

CENTRAL NEWS



**Blackburn Central
HIGH SCHOOL**

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SUMMER 2023

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Hello and a warm welcome to the summer edition of Central News. As children and staff start to wind down for the summer break, we want to use this newsletter as a way to update you on some of their achievements and developments over the last term. As always, we are immensely proud of our students and staff and this term has been no different, as you'll see in the following articles.

On behalf of school I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and want to thank you for all of your support over the last year.

Please remember that school will close at 1.45pm tomorrow.

Mrs Hussain, Headteacher

NEW LEADERS OF SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meet the new leaders of our Junior Leadership Team (JLT). The JLT acts as the voice of students at school. They do an amazing job and we very much look forward to working with the new leaders. They are pictured here with Mrs Shazad, who is instrumental in helping to bring their ideas to life.



Next term the team are going to contribute to this newsletter so that they can update you on the work they are doing.

FREE COOKERY CLASSES

Our super popular 'feed a family of four for £5' cookery class will return on Wednesday 27 September from 3-4pm. It is open to all students and their parents or guardians.



All ingredients will be free, you just need to bring a container to take your food home.

Places are extremely limited and will book up quickly. If you would like to book a place please email MRathore524@bchs.co.uk.

WELL DONE SANAA

A huge shout out to one of our students for her amazing fundraising efforts to help raise money for the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

Sanaa managed to raise £570.74 by holding a tombola in school. With the help of Mrs Patel from school, they sourced a range of prizes from businesses across town. Thanks to all those who donated prizes and/or took part in the tombola.





MPs VISIT SCHOOL TO DISCUSS CHILD POVERTY

We had the pleasure of welcoming Kate Hollern, MP for Blackburn and Muhammed Bapu, Blackburn with Darwen's Youth MP, into school last week. The pair came to discuss the Food for Learning campaign, which campaigns on free school meals for all.

Whilst at school the MPs spoke with staff and students about the subject and commented on how confident and passionate both staff and students were. We stressed that no child will ever go hungry at BCHS, it's something we feel very strongly about. Kate was also pleased to hear that we already have free breakfast in place for all students.

She will now take these discussions and feed back our comments to central government.



NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR FREE BREAKFAST MENU

Thanks to some funding secured from Blackburn with Darwen Council we have been able to expand our free school breakfast menu. All students can come to school between 8-8.30am and enjoy a free breakfast of fruit pots, pain au chocolats, crumpets, cheese on toast, toasted bagels and hot drinks and fresh orange juice.



Plus, did you know that if your child is entitled to free school meals, we can help you to fill in the forms to process your application. Just get in touch with reception to book an appointment and somebody will go through the application with you step by step.

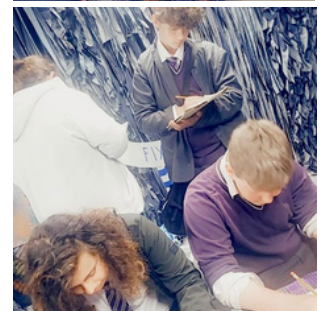
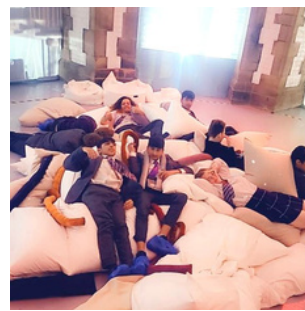
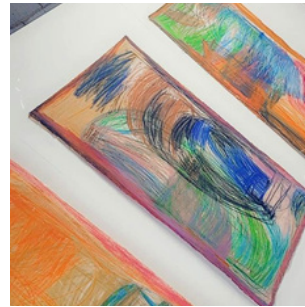


STUDENTS ENJOY ART EXHIBITION

Students enjoyed a fantastic exhibition of immersive art, celebrating the beauty and heritage of Blackburn, at the Festival of Making.

From meeting local artists to applying their skills with some printmaking, the students had a fantastic time exploring different careers within the creative industry.

The students were outstanding representatives of our BCHS family, we were super proud of them.



HISTORY TRIPS GALORE

The History department has been busy providing lots of opportunities to explore history outside of the classroom. Previously in the year we ran separate year seven and year 11 trips to the historic city of York. More recently, year eight students went to Quarry Bank Mill to bring to life their learning of working conditions in Industrial Revolution factories and to learn how these factories impact the local town and the lives of the people living there. In May, year nine students visited the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds. They then visited the Thackray Medicine Museum where they walked down Disease Street and investigated the link between living conditions throughout history, the diseases which occurred and how the people of Britain tried to fight the diseases and improve people's lives. Just last week year nine were given an amazing opportunity to study the current conflict in Palestine. They learnt about the origins of the conflict, the possible solutions and were able to speak to someone from each side of the conflict and hear first-hand what people living in the region are living through and about their hopes for the future. All amazing opportunities to bring history to life for our learners!





SPORTS ROUND UP

We're so proud of all of our PE students this term and have had lots of sport successes. Our year seven cricket team finished the season joint top of the league, whilst our year eight cricket team (pictured) finished second. Well done boys!



Our year nine boys football team won their first game of the season against Pleckgate.

It was a close 4-3 and the boys were over the moon, having waited all year for this moment. We've also had sporting triumphs in the town athletics competition with wins for various students.



STUDENTS HAVE A BALL AT PROM

Our year 11 students had a ball at their leavers prom this year. It was held at Mitton Fold and students and staff came together to celebrate their time at school and to mark the end of their chapter at BCHS. We wish all of our year 11 students a fruitful and happy future. They were a credit to us at the prom and made us proud. We look forward to seeing many of them on results day, which will take place on Thursday 24 August 2023.

A big thanks to Reuben Robertson Photography for photographing the prom. A selection of photos will appear in the Lancashire Telegraph's prom supplement to be published on Monday 24 July 2023.

POETRY PUBLISHED

This term we received a copy of the 'Power of Poetry' book from the Young Writers group, in which three of our amazing students had their work published. They took part in a competition and the prize was to have their work included in the book.

We are incredibly proud, what an achievement girls!





DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Well done to our students who concluded their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award this week. They smashed it after walking from Ribchester to Bowley on day one and Bowley to Pendleton on day two. We're very proud of them and thankful to the teachers for helping to organise and take the students on these expeditions.



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.



SUMMER MARKET

Staff and visitors alike had a great time at our annual summer market, held earlier this month at school.



With lots of small business stalls, plus food, drink and face painting, there was something for everyone.



Thanks to all those who attended and to all the staff who took time out of their weekend to help out. Next up will be our popular Christmas market!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

School will return on Monday 4 September 2023. Year seven pupils will start at the normal time of 8.30am, with a free breakfast available from 8-8.30am in the school canteen.

All other year groups will start school at 11am on Monday 4 September. This will give the new year sevens an opportunity to settle in and become familiar with their new surroundings.

Normal start times will commence from Tuesday 5 September for all year groups.