

Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form Newsletter

October 2026

Pride - Respect - Kindness



Enjoy catching up on the latest news and events from our busy half term. We welcomed new cohorts in Year 7, Year 12, and met new staff. We also started rehearsals for Shrek Jr, raised money for charity and much more!

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the first full newsletter of the academic year. With so much to update you on from the first half term, as well as news from before the summer, we didn't want to wait until the end of term.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all our Year 11 and Year 13 students on their amazing achievements in GCSE, A-level and BTEC qualifications. With such a great set of results, both results mornings were lovely times to be in school and share in the students' successes. Many of our Year 13 students have already embarked on their exciting next chapters, with degree apprenticeships, further education or places at universities across the country. We wish all our former students the very best with their future plans.

As we say our goodbyes to our leavers, we also welcome our new Year 7s into school – and what a fabulous impression you have made so far! I have lost count of the number of staff who have told me what an incredible first impression you have made and what a pleasure it is to teach you all. My thanks go to Mr Jackson, Mrs Davies and the team of tutors who built upon the successes of summer school to make the students' transition to high school so successful.

Finally, as usual, the diary is looking very busy next half term, with many evening events and trips planned. Look out for information coming through via the My Child at School app about timings, dates and other important details.

Have a lovely half term!

Mrs R E Johnson
Headteacher



BLYTHE BRIDGE
SIXTH FORM



**A PROUD PARTNER
SCHOOL OF JOHN
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BE SOMEONE
Sixth Form
Open Evening
Thursday 22nd
October
6pm

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Transition



Summer School 2026

Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form hosted its annual Year 6 summer school in late July and August for students starting high school in September. 129 students attended the three-day event, completing lessons including DT, cooking, business, French, art, science, PE, and a room hunt, allowing students to familiarise themselves with their new learning environment.

Year 7 student Wilson said, "I really enjoyed the summer school. I've visited Blythe lots with my primary school, and I recognised lots of the other students. The activities were great fun, and I particularly enjoyed cooking and making my clock. The room hunt allowed me to explore the school."

Fellow student Amelie commented, "I found some of the lessons hard, including French, but I really enjoyed all of the activities. The science lessons were fab, and I got to use equipment I had never seen before. I would definitely recommend the summer school to other Year 6 students."

Parental comments included, "A wonderful range of activities and a holistic focus. A special thank you to all the staff involved in delivering a fantastic experience which has helped ease any anxiety before September."

"My daughter really enjoyed the food tech lessons. She also said the room hunt was really fun and helped her locate some of the classrooms. She came out on the final day very happy and ready to start school in September."

"A well planned out three days. Great to experience the different subjects and get to know their bearings. My daughter loved all the sports, science, making the clocks, but she especially loved baking. Many thanks to everyone. So lucky to have this experience. A great way to get ready for Year 7."



Year 6 Transition Mornings

Students attending Partnership schools have had the opportunity to attend their annual Year 6 Transition mornings in preparation for September 2027. Year 6 student Ida from Meir Heath Academy said, "The science was ace. I could see all the cells and hairs of the plant leaf. I really enjoyed creating the onion slides and meeting the Year 7 students." Fellow Year 6 student Marina from Forsbrook commented, "The DT was ace. I loved designing my maze, cutting the materials, and gluing it together. I'm looking forward to starting high school." We look forward to inviting Year 6 students back into Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th June for the annual Year 6 Intake days.

Year 6 Open Evening

Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form held its annual Year 6 Intake Evening on Thursday, 17th September. More than 490 people took the opportunity to engage in departmental activities offered within the Year 7 curriculum. Families also had the opportunity to listen to a short presentation from Headteacher Mrs Johnson and senior prefects, whilst watching extracts from our highly successful school production 'Annie' and our dance academy.

Parental feedback included:

"We loved the school, including its warm, calm and welcoming environment."

"Your guides were outstanding. They were proud to represent the school and spoke highly of the opportunities on offer."

"Staff were incredibly professional and welcomed us into their classrooms. They were interested in my child's achievements at their current school."

"This tour made my son very excited and can't wait to join you all very soon."

"Having to choose a high school for my child seemed very daunting but we now feel confident that he will enjoy and progress at Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form with help and support from the teachers and older students."

Parents are reminded that all applications must be submitted to the city council/authority where you live, no later than 31st October. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the application on 1st March.



BE SOMEONE



Choosing the right Sixth Form is one of the most important decisions your child will make. Blythe Bridge Sixth Form has a rich programme of enrichment, leadership and extra-curricular opportunities that help develop the confidence, skills and experiences sought by universities and employers alike, it is a place where everyone can 'Be Someone'. Below are quotes from the Class of 2026 about their time at our Sixth Form.

"The teachers at Blythe are amazing at offering support when you need it. With UCAS applications, the staff made a huge difference with helping people get a place at their dream university. There is a great sense of community and students always look out for each other." Sam is studying Geography at The University of Oxford

"Sixth Form was such a positive part of my journey, and I was lucky to have supportive teachers who always encouraged me and helped me get the most out of my course. Through my BTEC Sport course, I had the opportunity to lead PE sessions with younger students, and I took part in Tomorrow's Teachers, which gave me a real insight into what teaching is like and confirmed it's the career path I want to take. I'm now really excited to start my next chapter and gain more experience in schools while working towards becoming a primary school teacher." Carly is studying Primary Education at the University of Chester

"My time at Blythe Bridge Sixth Form was great. My teachers were always supportive and willing to help wherever and whenever they could. The leadership opportunities such as wellbeing champions and subject ambassadors allowed me to express my own thoughts and ideas. Trips such as field work with A level Geography have given me valuable experiences and great memories. I'm excited for my next chapter but also very sad to leave Blythe behind." Charlie is studying Biomedical Science at the University of Chester

Sixth Form

SIXTH FORM CENTRE



Our Sixth Form Centre underwent a big makeover over the summer holidays. A huge thanks to everyone who worked so hard to get the space ready for the start of term. Special mention to the site staff, IT staff, Mrs Hayes, and the massive team of contractors who were on site.



TOMORROW'S TEACHERS



Recently, the Tomorrow's Teachers had a session focused on the skills and qualities of an effective teacher. After prioritising their top nine, the group took on different roles as either students or teachers. The task, collaborate with others to teach your student how to make some biscuits. They discovered the importance of planning lesson timings, making verbal instructions clear and being patient!

TAKE A SEAT ART COMPETITION



Deadline 1st December 2026

'Take a Seat' is the first Sixth Form competition of the year and the challenge set by the art department is open to all Sixth Form 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!

Our Students Say It Best

Maths at high school is so fun, the teachers make it easy to understand and simple. I love PE because there's loads of sports to play and I like working as a team. I really like Mrs Burr, Miss Travis, Mr Sturmey and Mr Lunn.
Wilson D, Year 7

Since starting the new school year, I enjoy my subjects and they're getting more challenging, which has been cool. I feel I'm making good progress, and I find Business Studies really interesting.
Michael O, Year 10

I've enjoyed English lessons this half term as I love writing and my teacher, Mrs Gooding, is really helpful and encourages me to keep writing.
Harper J, Year 8

We can't wait to dress up for Children in Need after seeing the outfits across the years. We've loved the extra responsibility of being prefects and helping at the Open Evening, plus reading with the Year 7s as Literacy Leaders as we can help if they are struggling. We also love our history lessons & Mrs Avons is a fantastic teacher.
Paris B & Isobel L, Year 11

Taking part in the Year 6 Open Evening was a real highlight for me. Getting the chance to use the trampolines was fun and I like to practise my skills. Looking forward, I am excited to experience the out to work day in Year 9 and get some more hands-on work experience.
Teddy R, Year 9

We really loved going to Birmingham for the UCAS and Apprenticeship Convention. We got to speak to people and get ideas of possible courses to study. It was perfect for our future aspirations; plus, the freebies we got along the way! We're loving the freedom of Sixth Form and getting to study our chosen subjects in more depth, with staff who know us and really support us.
Alexis J, Keira S & Camelia P, Year 12



Spain Trip 2026

In July 2026, our fourteenth group of Year 10 students travelled to Tossa de Mar on the Costa Brava in Spain. The group were accompanied by Mrs Ashcroft, Mr James, Mrs Mitton, Mr Sutton and Mrs Yates, and flew from London Heathrow Airport to Barcelona.

We were lucky to complete many of the usual visits during the trip such as a visit to the PortAventura Theme Park, the Cosmo Caixa science museum, the city of Girona and its cathedral, and the city of Barcelona, including a guided walking and coach tour.

England were playing Argentina in the World Cup semi-finals during the visit, and the group was able to visit a Spanish bar to cheer on their team.

This year, we were very lucky to be able to visit the Montilivi Stadium, home to Girona FC. This was our first visit to this stadium, and students were able to visit the pitch and stands, the press room and the changing rooms.

We were also extremely fortunate, after trying for several years, to visit the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. This famous work by the architect Antoni Gaudí has been under construction for over 100 years and is nearing completion. Students completed a guided tour of the Sagrada Familia, before having time to take their own photos.

As ever, our students were a real credit to our school. A particular thank you to the staff who accompanied the visit for their hard work and effort.



Head of Year 7 Update

Year 7 have made a fantastic start to the new school year, and we are incredibly proud of how well our students have settled into life at school. They are establishing excellent routines, embracing new opportunities and already have many successes to celebrate. A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Year Ahead Evening. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers, and we hope you found the evening informative and helpful. The presentation from the evening has now been shared for families to refer back to throughout the year.

We have enjoyed celebrating the achievements of our students, including recognising our Stars of the Week. It is always a pleasure to hear about the many ways in which Year 7 students are demonstrating enthusiasm, kindness, resilience and a positive attitude to school life.

Our sporting calendar is also well underway, with the Cross-Country teams making a brilliant start to the season. In Race 1, the girls' team secured an impressive third place, while the boys' team produced a fantastic performance to finish in first place. Congratulations to everyone who represented the school, a superb achievement! Away from the sports field, auditions and rehearsals for Shrek are well underway. It has been fantastic to see Year 7 students getting involved and showing their talents. We have also been delighted by the number of students attending clubs across the board. Whether through sport, music, drama or other activities, Year 7 are certainly making the most of the opportunities available to them.

Our assemblies have been hugely successful too. We received a warm welcome from Mrs Johnson, who encouraged students to think about the gift of time. Mrs Adams introduced Year 7 to our Book of Knowledge, and most recently Dr Mitchell led an assembly celebrating National Poetry Week. Each assembly has given students something different to consider and has contributed positively to the strong sense of community developing within the year group.

It has been particularly pleasing to hear staff, students and members of our wider school community speaking so positively about Year 7 and how well they have settled. They have made an excellent impression, and we hope they continue to approach school life with the same enthusiasm and positivity.

There is still lots to look forward to throughout the remainder of our first term, including our much-anticipated Halloween Disco! Finally, a huge congratulations to all of our Year 7 students on such a successful start. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved already. Keep working hard, getting involved, supporting one another and making the most of every opportunity. We cannot wait to see what the rest of the term brings!

Mrs S Davies

Head of Year 7
Teacher of PE

Form stars of the term

7BG Ellana L
7CFL Leo P
7CG Bobby W
7DST Genevieve W
7GW Sophie B
7JJ Isabelle D
7NG Patsie W



Head of Year 8 Update

It has been wonderful to welcome Year 8 students back to school for the autumn term. They have made a really positive start, returning with enthusiasm, energy and a clear sense of purpose. It has been particularly pleasing to see students settling back into routines so quickly and embracing the opportunities that the new academic year brings.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Smith to the Year 8 team. Miss Smith will be taking on 8HBE while Mrs Bennett is away on maternity leave. We wish Mrs Bennett all the very best during this exciting time and look forward to welcoming her back. We are sure that 8HBE will make Miss Smith feel very welcome. Another welcomed new addition to the team is Mr Knight who comes with a wealth of pastoral experience and has taken on the form group from Miss Bloore.

Reading continues to be an important part of our Year 8 students' daily routines, particularly during form time. Each form has been given a different class read, providing students with the opportunity to explore a range of stories, characters and ideas together.

It has been enlightening to hear so many forms engaging in thought-provoking discussions about what they have read. Students have been discussing what has happened, sharing their ideas and predicting what might happen next. These discussions are a fantastic way of developing students' comprehension, vocabulary and critical-thinking skills, while also encouraging them to listen to and build upon the ideas of others. We hope that this passion for reading continues to grow throughout the year.

Mr Sturmeley delivered an exciting assembly introducing students to our House system and the many opportunities available to them. Students are encouraged to get involved, represent their House and contribute to the wider school community. There are also a range of student leadership opportunities available throughout the year. We want our Year 8 students to recognise that they have an important role to play in shaping school life, whether that is through House activities, leadership roles or taking part in wider school events. We would encourage every student to consider how they can get involved, challenge themselves and make a positive contribution.

As we settle into the new academic year, we would also like to remind students of some of the key expectations that help our school day run smoothly. These simple routines make a significant difference and help students to develop the habits and attitudes that will support their success throughout Year 8 and beyond.

- **School uniform:** Students should arrive each day wearing the correct school uniform and ensuring that it is smart and appropriate.
- **Punctuality:** Students are expected to arrive at lessons on time, ready to learn. Every minute of learning counts.
- **Equipment:** Students should come to school fully prepared with all the equipment they need for the day, including the correct stationery and any subject-specific resources.

Overall, it has been a fantastic start to the autumn term, and we are incredibly proud of the way our Year 8 students have returned to school. We look forward to seeing them continue to grow in confidence, develop their independence and make the most of the many opportunities ahead.

Mrs L Cartlidge

Head of Year 8
Curriculum Leader of Philosophy and Ethics

Form stars of the term

8EMF Grace H
8HBE Kyan B
8KKN Emily F
8LLM Ben H
8LM Thea B
8LRO Bella C
8SGF Leona S



Head of Year 9 Update

It has been a pleasure to welcome Year 9 students back to school and to see them settling positively into the new academic year. As we begin this important stage of their school journey, our expectations remain high. Students should arrive to lessons on time, fully equipped and ready to learn, following our school routines consistently. Completing homework on time and to a good standard is also essential, as it helps students to consolidate their learning and develop the independent study habits they will need in the years ahead.

Year 9 is an exciting and important year, particularly as students begin to think more carefully about the GCSE subjects they may wish to study. Although the options process will take place later in the year, now is the right time for students to start considering their strengths, interests and future aspirations. We encourage students to make informed and educated choices, thinking carefully about both their ability in a subject and how much they enjoy studying it. Choosing subjects for the right reasons will help students remain motivated and achieve their best throughout their GCSE studies.

Our Personal Development curriculum has also begun this term. During these lessons, students will explore our THRIVE curriculum, which covers a wide range of important topics: Thinking and Choices; Health and Wellbeing; Relationships; Identity and Equality; Voice and Vigilance; and Ethics, Democracy and Law. These lessons are designed to help students develop the knowledge, confidence and skills they need to make positive decisions, build healthy relationships and become responsible, thoughtful members of our school and wider community.

There is much to look forward to this year, both academically and personally. I am confident that, with positive attitudes, high standards and consistent effort, Year 9 can have a successful and rewarding year. I look forward to seeing all of our students continue to grow, develop and make the most of the opportunities ahead.

Miss E James

Head of Year 9

Teacher of PE

Form stars of the term

9DH Rosie H-C

9ESH Levi M

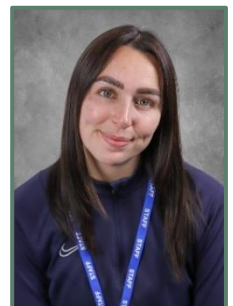
9JL Daisy W

9LG Flynn E

9NAZ Layla-Mae S

9RJJ Mia K

9SMY Emma C



Head of Year 10 Update

Year 10 have made an excellent start to the academic year, demonstrating real focus and maturity as they begin their GCSE courses. It has been great to hear feedback from staff with how they have taken on the new challenges with enthusiasm and commitment to their success. Many are studying subjects completely new to them, but they haven't let this stand in the way of their progress.

Beyond the classroom, our Year 10 students have also stepped up as ambassadors for the school. A number of them proudly represented the year group at the recent Year 6 Open Evening, where they impressed prospective parents with their confidence, politeness, and enthusiasm. The feedback we received from parents and future students was overwhelmingly positive, with many visitors commenting on how passionate and welcoming our students were.

There has been a strong focus on student leadership this half-term. Through form time discussions and assemblies, we've explored what it means to be a leader—not just in formal roles, but in everyday actions and attitude. It's been fantastic to see that the majority of the year group are already demonstrating leadership skills in their conduct, their commitment to learning, and the way they support one another. We're very much looking forward to seeing them grow into more formal leadership roles as the year progresses. This could be as house captains or as form representatives for school parliament.

In our recent assemblies, we've encouraged students to focus on spending their time well. Putting down their screens and investing in family and those around them, making every second count and never giving up on their goals. We have also focused on the use of poetry to document their lives and encourage students to produce their own.

Mr B Roberts

Head of Year 10

Teacher of History and Politics

Form stars of the term

10AMW Darcie F

10CBA Ruby M

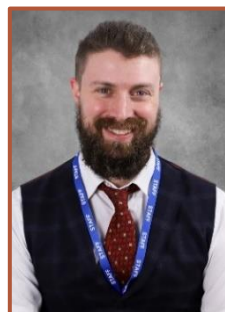
10EG Amber W

10JJT Aaron R

10KSA Myleigh W

10SAH Freddie A

10TS Samuel N



Head of Year 11 Update

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back for such an important year in their school journey. Year 11 have made an excellent start to the academic year, and we have received a significant amount of positive feedback from teaching staff about their attitude, effort and engagement in lessons.

We have been particularly impressed by the amount of revision many students have already completed. It is encouraging to see students taking ownership of their learning so early in the year and developing the habits that will support their success throughout their GCSE studies. It has been lovely to hear so many thoughtful conversations about post-16 pathways, future careers and aspirations beyond Year 11.

As we begin preparing for the months ahead, we strongly encourage students to attend the Study Skills Session taking place before the Sixth Form Open Evening. These will provide practical advice and support for students who may be unsure how to revise effectively, while also helping us continue to work in partnership with families to ensure every child achieves their very best.

Our Year 11 Prefect Team have made a fantastic start to their roles. It has been a pleasure to see our Lead Prefects already working alongside the Sixth Form Head Students to plan activities and opportunities for the school community. Their enthusiasm, commitment and leadership have been excellent, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact of the initiatives they put in place throughout the year.

We are incredibly proud of the start Year 11 have made and look forward to supporting them through what promises to be a successful and exciting year.

Miss K Fargher

Head of Year 11

Teacher of Science

Form stars of the term

11AK Freya C

11BRO Ava M

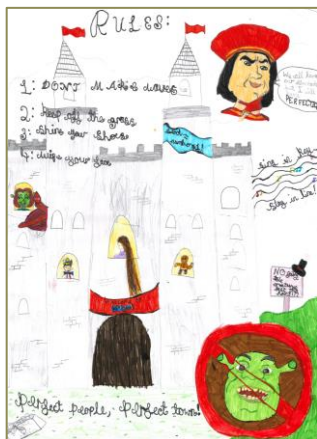
11GM Evie B

11KK Tor M

11KMP Isobel L

11NC Toby B



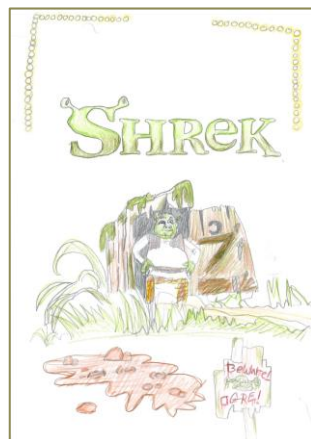
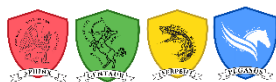


Isabelle D 7JJ Sphinx

Drama House Poster Competition

Feeling creative? Want to earn house points?

Design a poster for our school musical, Shrek Jr. Send your design to Mrs Baines at K.Baines@bb-hs.co.uk by Friday 23rd October. Good Luck!



Lucia S 7DST Pegasus

House Table Tennis

Thank you to all participants from the House table tennis competition! 35 competitors picked up their bats and took to the PE department to earn points for their houses.

Congratulations to:

Year 7 winner
Harry B, Centaur

Year 8 winner
Gene W, Sphinx

Year 10 winner
Kaeden C, Serpent

Sixth Form vs Staff winner
Mr Flint, Centaur

Other House Competitions

If you're keen to get involved and earn points for your house, check these out:

- Staff, Year 11 & Sixth Form Dodgeball & Netball
- Year 9 Art Competition
- All Years Twisted trailers. Mrs Roberts.(By 31st October)
- Chess League Mr Pugh. Room 10
- Fantasy Football League. Mr Pugh.



Sport Successes

Cross Country

A fantastic start to the cross-country season for our Blythe Bridge runners! Our U14 girls' team won their team event, with the Y7 team finishing an excellent 3rd place. Poppy W also secured a brilliant 2nd place finish. Our boys' teams enjoyed further success, with both the Y7 and U14 teams taking 1st place. Congratulations to Flynn E, who won the U14 race, alongside top-10 finishes for Isaac C, Finlay D, Jackson N and Harry N. Our U16 boys also put in some strong performances. Nine athletes recently competed in the Staffordshire Inter-Schools Cross Country Championships, with Isaac C (Y8), Harry N (Y7), Flynn E (Y9) and Finlay D (Y9) all qualifying to represent Staffordshire at the Inter-Counties Championships in November. Well done to all our runners – you did yourselves and the school proud!

Football

The U16 boys and girls 5-a-side teams travelled to Excel for the City 5-a-side tournament. Both teams did exceptionally well, winning their respective tournaments. It's great for them both to have success so early in the academic year, well done and hopefully a sign of more to come.

Fantastic Year 8

Congratulations to Isaac C and Millie P in Year 8 for excelling in running and taekwondo. Isaac won a county race, and Millie recently earned a First Degree Black Belt. Well done to you both on your success!



Highlights of the Term

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



What a wonderful atmosphere there was in the Sixth Form Centre for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Members of the student council & wellbeing champions served cake & hot drinks to staff, sixth formers and Year 11 students to raise money for a brilliant charity. Thanks to their support, we raised £220.99.

YEAR 7 INSPIRES GROUP



Ms Matthias and the Year 7 Inspires Group have been busy this half term, building on different essential skills, starting off by exploring the library with the help of librarian Mrs Jones. The first group has taken part, and it was a joy to watch their confidence develop and see them work so well as a team.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Congratulations to our students who completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award earlier this term. From planning their walk to setting up tents and cooking tasty and nutritious meals back at the campsite, we were super proud of what they achieved. Anyone keen to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, please email Mrs Hayes at S.Hayes@bb-hs.co.uk.



Highlights of the Term

KICKSTART BREAKFAST CLUB



Our free breakfast club continues to run Monday-Friday in N1 from 8:10-8:40am. Students can enjoy a slice of toast with a drink, catch up with friends or use the opportunity to study or sit back with a good book. Our door is always open, and any student is welcome to attend.

BICYCLE HELMET SAFETY



A huge well done to all cyclists who have remembered to wear their helmet this half term! To recognise their commitment to staying safe and following our school rules, Mr Goodwin rewarded them with a well-deserved sweet treat. Well done for setting a great example and helping to keep yourselves and others safe!

CHESS LEAGUE



Mr Pugh's Chess League has returned this year with students keen to continue working on their chess skills and taking part in friendly competitions with their peers. Students interested in joining the league can head to room 10 at lunchtimes on Friday (week 1) for Year 7/8/9 and on Wednesday (week 1) for Year 10-13.



Performing Arts

Shrek Jr

This half term has been extremely busy for the cast and crew of Shrek. Tuesdays after school mean rehearsal time! Dance, drama and music all come together in the hall to run sections of the musical, working out entrances and exits, choreographing the dance moves and starting on those harmonies. The group have even been in on a Saturday allowing them more time together running sections and combining all the elements.

On Wednesdays, the technical theatre group have been working hard on creating a wide range of props for the show. They are developing their cutting, planning and creative skills as well as showing resilience when things go wrong and pride when they get them right.

Tickets for the show will go on sale in January and if anyone would like to advertise in the programme, please contact Miss Blissett at h.blissett@bb-hs.co.uk

Mrs K Baines – Curriculum Leader for Drama

Regent Dance Academy

Dance academy students are rehearsing every Thursday 3.10-4.30pm in preparation for our upcoming performance at The Regent Theatre.

The theme this year is love and we are hoping to recreate the story of 'It Ends With Us' by Colleen Hoover. Our piece will follow a narrative structure with some of the older students taking on key lead roles within the choreography. The students are working so hard we are positive it will be our best one yet!

Year 7 and 8 dance club has been going extremely well with Asia N (Year 11) - they are preparing for the upcoming Year 7 Festival of The Arts evening, where they will be showcasing of all their hard work.

Mrs E Baxter – Curriculum Leader for Dance



Learning & Achievement

TEA TIME TALK: A THRIVE CONVERSATION



On social media, we have been sharing topics our students have been learning about in personal development, encouraging families to start having meaningful discussions and conversations at home and explore the topics together.

UKMT CHALLENGE



Congratulations to Year 11 students Mikayla, Bella, Anneliese, and Kayleigh for their success in the UKMT girls' maths challenge. Commitment and resilience shown by our fantastic mathematicians. A special mention to Kayleigh who achieved a distinction and Anneliese who achieved a merit.

ART CLUB GET CREATIVE



It's all hands on deck across the school to prepare for our production of Shrek Jr. In Art club, students have been busy painting the boards which will decorate the stage for Shrek. It's looking fantastic so far, keep it up!



READING ADVOCATES



We've continued to share our love of reading this half term through our weekly reading advocate. It's wonderful to see what books our school community love to read.

Year 7

Students have been exploring the visual elements of art, demonstrating their understanding of each element through a range of creative activities. Each box showcases their ability to apply and communicate their understanding of these key elements.



Bobby W,
7CG



Isla Rose E,
7DST



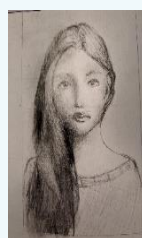
Nancy J,
7CG

Year 8

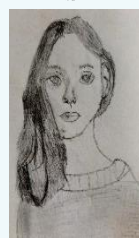
Students have been developing their observational drawing skills through portraiture as part of their baseline assessment. These pieces showcase their skills, attention to detail and individual approaches to capturing facial features and expression.



Anya B,
8KKN



Evie E,
8LM



Tallulah
B, 8LRO

Year 9

Students have made an impressive start to the term by diving into the vibrant world of the Pop Art movement. Through a close analysis of Andy Warhol's iconic pieces, they have been developing their own recording skills. Their latest practical work beautifully demonstrates a deepening understanding of the core formal elements: line, shape, form, and tone.



Joe J, 9LG



Emily D,
9LG



Emma J,
9ESH

Year 10

GCSE students are officially embarking on their GCSE coursework journeys. They have been busy establishing individual, personalised project themes by curating highly creative mind maps, collages, and mood boards. Using these personal archives as a springboard, students are now translating their ideas into observational drawings.



Ruby M,
10CBA



Annabel
W, 10CBA



Aviaana
A, 10CBA

Modern Foreign Languages

A review of 'Mortal Engines' by Philip Reeve

Mortal Engines has been our form reading book, and we are now about 15 pages from the end. It is set in a world where cities move on wheels and hunt smaller towns for resources. The story begins when Tom, an apprentice in London, is thrown out of the city and ends up travelling with Hester Shaw. As they try to make their way back, they discover that London is involved in something much bigger and more dangerous than Tom realised.

I have enjoyed how the book gradually reveals secrets about the characters. Our opinions of them have changed as we have learned more about their pasts and what has driven them to make certain choices. I have particularly enjoyed having two stories going on at the same time. Now that we are near the end, they are converging into what looks like a tense finale. I am looking forward to finding out how it all ends and beginning a new story with our form.



Vocabulary builder

Our Year 11 students have recently completed their speaking mock exams. Being able to recognise and use question words is an important part of speaking confidently in another language. These words are useful outside the classroom too, whether you are taking a taxi in Spain, asking how much something costs or finding your way around.

Vocabulary Builder			
	Spanish	French	English
1	¿Qué...?	Qu'est-ce que... ?	What...?
2	¿Quién...?	Qui... ?	Who...?
3	¿Dónde...?	Où... ?	Where...?
4	¿Cuándo...?	Quand... ?	When...?
5	¿Por qué...?	Pourquoi... ?	Why...?
6	¿Cómo...?	Comment... ?	How...?
7	¿Cuánto...?	Combien... ?	How much...?
8	¿Cuál / Cuáles...?	Quel(s) / Quelle(s)... ?	Which...?
9	¿A qué hora...?	À quelle heure... ?	At what time...?
10	¿De dónde...?	D'où... ?	Where from...?

100% Attendance

Year 7

Name	Reg		
Aiden A	7CG	Ethan J	7JJ
Charlie A	7NG	Jackson J	7BG
Isla A	7BG	Amber J	7GW
Isabella A	7GW	Sofia K	7BG
Benjamin B	7DST	Amari K	7NG
Harley B	7CFL	Sylvester K	7NG
Charlie B	7JJ	Evie L	7BG
Bobby-Lloyd B	7GW	Elsa L	7BG
Edward B	7DST	Jack L	7DST
Keira B	7DST	Ellana L	7BG
Lukas B	7GW	Lillian M	7JJ
Henry B	7CG	Owen M	7CG
Charlie B	7DST	Mickel-Junior M	7NG
Sophie B	7GW	Jaxson M	7JJ
Amelie B	7BG	Skylar M	7CG
Imogen B	7DST	Jackson N	7CFL
Daisy B	7CFL	Harry N	7JJ
Leo C	7JJ	Ella-Rose O	7CG
Lucy C	7CFL	Taylor P	7CG
Charlie C	7NG	Fraser P	7BG
Ava C	7DST	Henry P	7BG
Miller C	7GW	Alfie P	7BG
Hunter C	7CG	Alfie P	7JJ
Robyn-Arya C	7CG	Leo P	7CFL
Isaac C	7CFL	Sophie P	7GW
Mason C	7NG	Jenson R	7CFL
Connor C	7CG	Eleanor R	7GW
Wilson D	7DST	Ralph R	7NG
Ralphie W	7DST	Max R	7CG
Isabelle D	7JJ	Maya R	7JJ
Poppy D	7BG	Vincent R	7BG
Isla-Rose E	7DST	George R	7DST
Isabella E	7JJ	Harrison R	7JJ
Jasmine E	7GW	Georgia R	7CFL
Maisie E	7DST	Ruby S	7BG
Teddy E	7BG	Grace S	7JJ
Donnie F	7JJ	Jack S	7DST
Freya F	7DST	Henry S	7NG
Oliver F-W	7CG	Leia S	7NG
Charlie F	7CFL	Lucia S	7DST
Hetty F	7BG	Evie S	7BG
Oliver F-D	7GW	Niamh T	7GW
Gracie G	7GW	Jack T	7JJ
Joah G	7GW	Eva T	7GW
Lorna G	7CG	Megan T	7CFL
Pippa G	7DST	Freddie W	7CFL
Esther G	7CG	Otto W	7CG
Aisha-Mae G	7NG	Bobby W	7CG
Maggie G	7CFL	Nathan W	7BG
Finley H	7GW	Patsie W	7NG
Oliver H	7BG	Darcie W	7CG
George H	7DST	Genevieve W	7DST
Ryan H	7CG	Samuel W	7JJ
Leo H	7CG	Charlotte W	7NG
Gloria H	7BG	Alyssa W	7JJ
Jack H	7GW	Jerry Y	7GW

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Year 8

Name	Reg	Matthew H	8HBE
Kayne A	8SFR	Addison J	8HBE
Amelia A	8LLM	Jaylen J	8LRO
Polly A	8HBE	Abdullah K	8LM
Scarlett B	8LM	Aariya K	8LRO
Henry B	8KKN	Ethan K	8HBE
Kyan B	8HBE	Piera L	8LRO
Isla B	8EMC	Mila L	8SFR
Anya B	8KKN	Tabatha L	8HBE
Louis B	8EMC	Grace L	8HBE
Oliver B	8KKN	Maisie M	8SFR
Solomon B	8LLM	Kenzie M	8LLM
George B	8EMC	Dottie-Mae M	8KKN
Tallulah B	8LRO	Amelia M	8LM
Katy-Hope B	8HBE	Austin M	8LM
Lexi C	8LRO	Alexa M	8HBE
Harrison C	8SFR	Pippa N	8LLM
Maddison C	8KKN	Sienna N	8LLM
Isaac C	8LLM	Sienna N	8LLM
Benjamin C	8LLM	Ellie-Mai O	8EMC
Nova C	8SFR	Aaron P	8SFR
Jamie D	8KKN	Amelia P	8KKN
Lucas D	8LM	Cara P	8LRO
Tommy D	8HBE	Freddie P	8LLM
Cobie E	8LRO	Millie P	8LM
Duszan E	8LM	Harry R	8LM
Neave E-M	8LM	Lottie R	8LLM
Zoie F	8SFR	Pippa R	8KKN
William F	8LRO	Maisie S	8KKN
Emily F	8KKN	Daria S	8LRO
Grace F	8SFR	Jack S	8EMC
Daisy F	8KKN	Rosie S	8LRO
Lauren F	8LRO	Leona S	8SFR
Felix F	8LLM	Teresa S	8EMC
Evie F	8EMC	Ava T	8SFR
Benjamin G	8LLM	Elsa T	8EMC
Fergus G	8HBE	Thomas T	8KKN
Daniel G	8HBE	Danny T	8LM
Tilly G	8HBE	Nova W	8KKN
Jamie G	8KKN	Kieran W	8KKN
Laurie H	8EMC	Barnaby W	8EMC
Benjamin H	8LLM	George W	8LM
Ezra H	8LLM	Dante W	8KKN
Devin H	8LLM		
Grace H	8EMC		

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Year 9

Name	Reg	Mia K	9RJJ
Logan A	9ESH	Xavier K	9ESH
Carter A	9RJJ	Nazli K	9NAZ
Daisie B	9DH	Gurleen K	9ESH
Esmae B	9ESH	Oliver K	9NAZ
Bodhi B	9DH	Olly L	9RJJ
Troy B	9RJJ	Jack L	9JL
Leo B	9NAZ	Logan L	9SMY
Georgina B	9SMY	William L	9LG
Sophie B	9NAZ	Finn M	9ESH
Chloe C	9RJJ	Billy M	9NAZ
Emma C	9SMY	Hope M	9SMY
Izabelle C	9ESH	Olivia M	9RJJ
Esmae C	9ESH	Lilian M	9DH
Alexa C	9NAZ	Izabella M	9ESH
Seren C	9SMY	Evie N	9ESH
George C	9LG	Isla N	9DH
Jack C	9NAZ	Zoe N	9JL
Bobbie C	9JL	Evie O	9JL
Milo C	9RJJ	Millie O	9ESH
Ethan D	9NAZ	Ava O	9DH
Finlay D	9ESH	William P	9SMY
Billy D	9DH	Henry Q	9JL
Emily D	9LG	Max Q	9NAZ
Jacob E	9NAZ	Elizabeth R	9NAZ
Harry E	9RJJ	Dylan R	9SMY
Flynn E	9LG	Oscar R	9LG
Freya E	9NAZ	Cameron R	9SMY
Jacob E	9ESH	Layla-Mae S	9NAZ
Isabella F	9JL	Jacob S	9NAZ
Lennon F	9RJJ	Sebastian S	9JL
Lily-Mae F	9RJJ	Harrison T	9JL
Rohan F	9SMY	Noah T	9JL
Kevin G	9LG	Bethany T	9RJJ
Phoebe G	9JL	Dylan T	9JL
Alexa G	9RJJ	Rory T	9JL
Sophie G	9LG	Daisy W	9JL
Rosie H-C	9DH	Dalton W	9RJJ
Isla H	9RJJ	Joshua W	9SMY
Gemma H	9NAZ	Sienna W	9SMY
Sophie H	9DH	George W	9LG
Nico H	9NAZ	Jessica W	9DH
Ella H	9JL	Ralphie W	9DH
Daisy H	9JL		
Joe J	9LG		

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Year 10

Name	Reg	Freddie J	10CBA
Tommy A	10AMW	Eleanor J	10EG
Aviaana A	10CBA	Sophie J	10EG
James A	10KSA	Leila K	10KSA
Izabella A	10KSA	Fotis K	10EG
Louis B	10KSA	Riley L	10JJT
Jake B	10KSA	Penny L	10CBA
Isaac B	10AMW	Elizabeth L	10TS
Theo B	10TS	Noor M	10SAH
Oliver B	10EG	Zander M	10KSA
Noah B	10EG	James M	10KSA
Anyia B	10EG	Finlay M	10KSA
Riley B	10TS	Meryem M	10JJT
Harry B	10JJT	Daisy M	10JJT
Thomas B	10JJT	Robert M	10TS
Maizy-Mae B	10JJT	Max M	10CBA
Libby B	10SAH	Eve M	10CBA
Joseph C	10KSA	Max O	10CBA
Elouise C	10SAH	Nikole O	10JJT
Lacey C	10CBA	Oskar P	10JJT
Kaeden C	10SAH	Katie R	10AMW
Amelia C	10KSA	Toby R	10CBA
Violet-Jean C	10SAH	Aaron R	10JJT
Sorrena D	10SAH	Jonathan R	10SAH
Nyah D	10TS	Joshua R	10CBA
Zachary D	10TS	Lacey S-B	10AMW
Eleanor D	10JJT	Darcey S	10KSA
Daisy E	10EG	Hattie S	10KSA
Emilio F	10EG	Nelson S	10TS
Rose F	10TS	Fredderick S	10TS
Joshua F	10EG	Joshua T	10SAH
Elizabeth F	10AMW	Madalynn T	10SAH
Nicholas G	10EG	Jaden T	10CBA
Harry G	10JJT	Thomas V	10AMW
Molly G	10KSA	Annabel W	10CBA
Colby H	10AMW	Yenuka W	10CBA
Daniel H	10JJT	Ava W	10JJT
Holly H	10KSA	William W	10CBA
Poppy H	10TS	Stanley W	10KSA
Ryan H	10KSA	Olivia W	10EG
Tyler H	10KSA	Cayman W-T	10AMW
Abigail H	10SAH	Lexi W	10EG
Evie H	10AMW	Amber W	10EG
Daniel I	10SAH	Ethan W-H	10KSA
Poppy J	10JJT		

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100% Attendance

Year 11

Name	Reg	Willow M	11CM
Ruby A	11KK	Ava M	11BRO
Frankie A	11CM	Eva-Rose M	11AK
Joseph A	11NC	Jack M	11CM
Maisie B	11NC	Fred M	11CM
Mitchell B	11BRO	Imogen M	11CM
Lacey B	11AK	Lily M	11BRO
Ava B	11KMP	Tor M	11KK
Alexis B	11KMP	Kobi M	11KK
Evie B	11CM	Kobi M	11KMP
Tadiwa C	11BRO	Asia N	11KK
Freya C	11AK	Holly N	11CM
Holly C	11KMP	Lily P	11KK
Heidi C	11NC	Sophie P	11CM
Anneliese C	11KK	Liam P	11KMP
Effie-Mae D	11AK	Lara R	11CM
Seth D	11CM	Olivia R	11NC
Joe D	11NC	Alexa S	11BRO
Lilly-Mae D	11KK	Ava S	11KMP
Joshua E	11KK	Kirsty S	11NC
Corey E	11AK	James S	11AK
Evie E	11BRO	Eva S	11AK
Lucy F	11NC	Isaac S	11CM
Kayleigh F	11NC	Ethan S	11CM
Oliver F	11KK	Niah S	11KMP
Martin G	11KMP	Oliver S	11NC
Katie G	11KK	Pippa S	11BRO
Maliyah G	11CM	Oliver T	11KK
Lexie G	11CM	Maisie T	11KMP
Bella G	11AK	Olivia T	11NC
Jayden H	11KMP	Harrietta T	11AK
Poppy H	11CM	Joshua T	11KK
Jacob H	11BRO	Harrison T	11NC
Charlotte H	11NC	Niamh T-F	11NC
Charlie H	11AK	Harry W	11KMP
Heidi H	11NC	Mikayla W	11AK
Grace H	11AK	Holly W	11AK
Alec H	11CM	Oliver W	11AK
Oliver H	11AK	Aiden W	11NC
Olivia H	11KK	Lucie W	11NC
Tilly H	11BRO	Kian W	11NC
Ella K	11NC		
Jack L	11AK		
Reuben L	11CM		
Lucas M	11NC		

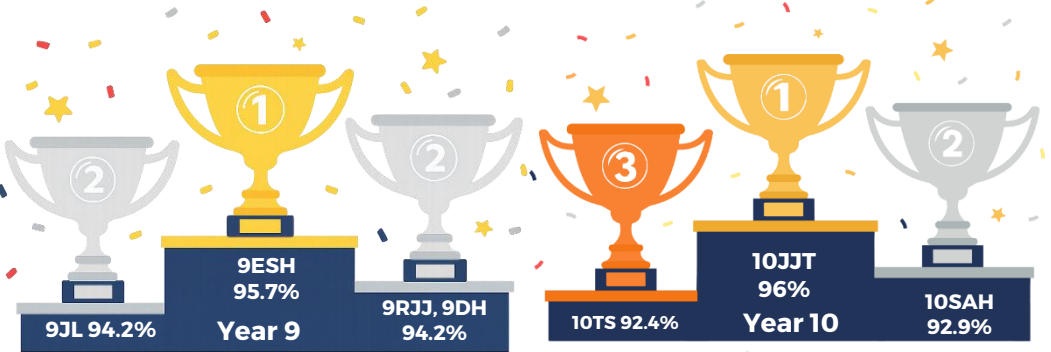
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Attendance

The top three year groups for overall attendance up to 9th October are:



The top three forms per year group



The overall top form group is 7DST with 98.9%!



ATTENDANCE

Every day in school counts.



Good attendance helps your child learn, build confidence and get the most from their time at school.

90% ATTENDANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR

- 19 days missed, 38 sessions missed
- ½ day every week missed
- Almost 4 weeks of school
- 19 days x 4 lessons = 76 hours of learning
- 57 lessons missed
- **DfE:** Persistent absentee

90% ATTENDANCE FOR ALL 5 YEARS

- 95 days missed, 190 sessions missed
- ½ day every week missed for 5 years
- Almost 20 weeks of school or a term and a half
- 95 days x 4 lessons = 380 hours of learning
- 285 lessons missed
- **DfE:** Drop in GCSE grades



IMPORTANT TO NOTE



Talk regularly with your child about school and how they feel about it.



Contact Mrs Latham (attendance@bb-hs.co.uk) as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent on every day of absence



Only grant days at home for genuine illness



Contact your form tutor to discuss any concerns



JTMAT has a graduated response to attendance and punctuality



Attendance letters in line with the JTMAT policy will be sent if attendance is a concern



We are following the JTMAT policy and a leave of absence in term time could lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice



PUNCTUALITY

All students are expected to be in school at 8.45am in good time for Period 1.

Any student who arrives after this time is marked late on the register. Two lates per week result in a 30-minute detention after school. It is essential that you ensure your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others. Late after the registers have closed is classified as an unauthorised absence.



175
NON SCHOOL
DAYS A YEAR

DAYS OFF SCHOOL ADD UP TO LOST LEARNING

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.



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Aspens' Newsletter:



Take a closer look:



MAKE A SPLASH BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL



AVAILABLE TIMES

- ▶ **TUESDAY EARLY BIRD SWIM: OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS: 7.45AM-8.30AM**
- ▶ **TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL:
YEAR 7-YEAR 9 BOYS: 3.10PM-4.00PM**
- ▶ **WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL:
YEAR 7-YEAR 9 GIRLS: 3.10PM-4.00PM**

**ALL SWIMMING IS
FREE**

ANY ABILITY IS WELCOME



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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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