

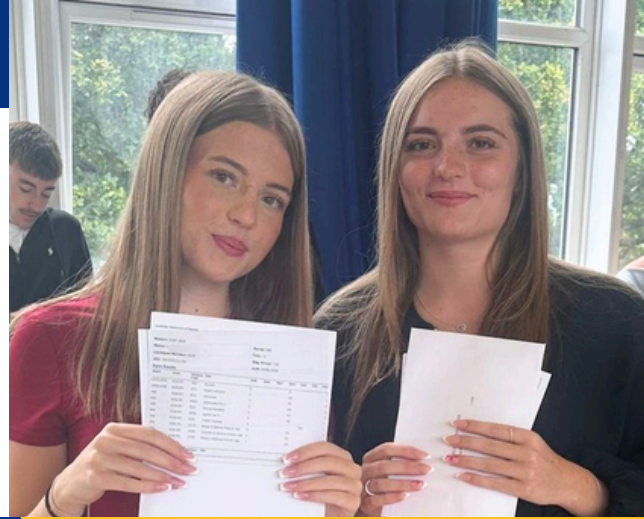
Friday Focus



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

Photo of the week
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CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY

Our students have made a fantastic start to the new school year, with just a small change to their morning routine. Period 1 now finishes at 10:00am, followed by tutorial time or an assembly until 10:25am, and then break until 10:40am. Assemblies will take place on the following days:

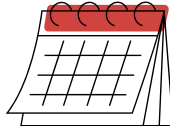
Monday: Year 9

Tuesday: Year 8 + Year 13

Wednesday: Year 7

Thursday: Year 10

Friday: Year 11 + Year 12



WELCOME

What a brilliant first week we have had in school. Our Year 7 students have settled in well with so many positive comments from staff about the start they have made. In assembly, Mrs Cartlidge said how proud she is to be their Head of Year and it is clear to see why. Year 12 have also impressed staff with how quickly they have adapted to the challenges of post-16 study. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Johnson
Headteacher

Pride, Respect & Kindness



EXCELLENT EXAMS

Staff and students are celebrating another fantastic set of results this week, with both GCSE/BTEC and A Level outcomes reflecting the hard work and dedication of our school community. Over three quarters of students achieved a grade 4 or higher in maths and English, with almost a third securing a strong pass in the Ebacc – significantly above the national average. Exceptional performances were seen across subjects, including 48% of students in Philosophy and Ethics and 68% in Physics achieving grades 7–9. We are equally proud of our Year 13 students, many of whom have successfully secured their first-choice university places or apprenticeships. These results highlight not only the commitment of our students, but also the dedication of their teachers, and we are thrilled to celebrate their successes.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop (PLUS) has supported so many students and families this summer, but we are running very low on stock. We would welcome any donations of unwanted uniform so that we can continue this important offer. Many thanks for your support.

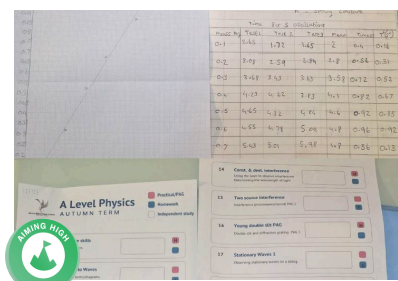
Please email office@bb-hs.co.uk or e.avons@bb-hs.co.uk if you would like to access the uniform shop.

LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to label all items of uniform, as well as water bottles and lunch boxes. At the end of last year, we collected eleven large bags of unclaimed lost property that we were unable to return to their owners.

As the weather turns cooler, if your child has misplaced a coat, please contact t.matthias@bb-hs.co.uk to check our lost property's winter coat section.





SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCESS

Congratulations to the two groups of fantastic students who participated in our Summer School!

The students impressed the staff with their wonderful manners and enthusiasm, and parents and carers were positive that Summer School helped to ease their anxieties before joining us in September.

Students enjoyed lessons in science, French, art, drama, business, DT, food technology and reading their new book.

F R O G

To help our new Year 7 students get to know key members of staff, our annual Back to School competition launched on Wednesday 3rd September. The challenge is to use the clues to match the school bag to the correct member of staff. It also helps students to navigate our virtual learning environment, FROG. Achievement points for all participants and prizes for some lucky overall winners.

SIXTH FORM

We welcomed our new Year 12 students into the Sixth Form. Their positivity and enthusiasm was wonderful to see with so many staff commenting about the great start that they made. In physics as well as receiving this term's curriculum plan, students used experimental data from oscillations to verify relationships between variables. They will use their graphs to determine the acceleration due to gravity - with a prize for the team who get closest to 9.81 m/s².



SUPERB SUMMERS

Our students were not the only ones who were ready to return to school. So were our furry residents who spent the summer being well looked after by our teachers and their families. Thank you so much for all you have done for them. They look like they had a fabulous time!

Y E A R 1 0

Great first lesson for the new Year 10 Performing Arts class today. The students worked in pairs or groups of three on a piece of script work which they will perform next lesson. The students had to make key decisions about the characters and movements to make sense of their performance. Mrs Baines was really pleased with the confidence and teamwork they all displayed.



EASY FUNDRAISING

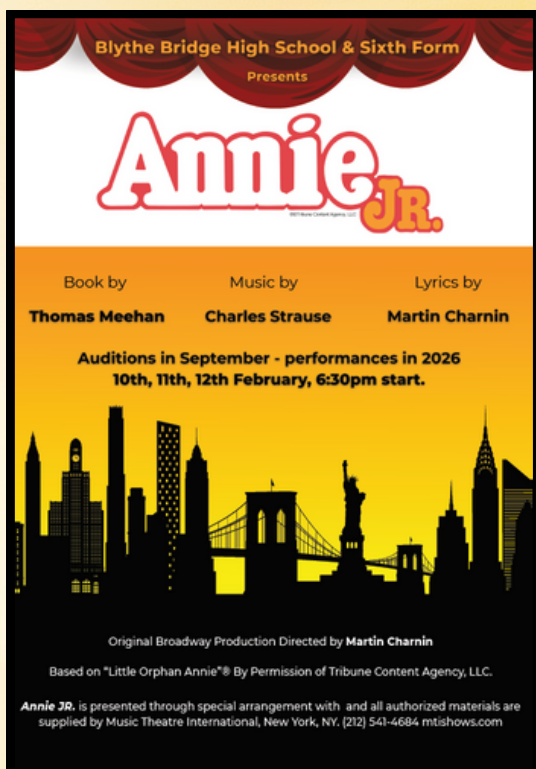
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YEAR 6 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS' EVENING

We are delighted to invite Year 6 families to our Year 6 Prospective Parents' Open Evening on Thursday 18th September. With presentations in the main hall at 5.30pm and 6.30pm (bookable via our school website), as well as guided tours and activities from 6.00pm-8.00pm, the evening is a fantastic opportunity to explore our facilities, meet staff and students, and experience our school's ethos. We are incredibly proud of our community and the achievements of our young people, and we look forward to welcoming you and sharing what makes our school such a special place.

Register your interest at: www.bb-hs.co.uk



🌟 Annie Jr Auditions – Your Chance to Shine! 🌟

Do you love to sing, dance, or act? Don't miss your chance to be part of our school's production of Annie Jr!

📅 When: Tuesday 9th September

🕒 Time: 3:10 – 4:30pm

📍 Where: Main Hall

No need to sign up in advance – just come along!

🌟 Wear something comfy to sing and dance in, and bring your best energy.

This is your opportunity to step into the spotlight, try something new, and maybe even land a leading role. Whether you've been on stage before or it's your very first audition – we want to see YOU there!



AUTUMN TERM MONDAY P4 CITIZENSHIP

Year 7: What are friendships?
Year 8: What is bullying?
Year 9: Types of relationships

Year 10: What are relationships?
Year 11: Revision skills



KEY DATES

Monday 8th September

- Year Ahead (Year 7 & 12/13) 5pm/6pm

Tuesday 9th September

- Tutor meetings (Year 8) 4-6pm
- School musical auditions 3:15pm (in the hall)

Wednesday 10th September

- Tutor meetings (Year 9) 4-6pm
- Year 11 Carding Mill Trip

Thursday 11th September

- Tutor meetings (Year 10) 4-6pm



CAREERS SPOTLIGHT - BENCHMARK 8

We have a new extended area to our careers HUB in Mr Goodwin's office where our Year 11, 12 and 13 careers interviews will take place with Clare Atkinson, our independent careers advisor. If any students from Year 7 to 13 would like a chat about future aspirations with Mr Goodwin, whether it's looking at local apprenticeships or applying to Oxford Universities, it will make a comfortable space to explore those opportunities.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Next week we'll be launching the application process for Year Group Ambassadors in Years 7-10. With only two spaces available per year group, we're looking for the very best role models to represent their peers. Could it be you? All the details will be shared via FROG – don't miss your chance to step up and lead!



PICTURE DAY

This Wednesday, students in Years 7, 11, and 13 had their school photos taken. For our new Year 7s, it marked the beginning of their high school journey, while for Year 11 and Year 13 students, it was a milestone at the other end of their time with us – capturing memories as they begin their final year in GCSEs and Sixth Form. A special moment for all, these photos will serve as a reminder of important chapters in their school life.



M E N U C H O I C E

STREATERIES		LUNCH MENU		TRADITIONAL	
WEEK 3	Flame	Flame	Flame	AMERICAN Diner	Chips & More
05/09/23, 12/09/23, 19/09/23, 26/09/23, 03/10/23, 10/10/23, 17/10/23, 24/10/23, 31/10/23	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
MAINS		MAINS		MAINS	
Pork Sausages with Red Onion		Minced Beef & Onion Pie		Lemon Garlic Chicken Bake with Sage & Onion Crumb	
Sticky Veggie Bangers		Lentil & Onion Pie		Cheesy Garlic Mushroom & Leek Mac & Cheese	
Crushed New Potatoes Peas		Mashed Potatoes Green Cabbage		Coleslaw Focaccia Rice	
Mashed Potatoes Green Cabbage		Skin on Garlic Roasties Roasted Summer Vegetables		Minty Peas, Baked Beans, Gravy or Curry Sauce	
ITALIAN TOMATO PASTA DAILY		PASTA & NOODLE POTS		ITALIAN TOMATO PASTA DAILY	
BEST EVER BOUQUICHIE (PIZZA)		CHINESE CHICKEN COUNTRY (NOODLE)		CLASSIC MEXICAN MASHED POTATO (PASTA)	
DELICIOUS		DELICIOUS		DELICIOUS	
CHICKEN BIRYANI BURRITO		MAC CHEESE PIZZA SLICE		CHIMICHURRI BUTTERMILK CRUNCH WRAP	
BIG BOWL SALAD		RANCH & EGG COBB SALAD		MEXICAN TORTILLA CRUNCH BOWL	
DESSERTS		DESSERTS		DESSERTS	
Aspen Cookies		Palmer Biscuits		Chocolate Popsicle Bars	
Daily Meal Deals Regular Chef's Specials		DAILY! Jacket Potatoes - Beans - Cheese - Tuna Mayo OR SMOKY PLAIN		Freshly Made from Scratch DAILY! Fresh Cut Fruit & Yogurt Pots Available Daily	
HANDCRAFTED DELI SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES, WRAPS, SALADS & MORE		HANDCRAFTED DELI SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES, WRAPS, SALADS & MORE		HANDCRAFTED DELI SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES, WRAPS, SALADS & MORE	

ASSEMBLIES

Year 7-11

Welcome Assembly

Sixth form assemblies will be on the theme of enrichment and charity. Students will be given the opportunity to take on charity leadership roles.



RE M I N D E R

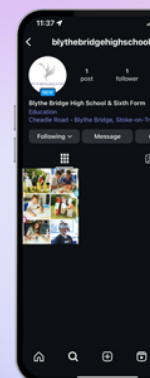
A reminder for students to check their timetables and bring in the correct kit for their PE lessons with appropriate footwear. Please also remember to bring in ingredients for food technology lessons.

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

Colouring club - All lunches

TUESDAY

Yr & 7 & 8 Lunch
Archeology Club

WEDNESDAY

Sign Language Club- All lunches

THURSDAY

Year 9 & 10 Break- Literacy prefect reading

FRIDAY

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Year 7 & 8 Lunch - Story sessions



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6 Reasons to Put Your Phone Away

by @Inner_Drive
www.innerdrive.co.uk



Lowens Concentration

Having your phone out while doing homework or revision has been shown to reduce performance by 20%.



Increases FOMO

Fear of Missing Out (FOMO), or the compulsive need to know what others are doing leads to worse moods and increased anxiety.



Increases Stress and Anxiety

Over use of mobile phones leads to increased anxiety, feelings of loneliness and low self-esteem. Reliance on mobile phones can cause irritation, frustration and impatience.



Worps Your View of Reality

Nobody is as happy as they seem on Facebook or as wise as they appear on Twitter.



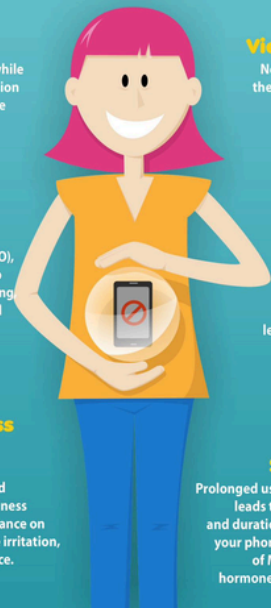
Reduces Memory

Instant messages are distracting, which often leads to forgetfulness



Makes You Sleep Worse

Prolonged use of a mobile phone leads to poor sleep quality and duration. The backlight on your phone delays the release of Melatonin, which is a hormone important for sleep.



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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.

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