parent logins, just email [k.cotterill@bb-hs.co.uk](mailto:k.cotterill@bb-hs.co.uk) for a reset.



## WE WILL ROCK YOU!

Next week is the week our cast of 'We Will Rock You!' will take to the stage with their super high-energy performances on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th at 6:30pm, this is a show you won't want to miss. Whether you are a fan of classic rock or just love an entertaining night out, it promises to be an unbelievable experience. Get your tickets on Parent Pay and support our amazing students who are ready to showcase their fantastic talents.



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

## THE APPRENTICE CHALLENGE

🎯 Think you've got what it takes to predict the winner of The Apprentice? Put your business intuition to the test and cast your vote!

🏆 Guess the winning candidate and you could win a prize! Visit Mrs Hart-Cadman in Room 1 to make your pick and join the fun!



## GREAT WORK AT NETBALL FESTIVAL



Last week, the girls participated in the City Schools Festival and truly demonstrated our school's core values of Pride, Respect and Kindness throughout the competition. 🌟

They faced off against 6 schools and came out victorious in 5 of the 6 games! 🏆💪 Our highest scoring game was an impressive 5-0, thanks to our amazing goal scorers Sophie and Niamh! 🎯👏

The competition was tough, but our team held strong and finished in 2nd place overall!

🌟 Huge congratulations to all the players for their hard work, teamwork and sportsmanship! 💙 Well done, Blythe! You have made us proud! 🥳👏

## COMMENDABLE CROSS COUNTRY

This weekend several of our athletes represented Stoke-on-Trent at the County Schools Cross Country Championships.

We are so proud of their fantastic achievements!

Poppy W and Anabelle W-C both secured top ten finishes in the year 7 girls race - the top two finishers for the Stoke team. Flynn E also finished in 8th place in the Y7 boys race with Remi C and Noah W producing excellent performances also.

Huge congratulations go to Holly T, Y10 (2nd place finish 🏆) and Euan O, Y11 (6th place finish), who have both qualified to represent Staffordshire Schools at the 'All-England Schools Cross Country Championships' on Saturday the 15th of March.

This is a fantastic achievement and we wish you both the very best of luck! 🌟



## DETAILS ABOUT NEXT WEEK

### SPRING TERM MONDAY P4 CITIZENSHIP

- Year 7 - Body shaming
- Year 8 - Careers escape room
- Year 9 - Pressure groups
- Year 10 - Attitudes to abortion
- Year 11 - Careers

Sixth Form students will be completing their study plus programme, such as EPQ, PVFC, & Tomorrow's Teachers.

## KEY DATES

- Monday 10th February
  - U16 Individual Table Tennis at Clayton
  - Valentine's card competition deadline
- Tuesday 11th February - Thursday 13th February
  - We Will Rock You performances 6:30pm
- Tuesday 11th February
  - U13 City Netball Competition at Fenton
- Wednesday 12th February
  - Staffs Team Table Tennis league at St Jo's
- Thursday 13th February
  - U14 City Football away at Discovery
- Friday 14th February
  - Year 6 and Year 7 Valentine's Disco 4-6pm
- Monday 24th February
  - Student ambassador application deadline
- U16 City Football v OMERA at home (date to be confirmed)

House competition: table tennis in PE

- Thursday 13th February Lunchtime
  - Year 7 and 8 (lunch 1)
  - Year 9 and 10 (lunch 2)
- Friday 14th February Lunchtime
  - Sixth form



## TABLE TENNIS

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The application process is now open to become a student ambassador for 2025/2026. Each year group will be represented by three student ambassadors. Year 11 will be represented by the four Head Prefects currently in post.

- Do you want to represent your year group and the school?
- Do you want to help influence change within the school community on diverse topics?
- Do you embody the school's values of pride, respect & kindness and have a genuine wish to help and support with projects?

Our student ambassador programme aims to develop student leadership skills through providing a range of different opportunities for students to get involved in. Successfully elected student ambassadors will meet to ensure that the student voice is represented and that any concerns and plans are discussed with the Senior Leadership Team. Student ambassadors may represent their year groups at a wide range of events and can influence the latter by communicating the opinions of their peers.

You can apply by writing a letter, making a video or putting together a presentation. Tell us about yourself and the qualities and skills you possess that would make you successful in this role. It must stand out from other applications and demonstrate your potential. We look forward to your applications.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Monday, 24th February 2025** – Assignment set on FROG with a file drop for applications. If you have any questions – speak to Mrs Avons.

## NEXT WEEK'S ASSEMBLIES

Year 7 -11 :  
Equality, diversity and inclusion

## CAREERS SPOTLIGHT - BENCHMARK 6

A group of Year 11 boys gained workplace experience - presenting to younger children and understanding the role of a primary school teacher.

Eshaan, Krrish and Harshdeep visited Mossley CE Primary School to deliver workshop talks to Year 3, 4 and 5 on their religion and beliefs. They showed excellent speaking and leadership qualities in their delivery and answering the many questions the young children asked.



## MENU CHOICE

STREATERIES LUNCH MENU				
WEEK 3	Authentic Italian	Asian	Home Style	Cocina ESPAÑA
MON	TUSCAN SAUSAGE LASAGNE	CHICKEN CHOW MEIN	CREAMY CHICKEN & LEEK PUFF PASTRY PIE	SMOKY ALBONDIGAS (Meatballs)
TUE	PROVENÇAL VEGETABLE LASAGNE	BANG BANG CAULIFLOWER with a spice rice	SMOKY SWEET POTATO & RED PEPPER PIE	SPANISH VEGETABLE TORTILLA
WED	GARLIC WEDGES HOUSE CHOP SALAD	STIR FRIED GREENS	CHIVE MASH PEAS, GREEN BEANS SAVOY CABBAGE	SPANISH RICE TOMATO & GREEN BEAN SALAD
THU				
FRI				
- PASTA & NOODLE POTS -				
CARBONARA PASTA	VEGGIE THIS STYLE NOODLE POT	BOLOGNESE PASTA	CHINESE CHICKEN CHOW MEIN NOODLES	CARBONARA PASTA
BEANS - CHEESE - JACKET POTATOES - TUNA MAYO - SIMPLY PLAIN				
BIG BOWL SALAD	CLASSIC GREEK SALAD WITH FETA & OLIVES	SQUASH, ROASTED VEGETABLE & CHICKPEA SALAD	SMOKY MEXICAN BEAN CHOPPED SALAD	CRUNCHY RANCH & EGG SALAD
DESSERTS	CHOCOLATE SHORTBREAD	APPLE & STRIP SPONGE with Custard	KEY LIME CHEESECAKE	CHOCOLATE BANANA CAKE with Custard
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

## 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

8:10-8:40am

MEET FRIENDS  
CHECK HOMEWORK  
READ OR PLAY GAMES  
PURCHASE STATIONERY

TOAST & DRINKS AVAILABLE

SUPPORTED BY  
YEAR 11 PREFECTS





NATURAL MINERAL WATER  
**BUXTON**

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** is 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



**Funding for Selected Routes**

**Full or Part-Time Routes**

**Gain School Experience**

## 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)



# BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COMMUNITY LETTINGS



BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL  
& 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

MUGA PITCHES ● GRASS FOOTBALL PITCHES ●  
MAIN HALL ● CLASSROOMS ● ICT SUITES ● ART  
FACILITIES ● HARD COURTS ● SWIMMING POOL



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