



## Blackburn Central HIGH SCHOOL



Awards Evening is a special occasion in the school year. It's one of a number of milestones in the lives of our students that brings them together with friends and families in celebration. It was an absolute pleasure to join our graduates in celebrating their success.

There were some phenomenal results in RE, Urdu, English Literature, and Sciences along with our best ever results in Geography and Food. In all subjects our progress was better than the majority of other schools and this shows that the collaboration and relationships that we have with our parents and pupils enable our students to achieve beyond expectations!

The cold winter weather is definitely starting to set in. I urge parents and carers to ensure that your children bring coats, hats and gloves to school. These will be needed not just for the journey to and from school, but also for use during break and lunch, as we encourage our students to spend time outside in the fresh air.

You will have a flavour of some of the events that have taken place so far and what's coming up in the month ahead. We will be holding Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December in aid of Save the Children.

Thank you for your support and please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Mrs Hussain  
Associate Headteacher

### Month Ahead

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
PSHE Day

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
Mothers & Daughter's Club 2:50pm-3:50pm

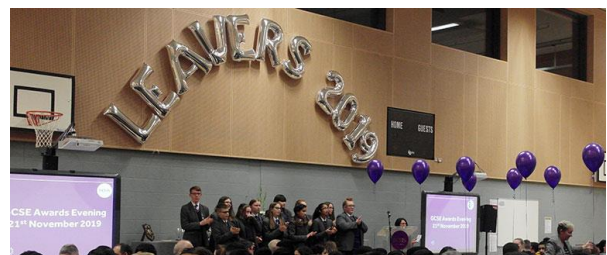
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Jodrell Bank trip – Year 8

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
School Choir at Shadsworth Hub

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
Community Coffee and Carols 2:00pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last day of term



### Awards Presentation Evening

**Last Thursday we held an Awards Presentation Evening for our 2019 graduates.**

Our guest speaker was journalist, broadcaster and writer, Doctor Myriam Francois. Her documentaries and articles have appeared on Channel 4 and the BBC, and in the Guardian, New Statesman, Telegraph, CNN online and Middle East Eye.

*"Honestly, your staff and student body are incredible - achieving against all odds - the new gen you're raising up are warriors and the leaders who've neglected them better watch their backs - stronger leaner smarter new gen coming through who've had to come too far not to go all the way."*

The evening was an amazing celebration of their successes so far. Thank you to everyone who attended, we wish you the very best of luck in your future endeavours.



## Charity Champions

**Our Charity Champions recently raised £235 for Islamic Relief, who support international, national and local projects, and provide a lifeline for vulnerable communities affected by disaster or poverty.**

They are the latest group supported by our students and the first for our newly-formed Charity Champions. Charity Champions are a focus group of students from years 7 to 9, who raise funds for the charities we support.

In helping raise awareness and funds for local charities, our students are also able to add this voluntary work to their record of achievement when they are applying to college or university.



## Kickboxing World Champion

**Jordan represented England in Kickboxing at the Unified World Championships last month.**

She flew out to Carrara, Italy and took part in three matches, winning both a Gold and Silver medal. The All Fight Systems Organization also presented her with the "Heart of a Fighter" award, which is only the second time this has been awarded.

What makes Jordan's accomplishment even more special is that she part funded her place on the



## Blackburn Remembrance Day

**On Sunday 10th November students and staff took part in the Remembrance Day Service held at Blackburn Cathedral.**

Year 7 student, Lily, brought a very personal touch to the Remembrance Day Service, when she wore her father's medals as she represented school with others in remembering those lost to conflict.

Her father was with the Duke of Lancaster Regiment, and had active service medals for Iraq, the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee medals, a 15 year long service medal and a Reserve medal.



## Royal Navy Catering Demo

**Petty Office Jamie Marples and Leading Hand Kim Barber, from the Royal Navy Logistics Branch, spent time with some of our Catering and Hospitality students.**

They talked about their roles whilst demonstrating how to cook a delicious duck breast in plumb sauce, with broccoli and potatoes. Jamie is a chef, and Kim a steward, although they have secondary roles in the Navy, fireman and medic respectively.

Kim and Jamie answered the many questions fielded by our fascinated students; including details of career pathways and the accelerated apprentice options available to Navy personnel.

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