

# Friday Focus

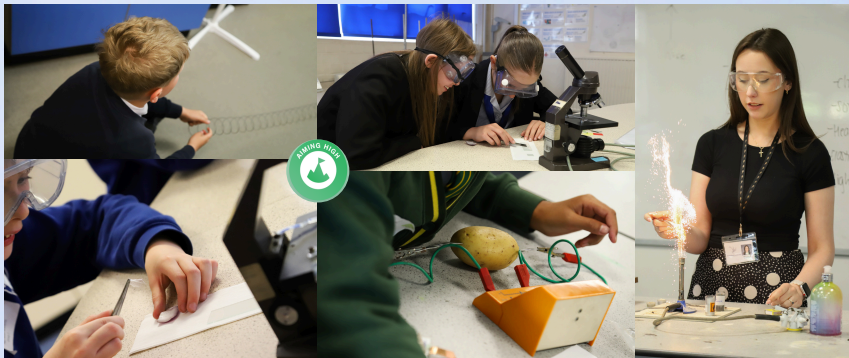


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Highlights of this week's news at school and forthcoming events

Photo of the week #weareblythe



## YEAR 5 SCIENCE DAY

All of the teachers were thoroughly impressed by the Year 5 pupils and the enthusiasm they showed during our Science Day on Tuesday. From microscopes and moments to levers, sound and energy, pupils enjoyed a hands-on experience with a range of practical activities, experiments and demonstrations led by our staff. Mrs Ashcroft described their enthusiasm as "another level", and we couldn't agree more! Well done, Year 5!

## WELCOME

Leadership underpins many of the extra curricular opportunities for students in school and we are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our student leaders in the annual student leadership gala later this month. Alongside this, the prefect nominations for Year 10 students are being considered as well as the Head of School applications from our Year 12 students. Students will take up these prestigious roles from September and we look forward to working with them across all aspects of school life.

Mrs Johnson  
Headteacher

Pride, Respect & Kindness



## YEAR 7 PE

Cracking effort from our Year 7 boys in PE last week! The boys showed excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and plenty of enthusiasm during their cricket game with Mr Jackson. Well done!



## PRIDE RESPECT KINDNESS

Year 8 students made Mrs Adams' day last week displaying our core values of pride, respect and kindness. In English, Noah demonstrated pride in his work offering to read his narrative to the class. Students listened with respect and showed kindness with an impromptu round of applause at the end.

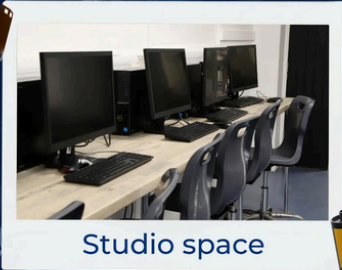
Great work Year 8 and well done Noah!



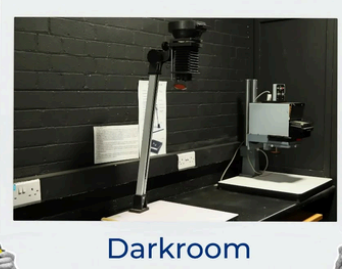
## ANNIE TRIP

There are a few spaces available on the trip to see Annie at the Regent Theatre on October 13th. Any student interested please email [k.baines@bb-hs.co.uk](mailto:k.baines@bb-hs.co.uk). La Voix is scheduled to appear as Miss Hannigan in this production. Deadline to secure your place is Friday 12th June.

## Considering studying photography A Level?



Studio space



Darkroom



Pride · Respect · Kindness



## SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS

We're reaching out to our amazing community and local businesses for support! Our school football programme continues to grow, with multiple teams across different year groups proudly representing the school. To give every player the opportunity to perform at their best, we're looking to secure new kits for all our teams.

<b>WHAT WE NEED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Match kits for multiple year groups</li> <li>Training wear to support development sessions</li> <li>Updated equipment to ensure all teams are fully equipped</li> </ul>
<b>HOW YOU CAN HELP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your company logo displayed on team kits</li> <li>Recognition across our social media platforms and school community</li> <li>The chance to make a real difference to young people in sport</li> </ul>
<b>WHY GET INVOLVED?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support local young people in achieving their potential</li> <li>Help promote teamwork, discipline and a healthy, active lifestyle</li> <li>Invest in the future of our community and our school</li> </ul>
If you're interested in sponsoring or would like to get more information, please get in touch by emailing Mr Flint	<b>MR FLINT</b> <a href="mailto:c.flint@bb-hs.co.uk">c.flint@bb-hs.co.uk</a>

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PLAYERS AND OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## COULD YOU SPONSOR OUR FOOTBALL TEAMS?

## YEAR 11 REVISION

We've been impressed by all of our students who are currently sitting their exams. Mrs N Johnson was particularly impressed by a group of Year 11 students who have continued to attend breakfast club before their revision sessions to get some extra revision in. Well done team!



## A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Considering studying photography A Level? Students have access to their own studio and darkroom in the Sixth Form.

We have some spaces available for students interested in photography in Year 12 and Year 13 from September 2026. Please contact [c.alford@bb-hs.co.uk](mailto:c.alford@bb-hs.co.uk) to enquire about our photography course and other options available at Sixth Form.

## READING ADVOCATE: TODD AND RILEY



Todd R & Riley L are reading: *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne

As a class, we really enjoyed reading 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' during form time. We both like history, so learning about World War II through a story made it interesting and engaging. One thing we both liked was Bruno's resilience. Even though he is unhappy about moving away from his friends and living somewhere new, he tries to stay positive and finds ways to keep himself occupied. He is curious, determined and manages to make a friend despite the barriers between them. We thought the friendship between Bruno and Shmuel was the best part of the story because it showed kindness and loyalty in difficult circumstances. The ending was very powerful and left a lasting impression on us.



# 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.

## 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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**Details**  
Blythe Bridge High School Pool  
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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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## 6 Reasons to Put Your Phone Away

by @Inner\_Drive  
[www.innerdrive.co.uk](http://www.innerdrive.co.uk)

**Lowers 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.



**Warp's 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.

# plus

BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

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Funding for Selected Routes

Full or Part-Time Routes

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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 ●  
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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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