

Friday Focus



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

Photo of the week #weareblythe



YEAR 10 PREFECT OPPORTUNITY

Applications for Year 10 students to become Prefects in Year 11 are now open! Are you ready to step up and make a difference in our school community?

Deadline: Monday 8th June at 8:00am

How to apply: Check FROG for full details and application information. Don't miss this opportunity to take on a leadership role, support others, and represent your school.

Good luck to all applicants!

WELCOME

Parents/carers will know that we have recently moved across onto a new information management system, Bromcom. As part of this system, parents are now able to receive information through an app 'My Child at School'. This will provide access to a range of details including your son/daughter's timetable and lesson scores as well as information previously accessed through FROG. Access to this app can be obtained by following the instructions in Dr Mitchell's email sent on Friday 22nd May.

For parents/carers of our new Year 7, further details will be shared at our information evening at the end of June.

Mrs Johnson
Headteacher

Pride, Respect & Kindness



YEAR 7 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

A massive well done to Year 7, who made some delicious sausage rolls in food technology this week. Flaky pastry? Check! Working together to cook and clean? Double check! We're sure everyone at home will be happy to sample the sausage rolls - bon appétit!



Hug in a Bag

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HUG IN A BAG PROJECT

A huge thank you to our Year 7 students who have contributed to the Hug in a Bag project. A special thank you to those who came to help package the items - the empathy, thoughtfulness and compassion they demonstrated in the process was wonderful to see.



YEAR 10 BAKE BREAD

Our Year 10 Food Technology students have been busy developing their baking skills, and the results were fantastic! 🍞👏

A special mention goes to Tor, whose freshly baked bread looked incredible and smelled absolutely delicious. Topped with a little butter, it was a real treat! ✨

Well done to all of our Year 10 students for their hard work, creativity, and effort in the kitchen.

YEAR 7 INSPIRES GROUP



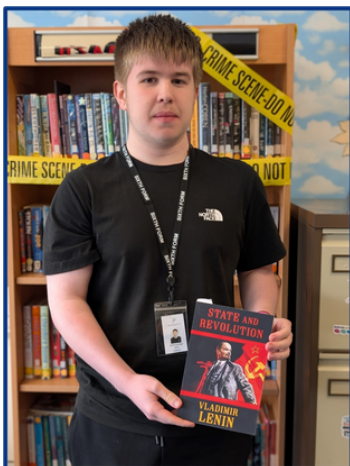
Miss Matthias and the Year 7 Inspires Group have been busy this academic year, with the final group taking on the different set of activities, building on different essential skills from teamwork and listening to getting creative and exploring the library with the help of librarian Mrs Jones and building their confidence.



READING ADVOCATE: DANIEL C



State and Revolution by Vladimir Lenin



I found State and Revolution really interesting. Lenin explains his ideas about capitalism, class systems and what he believed a socialist state should look like after a revolution. It gave me a much better understanding of the beliefs behind the Russian Revolution and why communism became so influential in the twentieth century.

What I liked most was how passionate and direct the writing felt. It was fascinating to see how strongly Lenin argued his views and criticised other political systems. I usually read books about history and politics, so this was exactly the type of book I enjoy.



SUMMER TERM MONDAY P4 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Year 7: Why do societies make laws?

Year 8: How do elections shape who makes decisions?

Year 9: Beyond voting when older, how can I have a say now?

Year 10: How is power organised in the UK?

Year 12 are on study leave for Year 12

mock exams next week

KEY DATES

Tuesday 9th June

- Year 5 Science Day

Monday 15th - Friday 19th June

- Year 12 Work Experience Week

Monday 15th June

- Paris trip parents' evening

Tuesday 16th June

- Year 6 Diamond Day

Wednesday 17th June

- Year 4 Olympic Legacy Day



CAREERS SPOTLIGHT - BENCHMARK 3 & 8

Year 10 have almost completed speaking with all Year 7 on their ideas for future career pathways, Year 10 Skills Champions are looking forward to analysing all their responses to see how the careers team can support them further.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Prefect Applications Still Open

If they have not already done so, Year 10 students are encouraged to apply for the Year 11 prefect roles due to start in September. We have had many applications come in and would like to see even more from many of our excellent year 10 students.

Sixth Form Head Students.

The application stage for the sixth form head student roles open to all Year 12s has now closed. Thank you to all that have applied. We will communicate next week about the next stage of the selection process.

House

All results for the latest KS3 PE Curriculum events are now in and will be displayed and updated in next week's update. We also have the fantasy football results which will also be presented next week. There are many other House competitions happening this half term.

Student Leadership Gala

The Students Leadership Gala awards evening is on 23rd June. We will be sending out all nominations for awards very soon.

HOUSE UPDATES

Upcoming Competitions

- KS3 Art Competition
- Spitfire/History Modelling
- Xbox competition
- Chess tournament
- 6th Form Netball and Volleyball competitions (to include staff)
- KS3 Sports Day

Latest Points

- Sphinx: 2243 (1st)
- Pegasus: 1898 (2nd)
- Centaur: 1799 (3rd)
- Serpent: 1577 (4th)

Competition for events continued throughout the year

- Chess league
- Fantasy football league

Dates, details and any more events to be communicated in the coming days and weeks.

MENU CHOICE

Those in receipt of free school meals are entitled to £2.72 per day.

ASSEMBLIES

Year 7 - Year 10: Anne Frank



Group	Block 7 (8) 18 th May - 17 th July
Year 7 Girls AC	Athletics & S&F
Year 7 Girls DV	Athletics & S&F
Year 7 Boys AC	Athletics & S&F
Year 7 Boys DV	Athletics & S&F
Year 8 Girls AC	Athletics & S&F
Year 8 Girls DV	Athletics & S&F
Year 8 Boys AC	Athletics & S&F
Year 8 Boys DV	Athletics & S&F
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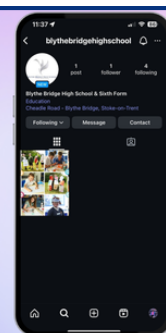
A reminder for students to check their timetables and bring in the correct kit for their PE lessons with appropriate footwear. Please also remember to bring in ingredients for food technology lessons.

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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:



Lady Windermere's Fan is a classic Oscar Wilde play that delves into society, shame and appearance!



Katrina is set in America after Hurricane Katrina which wiped out huge chunks of New Orleans in 2005.



Sparkleshark follows Jako who writes magical and fantastic stories in his secret book to hide from bullies.

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

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Arrive 4:45 pm (5 pm start)
Finish 6 pm
Limited spaces (20)

Dates
28 June 2026
28 August 2026

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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



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