

CENTRAL NEWS



**Blackburn Central
HIGH SCHOOL**

Aspire and achieve

AUTUMN 2023

A WARM WELCOME

Hello and a warm welcome to the autumn edition of Central News. What an incredibly busy first term we've had. We've held a number of events this term, our open evening being the main one and what a success that was, so thank you to all of the staff and students who helped with it. There have also been trips galore with students going to Berlin and across the UK. As always, we are immensely proud of our students and staff and this term has been no different.

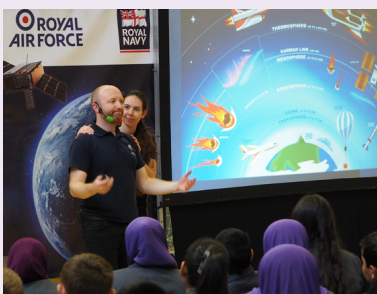
Our contact details can be found on the back page, should you have something you would like to see featured in the next edition. On behalf of school I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term.

Mrs Hussain, Headteacher

CAREERS ROADSHOW COMES TO SCHOOL

A big thanks to BAE Systems for coming in to talk to our year seven students about careers at the organisation.

The roadshow focused on opening the eyes of young people to the career possibilities of studying science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects. Our students thoroughly enjoyed it and many left feeling inspired to find out more!



JOIN OUR PTA

We are on the lookout for more parents to join our PTA, a group that meets once a term to help fundraise for the school and get involved with school projects.



It's an informal group, where you can meet like minded parents and carers in a relaxed environment.

If you would like to join or just want to know a little more about it then please email mrathore524@bchs.co.uk.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our popular Christmas market will take place at school on Sunday 26 November from 11am-2pm.

There will be a variety of small businesses selling their wares so why not pop down and do some Christmas shopping?

There'll be activities for all the family too, plus our very popular Indian food stalls, which always go down a treat.

If you would like to enquire about a stall, please email treeves402@bchs.co.uk.





SCHOOL SHINES AT ANNUAL OPEN EVENING

On 21 September we held our annual open evening and what a success it was this year - our busiest yet, with so much going on in all of our classrooms.

Our students acted as tour guides, showing prospective pupils and their parents around. Visitors were able to take part in a number of interactive activities, such as cooking, science experiments and an escape room in maths. A new addition this year was the opening of our canteen so that people could try free samples of our delicious school dinners. This was a big hit with people queuing to try the samples on offer.

We want to say a huge thank you to all of the students who took part in the evening, we are so proud of you all and were thrilled to read the evaluation forms as many people commented on the friendliness and politeness of our students. Also, a big thanks to staff who demonstrated why our school is amazing!

The deadline for high school applications is Tuesday 31 October 2023 and all applications must be done via your local authority's website.



COOKERY CLASSES ARE A HIT

Our after school cookery class was a big hit last month when parents and students turned their hand to some cooking. The classes are free and all ingredients are provided. The next class will take place on Wednesday 13 December from 3-4pm where participants will make festive cakes and cookies. Places are extremely limited so if you would like to attend please contact mrathore524@bchs.co.uk.



STUDENTS HAVE A BLAST IN BERLIN

Engineering students had a blast earlier this month when they were given an opportunity to visit Berlin.

Whilst there, they planned, navigated and visited areas of Berlin that held significance as part of the world of careers and cultural capital.

A highlight of the trip was a visit to the newly opened fire lounge building at BMW, where they looked at all the concept inspiration for BMW motorbikes. Students were then given an engineering tour through the main factory where they learnt about design, planning, logistics, effective teamwork and manufacture, as well as the use of artificial intelligence and robotics.

They then toured, shopped, ate and met lots of different people to help them with making future decisions after school.



PSHE & RSE DATES

Tuesday 21 November - RSE

Wednesday 13 December - PSHE

Thursday 8 February - PSHE

Friday 15 March - RSE

Monday 22 April - PSHE

Wednesday 12 June - PSE

Tuesday 9 July - RSE



JODRELL BANK VISIT

Our year eight and nine pupils enjoyed a great trip to Jodrell Bank this month.

The centre, which is based in Cheshire, is full of mind-blowing stories of pioneering heritage and cutting-edge science. Whilst there, the students learnt about how the universe was made and spent a lot of time exploring the exhibits.

Thanks for having them Jodrell Bank, they all thoroughly enjoyed it.



WHAT'S COOKING?

There's lots going on in the school canteen at the moment. Our free breakfasts continue to grow in popularity, especially since we introduced our Friday treat where students can get Nutella pancakes. Breakfasts are free for students and staff every day from 8am-8.30am and we serve a range of different options, such as fruit pots, crumpets and cereal.



Our new winter lunch menu has also just been introduced, with new items such as roast beef dinner, sweet chilli chicken and veggie pasta bake on the menu. We are also investing £11,000 into the canteen and over the half term will be building a new additional serving area to help ease some of the congestion at lunch time. It's brilliant that school dinners are so popular now and the new serving area will help us to get lunches out more swiftly.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have something that you would like to see featured in the next edition? Maybe your child is doing something in the community or has achieved something that you want us to recognise? If so, please send an email to sobrien@championtrust.co.uk. You can also keep up to date with our latest news on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter - simply search for Blackburn Central High School and hit that follow button.

PARKING CONGESTION

We are having issues with congestion on the car park. Please can we remind all parents and carers who are bringing students in the car that they should drop off in the middle section of the car park, not at the bottom where the disabled spaces are. Nor should parents park up in the turning circle. The arrow on the photo illustrates where the turning circle is, this should be used for turning round.



Should the problems persist, we will have to review car access to the school grounds.

DIARY DATE

The date has been set for the next mums and daughters club and it will take place on Wednesday 20 December from 3pm-4pm.

The session is open to all female relatives, not just mums. The theme of the next session will be festive crafts.

If you would like to book a place then please contact mrathore524@bchs.uk.

