

Blackburn Central



Next half term our Year 11 students will be focussing even more on preparing for their summer GCSE exams. There are no shortcuts to success; hard work, planning and perseverance are essential.

Everyone here has driven our ambition to strengthen, advance and promote our values of friendship, forgiveness and family. Refugees are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children, with the same hope and ambitions as us — when families come to our school community we welcome and embrace them with open arms and they become part of our family. This week we have been absolutely delighted to be awarded 'The School of Sanctuary Status' in recognition of our commitment to welcome asylum seekers, refuges and their families.

It is the obligation of every person born in a safer room to open the door when someone in danger knocks.

This week is Children's Mental Health week and we are supporting the 'Find your Brave' campaign. Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Life is all about taking small brave steps every day. Bravery could be about sharing worries and asking for help when you need it, trying something new or making the right choices. Please take a moment to find your 'brave' this week.



Mrs Hussain **Associate Headteacher**

The Month Ahead

Monday 3rd February

Year 7 Games Night 3:00 - 4:00pm

Wednesday 5th February

Year 8 Religious Studies Trip Mums and Daughters Club 2:50 – 3:50pm

Friday 7th February

Health & Social Care Exam 8:30am Year 9 Go Ape Trip

Tuesday 11th February

Year 9 Life on Mars UCLAN event Year 8 Beever and Struthers mentoring

Wednesday 12th February

PSHE Day

Friday 14th February

Students finish at 2:50pm for half term break

Thursday 20th February

Operating Theatre Live 9:00am - 6:00pm

Monday 24th February

Students return to school at 8:30am



Year 7 Board Games Night

On Monday 3rd February we are hosting a Year 7 Board Games Night from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

For just £1 students can take part in a number of popular board games, including Scrabble, Monopoly, and Connect 4 among other classic family favourites. As well as lots of fun refreshments will also be provided on the night. Tickets are available from our Finance Office.



New School Website

Visitors to our website will notice that it has been completely redesigned over the winter break.

We've teamed with the design agency Cooke and Cree to provide a better online experience for our website visitors. We will be tweaking the layout of the site based on feedback from parents and students to make it even easier to find the information you need as quickly as possible.

We've added a search function, and a set of quick links so things like adding money to school dinner cards can be done with a click.

If you have any feedback on the new site please email it to info@bchs.co.uk



Champion Education Trust

In October Blackburn Central High School and Crosshill School started Champion Education Trust.

This Multi Academy Trust is the next step in our plan to provide award winning, student focused education not just to children within Blackburn and Darwen but to those across the country.

Lotus School, our first new school, will open in Blackpool this September.



Operating Theatre Live

We are hosting the Operating Theatre Live interactive dissection show on Thursday 20th February 2020.

This incredible, immersive experience will give children the opportunity to dissect real specimens. Students will work through a complete dissection of the human body and learn a variety of important clinical skills including interpreting X-rays and linking symptoms to clinical diagnosis.

With a post-mortem style experience, students will look at disease and pathology, working on real specimens using real surgeons' tools.

The event is open to 14-19 year olds, interested in studying anatomy, medicine or pathology.

Tickets from www.operatingtheatrelive.co.uk

FUTURE HEALTHCARE £59.00 + booking fee - 9:00am to 3:00pm

Aimed at students considering a career in health, biosciences or any other discipline requiring a knowledge of anatomy and how the body works. Provides a deep insight into how the human body functions and offers the chance to dissect real specimens learning GCSE, A Level, BTEC, Nat5 and Highers' biology for the national exams. This ticket includes scrub hire, full PPE and clinics 1-6.

NUPE £49.00 + booking fee - 4:00pm to 6:00pm

NUPE is the National UCAT Practice Exam, aimed at all students considering a career in medicine or dentistry. We recommend you attend at least one practice exam event before sitting the UCAT exam.

Please note that both programmes can be purchased together or separately.

Stethoscopes, work experience journals and lunch can be purchased as extras but are not required.

Full details and terms and conditions can be found online.

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