

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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IN AID OF THE PRK COMMITTEE AND AFRICAN ADVENTURES
BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN DISCO
FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 2025
MAIN HALL 5-7 PM
£2 TICKETS

ELECTRIFYING MUSIC FROM DJ JAMES
BRING MONEY TO BUY REFRESHMENTS
WEAR A HAUNTING OUTFIT TO EARN THE PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED



#HelloYellow M&S | YOUNGMINDS

HELLO YELLOW

Our school took part in Hello Yellow on Friday 10th October (World Mental Health Day) to raise awareness and funds for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health. It was fantastic to see the school scattered with bright yellow clothing and accessories to show our support for mental health awareness.

www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/



Earlier this week I received the sad news that our former headteacher Miss Judy Wyman has passed away after a period of ill health. She led the school from 1992 until 2005 and although won't have been known to many current staff and students I am sure that with many parents who used to attend our school will remember her fondly. When she retired from headship she dedicated another twenty years to education in Staffordshire, working with local authority officers and union representatives as well as schools and MATs. We are waiting to hear about arrangements to celebrate her life and how as a school we can contribute, but send our condolences to her family and friends.

Mrs Johnson
Headteacher

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Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form
Sixth Form Prospectus
2025-2026



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

We look forward to welcoming Year 11 students and their families on Thursday 23rd October, 6-8pm, to our Sixth Form Options Evening.

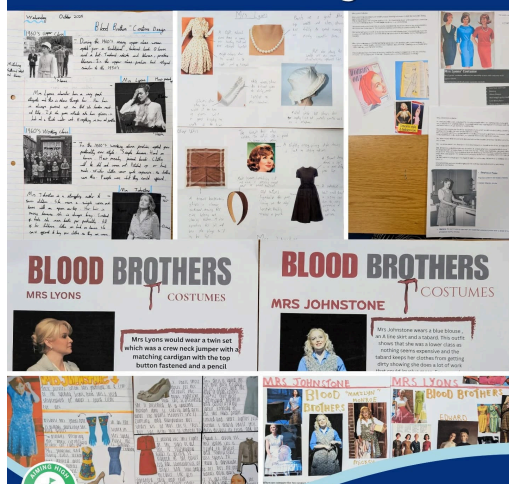
To book your place, please complete the MS Form on our website or via the link in the letter sent to parents and students.

Our prospectus is also available on the website for further information on the courses we offer and opportunities available at our sixth form.

If you would like any further information, please email c.alford@bb-hs.co.uk



Year 10 Performing Arts



FANTASTIC YEAR 10

Year 10 Performing Arts students have produced some great pieces of work looking into costume design ideas for the characters Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Lyons from Blood Brothers.

They have shown great understanding of the status and class of the two characters and how that would be shown through what they wear.



HOMEWORK

Year 7 and 8 students have in total completed a combined 6,820 homework in the Book of Knowledge so far this ½ term.

Of those only 17 students have not completed the expected homework at some point this term - they have been supported in doing so in sessions after-school with the help of staff.

This means that 99.75% of all homeworks set this term to year 7 and 8 have been completed! Congratulations to all students who are building their knowledge and understanding through engaging with the homework.

A big thank you to all parents and carers who are supporting this. Let's see if we can maintain this standard over the next three weeks.

New Books of Knowledge were handed out on Monday, students will need to keep their old booklet with them for two weeks to allow for marking and feedback in lessons.

Year 13 DT



SIXTH FORM DT

Some really exciting NEA projects were being prototyped and developed in DT this week using a wide range of processes from traditional hand tools and machinery to 3D printing and laser cutting.



The DT sixth form students were super excited to see the delivery of the brand new laser cutter this week.

Joe B was the first student to use it in the development of the mechanism for his mechanical dog treatment station.



SUBJECT AMBASSADORS

In DT this week, the Year 12 DT Subject Ambassadors demonstrated excellent leadership and communication as they supported our Year 6 transition lesson. Their guidance helped every pupil to successfully complete their BBHS maze project.



TOMORROW'S TEACHERS

A massive thank you to Mr Drew at Springcroft Primary who invited the Tomorrow's Teachers in for a tour of a school, and an insight into his very colourful career journey.



YEAR 6 TRANSITION

We are excited to welcome Year 6 students to our Transition Morning on Tuesday 21st October 2025 - designed especially for those who have not been able to visit us with their primary school!

Students will take part in fun, hands-on activities across Science and Technology, explore our school on a guided tour, and get a taste of what life is like at Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form.

Arrival: From 8:35am via the main gates on Cheadle Road (for an 8.45am start)

Finish: 11:55am - students should be collected by parents/carers

What to bring: Writing equipment, a snack and drink for breaktime, and wear your primary school uniform.

Spaces are limited - don't miss out! To find out more or reserve a place, please email Mrs N Pereira at n.swinson@bb-hs.co.uk



PUMPKIN PICKING

Look what our amazing students grew!

After months of hard work, our school garden is officially a pumpkin patch! Our students have been busy little gardeners, and we couldn't be prouder of their harvest. Time for some autumn fun!



LOOKING FORWARD



AUTUMN TERM MONDAY P4 CITIZENSHIP

Year 7: What are healthy habits?

Year 8: What are the effects of smoking and vaping?

Year 9: What is grief?

Year 10: What is happiness?

Year 11: Revision skills

Year 12 will be doing VESPA - with

a focus on attitude in citizenship,

Year 13 continue with Budgeting

with a focus on Pensions.



KEY DATES

Thursday 16th October

- HE/ apprenticeship fair

Wednesday 22nd October

- Year 7-11 Flu immunisations

Thursday 23rd October

- Sixth Form Open Evening



CAREERS SPOTLIGHT - BENCHMARK 5

Year 9 all took part in an engineering workshop delivered by Liam from 'The Inspirational Learning Group'. The developed new understanding on engineering and were set a team task design around 'critical load'. They all performed excellently, one student stated: "I've enjoyed it because it was hands on and I learnt some key skills about engineering."



ASSEMBLIES

Year 7 Equality Act 2010 and British Values

Year 8 & 9 Skills champions

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 11 Sixth Form Options Evening

Year 12: 'The importance of Work Experience'

Year 13: "Time Management and Revision: The Keys to Academic Success" with Miss Alford.



Group	Block 2 (5) 13 th Oct-21 st Nov
Year 7 Girls AC	Tramp
Year 7 Girls DV	Netball
Year 7 Boys AC	Rugby
Year 7 Boys DV	Football
Year 8 Girls AC	Football
Year 8 Girls DV	Netball
Year 8 Boys AC	Rugby
Year 8 Boys DV	Swimming
Year 9 Girls AC	Netball
Year 9 Girls DV	Football
Year 9 Boys AC	Volleyball
Year 9 Boys DV	Rugby



REMINDER

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.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Join the PRK Committee

- Do you want to get involved in school events?
- Do you want to champion Pride, Respect & Kindness?
- Do you want to make new friends and help support with extra curricular activities?
- Do you want to sell tickets, make decorations and help lead our annual Christmas Fayre?

Complete the short MS Form on the FROG assignment to register your interest.

Weekly PRK Club will begin on Tuesday 4th November 3.10 - 4.10 - everyone welcome!



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MENU CHOICE

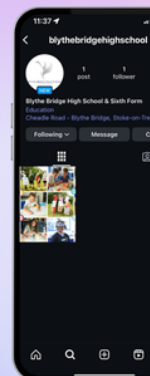
STREATERIES	LUNCH MENU	TRADITIONAL
WEEK 2	MEXICAN	INDIAN
MON	TUE	WED
MAINS	MAINS	MAINS
SIDES	SIDES	SIDES
DELICIOUS	DELICIOUS	DELICIOUS
BIG BOWL	BIG BOWL	BIG BOWL
DESSERTS	DESSERTS	DESSERTS

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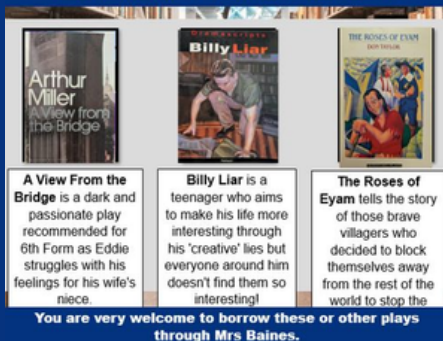


Drama Reading

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:



Check this out

Did you know you can raise free donations for Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form every time you shop online? With over 7,500 retailers including Tesco, Amazon, John Lewis and more, a percentage of what you spend is donated to our school at no extra cost to you. Signing up takes just a moment and is completely free – simply scan the QR code below to get started and help support our students.



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



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

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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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



To apply, visit the Staffordshire County Council website
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educational-awards-benefits/freeschoolmeals/apply-online.aspx