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Happy Easter



Easter Passion Plays

This week we devoted a full lesson, for each year group, to attend our Easter Passion Plays.

Our Choir represented Years 7, 8 & 9 who sang, songs of celebration to reflect Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and two trios sang about Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane and Jesus' resurrection. Three year 7 students also supported Chaplain Phil in a drama about Jesus' journey to the cross. Our Thursday service for Year 7 was attended by Canon Conor Stainton - Poland, Governor Maria Eves, and our Chair of Governor's Karen Holland. All were very impressed with the service and how sensitively the singers and dancers told the Easter Story.



After the Service Canon Conor said a blessing for the Year 7's and staff. We hope our whole school community has a wonderful Easter holiday and send our blessings to all.

Dear Father God, thank you for Jesus, the lamb of God, who paid for all sin, for all time. May we turn towards Jesus and accept your gift of forgiveness and New Life. Bless us over the holiday period and bring us to a greater understanding of you unconditional, eternal love.
Amen.

One Heart One Mind



Weekly Prayer

Angel of God

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.



Thank you to everyone who brought in an Easter Egg for us to donate to the Millenium Mobile Pantry, especially Hollie A who brought in a shop's worth!!!

From our Archive



New school laboratories, 1964 - 1965

Top Attendance Forms

97.2%	94.9%	91.7%
7THO	8THO	9FRA
93.2%	90.7%	94.5%
10BER	11CAT	12FRA



Message from Mrs O'Rourke - Head teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw this term to a close and prepare for the sacred season of Easter, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support and partnership. It has been a joyful and purposeful term, full of learning, growth, and moments of grace, and I am proud of all that our students have achieved.

Our Year 11 students have shown great dedication during their mock examinations, and we commend them for the focus and maturity they have displayed as they continue to prepare for the challenges ahead. We are confident that their continued effort will lead to success in the summer.

This term has also been rich in opportunities beyond the classroom. Our annual Careers Fair was a great success, opening doors of possibility and inspiration for our students as they begin to consider their future pathways. Work experience placements provided invaluable real-world insights and helped many of our girls develop confidence and professional skills.

In celebration of World Book Day, the school was alive with creativity and a shared love of reading. It was wonderful to see staff and students engage so enthusiastically, reminding us of the power of books to inspire and connect us. Many of our students also took part in a wide range of enrichment activities and trips, further broadening their horizons and strengthening our vibrant school community. These experiences are at the heart of our mission to nurture not just academic excellence, but personal growth and resilience as well.

As always, our guiding values of Faith, Hope and Love continue to shape our journey. In faith, we believe in the potential of every girl; in hope, we look ahead to all they can achieve; and in love, we celebrate the strength of our school family.

I wish you and your family a peaceful and restful Easter break. May this time bring renewal and joy. We look forward to welcoming the girls back next term, refreshed and ready to continue our shared journey of raising standards, expectations and aspirations for all.

With warmest regards,

Mrs O'Rourke
Headteacher
Broughton Hall Catholic High School



Ski Trip 2025 Madonna Di Campiglio

On Wednesday 26th March, twenty nine students from both Year 8 and Year 9 embarked on an unforgettable ski trip to Italy. Pupils not only experienced the thrill of skiing, but also made remarkable progress in learning a new physical skill. Over the course of the week, students showed impressive improvement, from beginners gaining confidence on the slopes to more advanced skiers refining their technique. The girl's determination and focus were evident as they pushed themselves to tackle new challenges each day, showing significant growth in their skiing abilities.

The trip also fostered a strong sense of teamwork; with students supporting one another, sharing tips and encouraging each other through challenging moments, which strengthened their bond as a group. Motivations remained high throughout the week, even when faced with difficult conditions, showcasing their resilience and ability to stay positive despite the obstacles.



The school ski trip provides a unique opportunity for cross-curricular learning, with students not only improving their skiing skills but also enhancing their understanding of foreign languages and communication, as they practiced key phrases and commands in the Italian language while navigating the slopes and interacting with local instructors.

The pupils were a true credit to the school, demonstrating outstanding behaviour, sportsmanship, and a positive attitude throughout the trip. Since their return, all 29 students have maintained 100% attendance, a testament to their commitment and enthusiasm. We look forward to next year's trip and are excited to see how much further the students will progress, both in skiing and their personal development.



Arts Night

Arts Night on Monday showcased the talent and dedication of Broughton students in dance, drama and music.

Congratulations to all and thank you to our audience for supporting our fabulous students!

Special thanks to all of the staff who work tirelessly to give our students these wonderful opportunities, particularly Ms Coyle and Ms Lane. Look out for Legally Blonde in July!



Great start to the week, celebrating 11BER best attendance and 11 THO most improved attendance records. Everyone tucked into a delicious McDonalds breakfast including form tutors Miss Rogan and Mr Doyle. Well done everyone. Mrs Reid & Miss MacCormack are proud of you all.



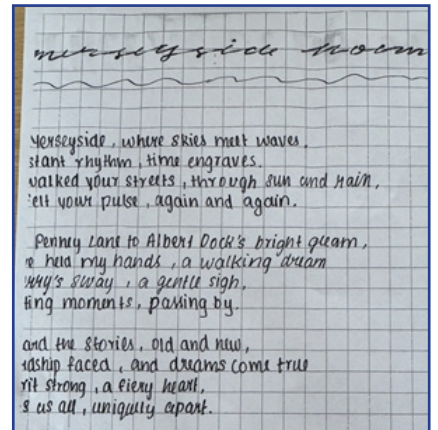
Congratulations to Mr. McGarry and his form 8THO for being the highest attending form in Year 8. Their McDonald's breakfast treat set them up for the day!



Year 8 – Dear Merseyside

A group of 20 year 8 pupils took part in a spoken word and video/audio content creation workshop ran by Evolve and Merseyside Police. The workshops were led by local spoken word artist Joseph Roberts. Pupils created their own Dear Merseyside poem, a love letter to Merseyside that reflects the 'love where you live' element of EVOLVE.

They also created a short form video and audio content based on Dear Merseyside. Their poems will then be used to create bite-size videos for campaigns to promote Evolve on social media and radio. Big shout out to the pupils involved – they were amazing! The quality of their poetry was so good that the companies involved with the event are exploring the possibility of printing the poems in a Dear Merseyside book with any proceeds potentially going to charities and to help make our region safer.



Job of the WEEK



Find out more..

Year 12 Revision Booster Event

On Friday 28th March, Broughton Hall and Cardinal Heenan sixth form hosted a mathematical event run by the AMSP for Year 12 students. The event was well attended with approximately 100 students from various schools in the region attending. Pupils were placed into groups and had to work as a team to solve mathematical problems.

The event aimed to give students the skills and confidence to attempt unstructured mathematical questions. Our students welcomed the day with one saying, 'It was a great experience and very beneficial. It gave a different outlook on maths' and another saying, 'It was a good opportunity to work with other like-minded people'.



SEND Intervention Spotlight

Study Skills

Our study skills intervention is offered to all SEND students in Year 11 who are attending school. We run it across the Autumn term and it covers the following topics:

- Learning styles
- Effective study skills
- Revision timetables
- Revision tips
- Relaxation for exam stress



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Expedition section

Along with the Physical, Skills and Volunteering sections, the Expedition section forms a vital part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The aim of this section is to inspire young people to develop initiative and a spirit of adventure and discovery by planning, training for and completing an adventurous self-sufficient journey as part of a team. At Bronze, the expedition involves two days of walking and navigating, with an overnight camp. Silver has two expeditions, each over three days.

Pupils must be self sufficient during their expedition (carrying their tents, food, stoves etc in their rucksacks). There must be between four and seven participants in a team and in the past, successful groups may not have always had the best navigation skills but worked well together to overcome any challenges. Each group must have a team goal – what they want to achieve.

Letters will be going out regarding the Expedition events next term:

Silver Award

Day Walk Expedition training (Appley Bridge) Saturday May 31st

Practice Expedition (West Lancashire) Thursday 19th June – Saturday 21st June

Qualifying Expedition (Ribble Valley) Thursday 3rd July – Saturday 5th July.

Bronze Award

Training Day Friday 16th May

Day Walk Expedition training (Aintree loop) Saturday 24th May

Qualifying Expedition (Ribble Valley) Friday 6th – Saturday 7th June.

An extensive kit list can be found on the D of E website (https://www.dofe.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/DofE_ExpeditionKitList_October_2024.pdf) and more advice about essential kit will be given out on the training events. School will loan (deposit required) the potentially more expensive items; tents, rucksacks and Trangia stoves to groups.

More information about the Duke of Edinburgh Award can be found at dofe.org
Alternatively you can e-mail me any questions at halewoodj@broughtonhall.com

Mr Halewood
D of E Manager

Nurture Class

The Year 7/8 nurture class have been doing some work on our school motto 'one heart, one mind'. They have worked together to think about what this means to them and how it intertwines with our mercy values and our community – they then created a display for the cblock to represent that.





Spanish Competition Winners

Well done to the Spanish Competition winners!!! They have received certificates and exciting Amazon Vouchers and fantastic Spanish prizes. A credit to our school!

MURAL DESIGN COMPETITION

Calling all artists, designers and book lovers. We need YOU to design a mural for Broughton Hall's new Reading Room!



Know your brief...

Mrs O'Rourke is looking for a design for the wall in what will be a new Reading Room (where the headteacher office used to be) The design should capture why reading and literacy is important to young people like you.

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Create your Design

You can work digitally or by hand to create an original design for the mural. Remember the design is to be painted on the wall. Include colour.

3

Submit your Work

Please email Miss Ryder in Art your finished design- rydera@broughtonhall.com
The winners will help bring their vision to life!





BIG WEEKEND LIVERPOOL

OPEN MIC NIGHTS

BBC Radio 1, BBC Introducing and **BBC Radio Merseyside** have teamed up with **3 iconic local venues** to find the most exciting new artists from Merseyside, ahead of **Radio 1's Big Weekend** in **Liverpool** this May.

Making music and you've not been played on BBC Introducing before?

We want to hear from you! Come down to one of our Open Mic nights, showcase your songs and you *could* be played on **Radio 1!**

We're looking for young artists who haven't had loads of exposure before – so if you're at the start of your musical journey (rather than a seasoned pro) this is for you..

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL The Jacaranda 6pm

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL Future Yard, Birkenhead 7pm

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL Southport Connolly's Irish pub 6:30pm



Register your interest [via this link](#) or the QR code.
See you on stage!

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