

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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WELCOME

My thanks go to all the staff and students who made last night's open evening such a success. The hall was full for both presentations and the tour guides were kept extremely busy showing Year 6 students and their parents around school. Special mention to Mr Jackson who puts in huge amounts of time to ensure that everything runs so smoothly. I am sure that the 200+ students who volunteered to help will appreciate today's INSET day!

Mrs Johnson
Headteacher

Pride, Respect & Kindness



SHREK UPDATE

Welcome to Duloc! Our wonderful cast of Shrek had their first rehearsal this week with Mrs Baines introducing characters and backstories, Miss Balewski practising catchy songs and Mrs Baxter perfecting those dance moves, it's shaping up to be our best production yet!

CHESS LEAGUE 26 / 27

Have you got what it takes to be the grandmaster of your year group?

Lunchtimes in Room 10

Bring your lunch!

Week 1: Friday
Year 7, 8 and 9

Week 1: Wednesday
Year 10, 11, 12 and 13



YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

It was wonderful to welcome so many families through our doors, with Year 6 children exploring everything Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form has to offer. From swimming in our pool and getting active with sport, to art, cookery and our ever-popular library, there was something to spark everyone's interest. Across the many departments, classrooms were filled with excitement, curiosity and plenty of questions! A huge thank you to all the families who joined us - and to our brilliant staff and students who helped make the evening such a success.



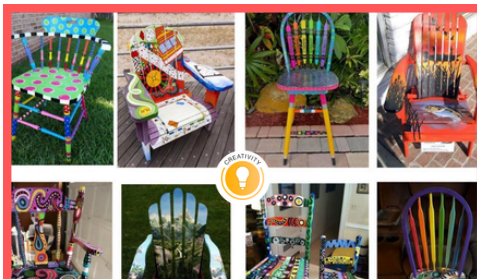


OUTSTANDING OLIVER

A huge congratulations to Oliver F in Year 11! Oliver had the fantastic opportunity to represent Port Vale U18s on Tuesday in a cup fixture at Vale Park. Playing 85 minutes of the match, Oliver made a significant impact by providing two assists. After trailing 2-1 at half-time, his team battled back to lead 3-2 before he was substituted. Unfortunately, the opposition found a dramatic equaliser in the 96th minute. A massive well done to Oliver on being selected to play at this level and for contributing two assists in such an exciting game. We are very proud of your achievement!

CROSS COUNTRY

Huge congratulations to our girls team for kicking off the cross-country season! Some fantastic individual performances. Well done to Poppy W for a solid second place finish 🏆 A special mention to our U14s (Y8/Y9) for winning the team event, and our Y7 team finishing in a brilliant 3rd place! Wishing you every success in Race 2! A reminder our cross country club runs every week, please speak to Mrs Davies for more details.



TAKE A SEAT COMPETITION

Take a Seat is the first sixth form competition of the year and the challenge set by the art department is open to all Year 12 & 13 students. Can you upcycle a chair to go on display in a corner of our school? Students can provide their own chair, alternatively chairs will be provided by the art department on a first come first served basis. Please express your interest to Mrs Johnson in Art. What will your chair represent? - your favourite subject, book, theatre show, music? There is no brief- Just let your creativity flow! Deadline 1st December 2026



TEA TIME TALK

This week, our students began their journey through THRIVE—our revised personal development programme at BBHS. Through THRIVE, students will experience a wide range of opportunities beyond the academic curriculum, helping them develop as confident young adults and responsible members of society. We hope these experiences will also inspire meaningful conversations at home as we work together to help every student thrive at Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Last week, our Silver Award students headed off on an expedition! They had successful walking days and cooked some nutritious evening meals. They didn't dampen their enthusiasm or appetites! Many thanks to Ms Hanvey and 'Team Hayes' for supporting our students.

READING ADVOCATE



Treasure K is reading 'Unravel Me' by Tahereh Mafi

I really enjoyed *Unravel Me* because it combines two of my favourite genres, dystopian and romance, all in one book. The story was exciting and emotional, and I liked how the relationships between the characters developed throughout the book. It kept me interested and made me want to keep reading to find out what would happen next. My favourite character is Aaron Warner because I like how supportive he can be and how he treats Juliette. I found him one of the most interesting characters in the story and enjoyed learning more about him. I definitely want to carry on reading the rest of the books in the series because I really want to know what happens next.



AUTUMN TERM PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Year 7: Health & Wellbeing: Healthy habits for adolescence
 Year 8: Identity & Equality: Protected characteristics and equal treatment
 Year 9: Relationships: Consent, readiness and respectful intimacy
 Year 10: Voice & Vigilance: Online harms: sextortion, pornography and deepfakes
 Year 11: Thinking & Choices: Financial products, contracts and consumer rights

KEY DATES

Friday 25th September

- European Day of Languages
- MacMillan Coffee Morning for Year 11 & Sixth Form

Monday 28th September - Friday 2nd October

- Year 11 MFL speaking mock exams

Tuesday 6th October

- Primary cluster concert

Thursday 8th October

- Year 12 University / Apprenticeship Visit



CAREERS SPOTLIGHT BENCHMARK 8

Year 11 have started to receive their independent advice career interviews this week. We advise all students to make the most of this opportunity and ask questions!



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Next week sees the launch of many Student Leadership offers. Year 7 to Year 11 assemblies will focus on Student Leadership and the various opportunities available to our students. Our Year 11 prefects have already been very proactive and been a credit to the school on our open evening, where they guided prospective parents around the school.

Details will be shared on how to be involved in each Leadership strand next week. However, if unsure, students should speak with Mr Sturmeay on how to be involved. We are looking forward to having many students involved in our leadership program demonstrating the very best of Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form.

Next week will also see the start of our KS4 Literacy Leaders reading with our younger students which has proven to have great impact in the past.



ASSEMBLIES

Year 7- Year 11: Student Leadership

Sixth Form: Harvest: Giving thanks for the food and resources we have whilst raising awareness that not everyone has enough food or basic necessities. This will lead to sense of community responsibility as we aim to raise donations for local food banks.



Group	Block 1 (6) 1 st Sept – 9 th Oct
Year 7 Girls AC	Netball
Year 7 Girls DV	Swimming
Year 7 Boys AC	Football
Year 7 Boys DV	Rugby
Year 8 Girls AC	Swimming
Year 8 Girls DV	Netball
Year 8 Boys AC	Handball
Year 8 Boys DV	Rugby
Year 9 Girls AC	Swimming
Year 9 Girls DV	Netball
Year 9 Boys AC	Rugby
Year 9 Boys DV	Volleyball



MENU CHOICE

STREATERIES

MAINS

VEGETARIAN

DESSERTS

NOT JUST POTATOES... LOADED SPUDS!

HOT DELI KITCHEN

PASTA, RICE & NOODLE POTS

BIG BOWLS SALADS

MEAL DEALS

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

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.



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



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
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FACILITIES ● HARD COURTS
SWIMMING POOL



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EASY FUNDRAISING

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.



Funding
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Routes

Full or
Part-Time
Routes

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Experience

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