



Blackburn Central HIGH SCHOOL



As we approach the Easter break, I have been reflecting upon what an unusual, but very successful term it has been.

Although we were placed back into 'lockdown' our staff and students (and of course our parents!) did a brilliant job with remote learning - and the return to school and testing from 8th March has gone exceptionally well.

It has been a pleasure to have everyone back. I wish to congratulate staff and students on their resourcefulness and flexibility and thank parents and carers sincerely for their fantastic ongoing support.

I am sure that, like me, you are all hopeful that as we move into the summer we are on the path towards a more 'normal' way of life.

After the Easter break our Year 11 students will begin a period of assessment that will help determine their final grades. In addition, our Muslim students and staff will begin fasting to mark the start of Ramadan.

To all of our school community, I hope you have a safe, restful and enjoyable Easter break with your families. A Happy Easter and Ramadan Mubarak to you all.

Mrs Hussain
Headteacher

The Month Ahead

Monday 12th April

Students return to school after Easter break

Wednesday 14th April

Virtual Welcome for Year 6 students, 2:00pm

Thursday 15th April

Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4:00 – 7:15pm

Wednesday 21st April

Year 9 HPV Vaccinations

Thursday 22nd April

Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4:00 – 7:15pm

Book Parents' Evening appointments using your child's school Google account here:

<https://sites.google.com/bchs.co.uk/parental-appointment-app/home>



New Technology = New Books

At the end of last year our IT Support department purchased some new computer equipment directly from HP. Because of this our school was able to claim some additional rewards in the form of new books for our school library.

Our school ordered £300 worth of 'read for pleasure' books from Browns Books for Students, and the first delivery arrived this week: three complete Harry Potter collections, and two complete Hunger Game collections.

Mr Greenhalgh, our IT Network Manager commented:

"It's nice that buying new technology has enabled us to add actual paper books to our school library!"



Turn Your Excuses into Challenges

Steve Judge, three-time Speaker of the Year, two-time World Champion, bestselling author, and motivational speaker, appeared in school (virtually) to boost our students' motivation, wellbeing and aspirations.

Steve was told that he might never walk again, following a car accident in which both his legs were crushed. Through setting goals and working towards them, he eventually became a World Champion in the sport of paratriathlon.

Steve's uplifting and humorous performance will aid our students to realise their goals and inspire them to work towards them.



Creative Competition

Well done to all of our students who entered our Creative Competition this term, the standard of entries was outstanding, making it very hard to choose the winners.

After a lot of deliberation, the following students were awarded a £10 Amazon voucher for first place; well done Zakiyah, Ellie and Umar.

Also well done to the runners up, Katelyn for her wonderful stick houses, Sara for lots things including a giant Jammy dodger, and Fatimah for her origami video, who all won a £5 voucher.

Aspire and achieve



Hug in a Mug for Parents

As lockdown restrictions start to ease, and students return back to school, we wanted to recognise the hard work and diligence from our parents in ensuring their children are logging into their online lessons, we have sent 50 "Hug in a Mugs" to some of our parents.

The "Hug in a Mug" is to encourage parents to sit down with a hot chocolate and some biscuits for a little bit of "me" time. The treats were generously donated Natasha Beck, Community Champion at Morrisons in Great Harwood, who heard of our appeal and kindly offered to help.

We know that a lot more than 50 parents are doing everything they can to encourage students to access their virtual learning, so to make it fair we pulled 10 names per year group out of a hat.

The feedback from parents has been great:

"Thank you for sending out the lovely 'Hug in a mug' treat from the school. When I arrived home from work I found it sitting on my dressing table, so that was a thoughtful and heart-warming surprise and much needed, especially how stressful the past few weeks have been for me with the pressures at work and last week we had worrying news that both my parents had tested positive for the virus.. both are okay now.

"So a tearful smile seeing the 'Hug in a mug' treat.. nothing beats a warm hot choc and biscuits when you need, my favourite curled up with a book after a long day."