



# BROUGHTON NEWS

ONE HEART, ONE MIND

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## Pilgrimage

The TV show Pilgrimage has just completed its latest run with seven celebrities making their way along the beautiful north Wales coast path. In 2016 I embarked on the same pilgrimage route with a group of teachers and students. We embarked on a week long journey; visiting historical places of worship and encountering breath taking natural landscapes. These experiences often bring pilgrims hearts and mind closer to God. The wonder of God's creation is a powerful reminder of the greatness of God and the natural simplicity at the heart of life.

As travelling pilgrims follow their pathway over hills, through valleys and along coastlines; more headspace is free to process spirituality and God. Whatever journey we are on at this moment and even with trials and hardships, it is important to spend time considering the greatness of God and to give thanks with grateful hearts. If possible we can find somewhere in nature to focus on the beauty of God's creation and be still for a moment.



Dear Heavenly Father, please protect us on the journey we're about to take. Support us with your strength and grace when we're weary. Help us to be mindful of your presence and love in times of stress and guide us to make our time together meaningful and memorable. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

God Bless

BHCHS Chaplaincy Team



## Weekly Prayer

Dear God,

May our hearts be filled with Peace and Love Each day, help us to learn. Remind us, 'Mercy is your way', Compassion for the world. You have shown us how to live, One heart, one mind, together. For Christ, His hands and feet we'll be. Your servants Lord Forever. Amen.

## Top Attendance Forms

94.3%	97.3%	96.1%	94.6%	94%	100%
7PCY	8KFA	9WLE	10JJO	11VAS	12JSG

## Reminder

### Year 7 Parents' Evening

Takes place on Monday 22nd April 3:15pm to 6:15pm. Any Parent/ Carer who has yet to make an appointment can do so via Edulink.

## Upcoming Dates

Thursday 4th May - Sixth Form external exams begin.

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Friday 10th May - Year 11 Deadline for accepting Sixth Form place

# Message from Mr Preston – Headteacher

## Return from Easter

I hope you enjoyed your Easter break and that our pupils enjoyed a rest from school. Easter is such an important time in the Catholic life of the school. It was really pleasing that all of our pupils were able to celebrate the Easter message with the support of Chaplain Phil and our Chaplaincy group leading the school in reflection and celebration. Please see the website for images of these services. The Easter message from Pope Francis reflected two important themes joy and peace. He reminds us that joy shared increases the joy for all. It was really pleasing during the Easter break that a number of Year 11 pupils and Year 13 pupils came into school. I visited many of these lessons and the strong relationships between pupils and staff were a joy to see and reflects the idea of joy being shared and that learning and improving is and should be a joy.

*'Joy, when shared, increases' (Pope Francis – Easter 2024)*

The second part of Pope Francis message focused on peace and peace being brought to the many countries around the world who are having a very difficult time. We add our prayers as a school to this message and pray for peace across the world.

*'I wish that the gift of peace would reach where it is needed' (Pope Francis – Easter)*

## GCSE and A-Level – Revision and examinations

It was pleasing to see the number of pupils who attended voluntary revision classes during the break. We had significant numbers attend a variety of lessons including maths, science and English. I hope you will continue to encourage your daughter to attend these extra lessons which will continue over the coming weeks. These can make that difference to achieve the next grade up.

## Uniform, jewellery and hair tied up.

Could I ask parents support in ensuring pupils are in the correct uniform tomorrow along with no jewellery (apart from 1 pair of stud earrings). Similarly we expect pupils to have their hair tied up. On the last day we revisited these rules for pupils and reminded them of the reasons why. For example pupils can and do use equipment in science, technology and

Physical Education which means jewellery and hair down is not considered safe. This includes, for jewellery, rings and bracelets. Pupils will be asked to hand in any jewellery and they can pick this up at the end of the day at 3:15pm. If this is repeated during the half term, they can pick it up on the last day of half term or parents can arrange an appointment after school to collect this from Heads of Year or Senior Leadership staff. Please be aware that any parents who arrive at the office will not be able to pick this up unless they have arranged an appointment with a member of staff as the jewellery will be locked away. I would urge parents and carers to avoid these issues by ensuring their daughter does not come to school with jewellery on. Please remind your daughter of this message before school tomorrow.

As an important point I would remind parents and carers not to allow pupils to wear jewellery that is very sentimental and precious to pupils. These pieces of jewellery are not appropriate for school and experience tells us that pupils can lose these on such a big site and with so many people on site it is difficult to find anything that is lost. School cannot offer different rules for these pieces of jewellery so I would reiterate that pupils should not wear these for school.

## Appointments to see staff

It is important that parents and carers make appointments to see staff. This is to support our safeguarding procedures and so staff are available to see parents and carers as they have a commitment to teach their class. Please do not just arrive expecting to see members of staff as they are unlikely to be available.

## Positive news – New school tannoy system

I am really pleased to be able to inform parents of the new school tannoy system that we have been able to put into school. This will improve the organisation of school and improve the ability to send various messages around different parts of school. We will be testing the system with the pupils over the coming weeks. It has been tested during the Easter break and we are confident that it will work well and support school life.



## Positive news – New toilets to open

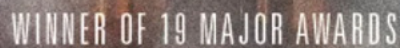
We are delighted that the new toilets have been completed over the Easter break. This took longer than expected but the toilets are of a high specification and we are pleased with how they look. The toilets will be for Year 11 pupils at break and during their lunch. This will reduce waiting times for our pupils at break and lunch – especially for Year 11. This has been a significant investment by the school and reflects the pupil voice that requested more toilets to be available at break and lunch time.



*Pupils were involved in choosing the colour scheme and are really pleased with how they have turned out, referring to them as boujje!*

Yours sincerely  
Mr G Preston  
Headteacher









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# Extra-Curricular Timetable

DAY	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME
<b>MONDAY</b>	Homework Club	A3	15:00 – 17:00
	GCSE Business Intervention	S2	15:00 – 16:00
	Spanish (Homework Intervention)	Languages	15:00 – 16:00
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Homework Club	A3	15:00 – 17:00
	Netball (All Years)	Sports Hall	15:00 – 16:00
	WJEC PE	A3	14:50 – 15:50
	Year 11 English – After School Revision	English	15:00 – 16:00
	Practice Rooms for all students who do Music Tui- tion/ Extra Curricular	Practice Rooms	Lunch times
	Music: Form Choir (Year 7 – 8)	Music	8:30 – 9:00
	Code Club (All Years)	B3	15:00 – 16:00
	Programming Session (Year 10)	B2	15:00 – 16:00
	Computing Revision Session (Year 11)	B2	15:00 – 16:00
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Homework Club	A3	15:00 – 17:00
	Year 7 & 8 Spanish Homework Club	F1	15:00 – 16:00
	Year 11 Science – After School Revision	Science	15:00 – 16:00
	Diversity Group	Chapel	15:00 – 16:00
	Little Shop of Horrors Principals rehearsal	Dance Drama	-
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Dance Competition Team (Advanced / Invite Only)	Dance Drama	15:00 – 16:00
	Year 11 Maths – After School Revision	Maths	15:00 – 16:00
	Music: Band (All Years)	MU2	15.00 – 15:50
	Practice Rooms for all students who do Music Tui- tion/ Extra Curricular	Practice Rooms	Lunch times
	Badminton	Sports Hall	15.00 – 15:50
	Creative Writing Club	E2	15.00 – 16:00
<b>FRIDAY</b>	GCSE Dance	Dance Drama	15:00 – 16:00
	Music: Form Choir (Year 7 – 8)	Music	8:30 – 9:00
	Little Shop of Horrors' Rehearsals	MU2	15.10 – 16.20