

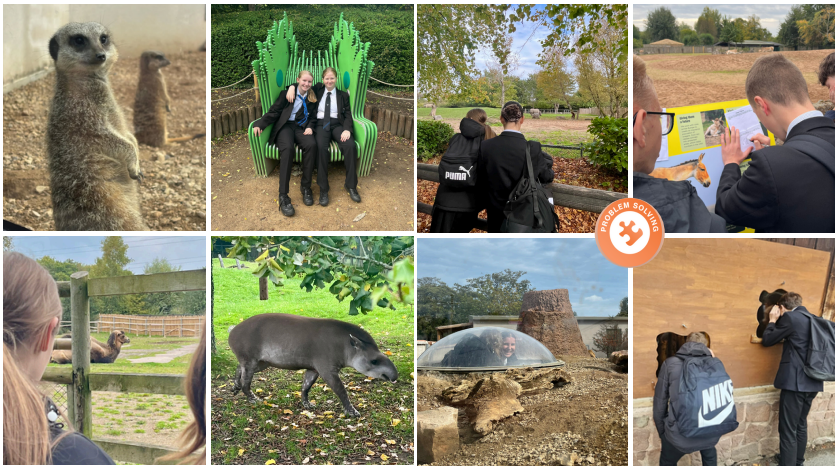
# Friday Focus



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

Photo of the week  
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## YEAR 10 VISIT CHESTER ZOO

Year 10 geographers had a fantastic day at Chester Zoo. As part of their Living World topic they have studied the species found in the rainforest and desert ecosystems. Students were lucky enough to see both the jaguar and tigers! We hope students enjoyed the day.

### Year 12 Maths Subject Ambassadors



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### Year 12 Further Maths Subject Ambassadors



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## YEAR 12 SUBJECT AMBASSADORS

Introducing our Year 12 subject ambassadors for maths and further maths. Students have already made a great start in their roles helping out at the Year 6 Open Evening. Staff are looking forward to them getting start on the projects they have planned which includes supporting and tutoring younger students with maths.

## WELCOME

Our assemblies next week will have a focus on our core value of kindness as we launch our annual appeal for the Trussell Trust's foodbank. Donations of non-perishable items will be collected at the end of the week before the items get delivered to the warehouse so they can be distributed to local people in need of support. Students should bring items to the student leadership area before school. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Mrs Johnson  
Headteacher

**Pride, Respect & Kindness**

## SPOOKY NEW READS HAVE LANDED IN THE LIBRARY!

Just in time for Halloween, our library has some brand-new, seriously spooky books for you to sink your teeth into

Thanks to the generous donation from Miss Matthias, students can now dive into eerie worlds filled with vampires, faeries, and supernatural adventures.







## YEAR 9 SPORTS JOURNALISTS

Our junior sports journalists have been hard at work over the last two weeks. Mason has been capturing some photos of our Sixth Form Port Vale Football Programme. Whereas Adam and Michael have been interviewing the coach and one of the players to get their views ahead of the new season. Here is their report:

"Today we got the opportunity to speak to the PVFC Blythe Bridge Sixth Form team. When the coach was asked about his latest Year 12 players, he said they settled in quite well and that they're enjoying their football, working hard, and getting their training in. The training as of now consists of the basics - mostly possession drills. They look forward to their first match on Wednesday, and the coach thinks he has a good group with lots of quality that could do very well throughout the season.

We also spoke to Nikoli, one of the Year 13 players. He thinks they are looking more promising this season and hopes he can encourage them to do well. The team has developed their ability and their team morale. He enjoys representing our school and PVFC in matches across the country and has recognised the opportunities and knowledge he has gained. A team goal has not been established just yet but it's clear they want the title! As a personal goal this year Nikoli wants to be a leader on and off the pitch, contribute more to matches, get at least 15 goals/assist and hopefully win a personal award."

Great report Adam and Michael!

## UKMT CHALLENGE

Well done to our Year 12 and 13 girls who took part in last week's UKMT competition, a chance for them to compete against other students from across the country tackling challenging maths problems.



# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

**Name: Laura**

**Education Mental Health Practitioner**

**All about me**

Hi, I'm Laura, from the Mental health Support Team (MHST) working within Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form.

I am an Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) and my role involves supporting young people and their families with mild to moderate mental health challenges using Low Intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LICBT). Together we work to identify and address difficult emotions and feelings.

I work in partnership with the school's Mental Health Lead to deliver a whole school approach to mental health; this includes educational workshops, groups, and training to reduce the stigma and improve outcomes for the whole school community.

**Our core offer**

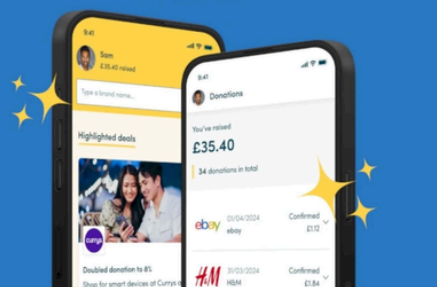
I support pupils with:

- Worry management
- Anxiety
- Panic management
- Low Mood
- Sleep
- Problems solving
- Exam Stress

If you would like to know more, please speak to Mrs Owen (School mental health Lead) or email: [mhstenuquiries@combined.nhs.uk](mailto:mhstenuquiries@combined.nhs.uk)



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2. Install the app and Donation Reminder extension.
3. Activate your donation before shopping online and the retailer will automatically donate to us for free!

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## AUTUMN TERM MONDAY P4 CITIZENSHIP

- Year 7: Health and wellbeing
- Year 8: What are the effects of smoking and vaping?
- Year 9: How can we manage stress?
- Year 10: What is happiness?
- Year 11: Revision skills



## KEY DATES

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October
  - Primary Cluster Concert
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October
  - Percy Jackson Theatre Trip
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October
  - HE/ apprenticeship fair
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October
  - Year 7-11 Flu immunisations
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October
  - Sixth Form Open Evening



## CAREERS SPOTLIGHT - BENCHMARK 8

Many thanks to Kingsmead School for inviting a group of Year 12 & 13 students to their Oxbridge Hub evening. The feedback from staff and students was extremely positive and the information shared by the Oxford University outreach team has already been discussed in school.

We are delighted to be working with other schools within the JTMAT to ensure students to have high aspirations for their next steps beyond the sixth form.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Many congratulations to the 25 students who have applied to become year group ambassadors. It is fantastic to see so many of you apply for this opportunity and you will all receive achievement points in recognition of your hard work.

For more information about the other student leadership opportunities available, please see the information below.

### Student Leadership Opportunities...Join today!

**Aims of Student Leadership**

- To empower students to work in partnership with the school towards shared goals.
- To enable creativity to flourish as the school community benefits from the wealth of experiences, ideas, skills and sense of fun that students bring.
- To provide opportunities for students to develop leadership skills through a variety of inspiring and challenging school improvement projects.
- To prepare students for their futures, and for achieving personal and professional excellence after formal education.

Head Prefects		Year 12 Subject Ambassadors		
Year 11 Prefects				
Year Group Ambassadors	PRK Champions	EDI Champions	Skills Champions	Literacy Leaders
Charity Champions	Year 7 Inspires Leaders	Sports Leaders	House Captains	Dance Leaders

Those interested should speak to Mrs Avons or email [e.avons@bb-hs.co.uk](mailto:e.avons@bb-hs.co.uk)

## M E N U C H O I C E

STREETARIES LUNCH MENU		TRADITIONAL			
WEEK 1	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>MAIN</b> Penne Bolognese Bake with Creamy Garlic Topping Veggie Bolognese Bake with Creamy Garlic Topping <b>SIDES</b> Italian Tomato & Green Salad Steamed Rice Stir Fried Asian Vegetable	<b>Italian MON</b> Penne Bolognese Bake with Creamy Garlic Topping Veggie Bolognese Bake with Creamy Garlic Topping <b>SIDES</b> Italian Tomato & Green Salad Steamed Rice Stir Fried Asian Vegetable	<b>PRN ASIAN TUE</b> Chinese Style Sweet & Sour Chicken Chinese Style Vegetable Curry <b>SIDES</b> Steamed Rice Stir Fried Asian Vegetable	<b>Home WED</b> Roast Pork & Stuffing with Gravy Maple Buttered Pull Pastry Slice <b>SIDES</b> Skin On Garlic Roasted Red Cabbage & Carrots	<b>Home THU</b> Cottage Pie with Cheesy Chick Mash Veggie Cottage Pie <b>SIDES</b> Green Beans Breadcrumbs Sweet & Sour Veg (Noodleless)	<b>Chips &amp; More FRI</b> Choose from: Buttered Pot, Sausage or Veg Sausage (battered or plain), Margherita Pizza, Chicken Nuggets, Chips <b>SIDES</b> Minty Peas, Roast Beans, Gravy or Curry Sauce
<b>ITALIAN TOMATO PASTA DAILY - PASTA &amp; NOODLE POTS - ITALIAN TOMATO PASTA DAILY</b> GARLIC PULLED CHICKEN ALFREDO (Pasta)   CHINESE CHICKEN CURRY (Noodleless)   CLASSIC MEATBALL MARGHERITA (Pasta)   SHEET & SOUR VEG (Noodleless)   PROTEIN MAC & CHEESE					
<b>DELICIOUS</b> PEEK BUTTERABLE CRUNCH WINGS CHICKEN TIKKA & MINT YOGHURT <b>BIG BOWL SALAD</b> Apples Cookies <b>DESSERTS</b> Daily Meal Deals Regular Chef's Specials		<b>DAILY!</b> JACKET POTATOES - Regular - CHIPS - FISH MASH - OR SIMPLY PLEAS Freshly Made From Scratch Fresh Cut Fruit & Yoghurt Pots Available Daily HANDCRAFTED DELI SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES, WRAPS, SALADS & MORE!			

## ASSEMBLIES

Year 7-11: Harvest  
Year 12: House Leadership  
Year 13: Preparing for Interview



Group	Block 1 (B)
Year 7 Girls AC	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept - 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Year 7 Girls DV	Netball
Year 7 Boys AC	Tramp
Year 7 Boys DV	Football
Year 7 Boys AC	Rugby
Year 8 Girls AC	Netball
Year 8 Girls DV	Football
Year 8 Boys AC	Swimming
Year 8 Boys DV	Rugby
Year 9 Girls AC	Football
Year 9 Girls DV	Netball
Year 9 Boys AC	Rugby
Year 9 Boys DV	Volleyball



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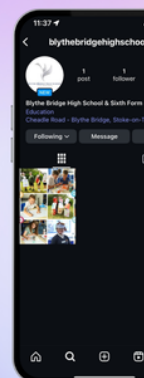
A reminder for students to check their timetables and bring in the correct kit for their PE lessons with appropriate footwear. Please also remember to bring in ingredients for food technology lessons.

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## 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:



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# Free School Meals



**HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?**

**See if you are entitled...  
It costs nothing to try, so why not give it a go!**

You may be eligible for support via benefits related Free School Meals if you meet any of the following low income entitlement criteria:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance. Please note the 'new style' job seekers allowance is not a qualifying benefit.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance. Please note the 'new style' employment and support allowance is not a qualifying benefit.
- Eligible for Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more than £16,190.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit
- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods). Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions and does not include income from Universal Credit or any other benefits you may receive.

**Even if your child prefers packed lunch, it is worth registering to receive benefits such as:**

- A discounted place on some school trips
- Year 6 Headstart pack on transition including one school tie and headphones
- 20% voucher for National Schoolwear, Hanley
- Access to free food and activities during the school holidays

**Help the school by registering for Free School Meals!**

By registering for Free School Meals, you will also allow school to receive PUPIL PREMIUM, which is extra money from the government to support children from families on lower incomes. The funding that school receives can be used for a range of interventions including help with costs of school trips, music fees, teaching assistant staff, after school programmes and equipment.

The Pupil Premium strategy can be found on the school website.

**Holiday Activities and Food**



[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/Holiday-activities-and-food/Holiday-Activities-and-Food.aspx](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/Holiday-activities-and-food/Holiday-Activities-and-Food.aspx)



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