



Blackburn Central HIGH SCHOOL



I would like to begin by saying a wholehearted 'thank you' for how well you have supported school and your children over the last 10 days. We were all impressed by our students last week, which was an extremely difficult week for everybody. Our children were absolutely fantastic and were a credit to yourselves; please thank them on our behalf.

Year 11 had a very difficult time as did the teachers in saying their premature goodbyes. We tried our best to make it as special as we could given the unforeseen circumstances, but they were absolutely remarkable in how they managed a situation which was clearly very difficult for them.

Our teachers have ensured that our students have continuity during this period of physical absence from school. Please can you ensure that your children access their learning and maintain regular contact with their teachers through Google Classroom. We want to ensure that as far as is possible, our children are not missing out on their education.

Finally, thank you for your patience and assistance during this difficult time. Please look after yourselves and your loved ones, and remember that although our school gates are shut we are very much here in the virtual world serving our school community.

Mrs Hussain
Associate Headteacher

The Month Ahead

Unfortunately due to the current pandemic school is now closed to most students until further notice. We will remain open to vulnerable students and to the children of key workers.

Please see our website and social media accounts for more information and further updates. We will inform parents when we reopen fully.



Canterbury Rugby Shirt

Our lovely Year 8 student Alfie was picked to showcase the newly designed Blackburn Central High School Canterbury Rugby Shirt.

Alfie strode on to the pitch at the Twickenham stadium, ahead of the England vs Wales six nations clash on Saturday.

This was an unbelievable opportunity to represent our school in front of 80,000+ people, displaying the hard work of our students who designed this quality rugby shirt.



World War I Experience

Our History department organised an incredible hands-on World War I experience day for 30 hardworking Year 8 students, as a reward for their fantastic effort in lessons.

This event was led by their very own WWI 'Tommy' who told them of his experiences during the war, as he demonstrated various artefacts. Tommy told the history of "war to end all wars", beginning with the reasons for the war, and why thousands of men volunteered to join the British Army.

Our students were able to look at and touch the artefacts, many of which had been retrieved from WWI battlefields, or were replicas made for movies and television shows.

This included different types of weapons used on the battlefield, including rifles, grenades, shells, and bombs; all now defused and safe to handle. Our expert Tommy supervised the students and helped to dispel the myths created by movies and video games.

The students took part in a group activity where they worked in teams to put together combat webbing, which turned out to be a lot more complicated than it looked. Both teams managed to assemble the webbing, but not 100% correctly.

They also took part in some common activities, which WWI soldiers would do whilst waiting in the trenches, this included the board game House, now called Bingo, and practice drills.

Finally our students learnt injuries and medical equipment in the war, which led to a moment of reflection for the soldiers killed during the war.

Overall the day was a huge success which brought World War I to life for these amazing history students.

Aspire and achieve



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Kiran, Heba, Filip, Katie and Ruqayya all received certificates and badges earlier this week, to mark completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. This award is a recognised mark of achievement and respected by employers.

Taking part in the DofE scheme can be a life-changing experience, a fun time with friends, an opportunity to discover new interests, and a way to develop life skills.

Our students completed four sections to gain their awards, including helping the community or environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, plus planning, training for and completing an expedition. The activities ranged from working in charity shops to learning to play a musical instrument.

These students gave up their own time in order to complete the sections, and are a credit to themselves and Blackburn Central High School.



World Book Day 2020

Thank you to everybody who took part in World Book Day this year, it was great to see staff dressed up as characters from books.

Staff also decorated classroom doors in bookish ways, which our students loved. They were in disbelief all day.