

Monthly Newsletter

July 2021



Blackburn Central
HIGH SCHOOL

Aspire and achieve

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Many thanks for your continued support with ensuring your children are testing themselves twice a week, and continuing to wear face coverings for school. We are all really proud of the mature manner in which they are conducting themselves in school –they are very respectful of the health and safety of everyone in the school community. With the new Delta variant, we are glad that we stayed in bubbles –this is really helping to keep numbers of those affected by COVID to a minimum. Many thanks for your support with this. It is crucial that all pupils are testing themselves on a Sunday evening and a Wednesday evening. If your child's test is positive, they must not come into school and you need to contact school immediately. Equally, if your child is unwell, please do not send them into school. For any pupil who has to self-isolate please ensure that they are logging on to live lessons.

Year 11s enjoyed their leavers' assembly earlier this month and it was both a celebration and an emotional time for all involved. We would like to congratulate the display of maturity and commitment we have seen from students in Years 11 and also our year 10s who have recently completed their mock examinations.

Sadly, due to advice from BWD we have had to postpone some of the events that we had planned for the end of this term. We have rearranged some of our events for September and I will share all the details in our final newsletter in July.

As the end of term approaches, I am immensely proud of how our school is navigating this difficult year. In spite of absences, protocols, regular testing, our school community continues to display great positivity and we have ensured that learning has not been lost for our students and they have continued to enjoy school as always.

Thank you for your continuing support.



Mrs Hussain
Headteacher



The Month Ahead...

Monday 12 - Thursday 15 July
Sports Days

Tuesday 13 July
Year 7 Reports Home

Thursday 15 July
Year 8 Reports Home

Friday 16 July
Students finish at 1:50pm for Summer

Monday 26 - Friday 30 July
New Year 7 Summer School

Monday 26 July - Friday 6 August
Year 10 Summer School

August...

Thursday 12 August
GCSE Results Day

Dear Virus, With Love

by Year 10 Students

Dear Virus,

We were so lost in the rat race, all trying to go viral,
That we never saw you coming, never sensed your arrival,
But arrive you did.
Silently.
Swiftly.
Swept us up into your spiral.
Locked us down without words, tied us up without hands,
You're a virus with no rival.

So here we are, still dreaming of that bliss, the warm
embrace of a friend,
The distance is meaningful, we've reconnected with hearts.
We're halfway through this tunnel, there must be light at
the end,
Because everything has its end, everything has its end.

Dear Virus,
You killed our people, but you also killed our desires,
But a ground zero breathes life into endless possibilities:
a renewed purpose; a rekindled fire.
You took our liberties, but you gave us time,
Time to see, not just to look;
Time to listen, not just to hear,
Time to think, time to paint, time to cook.
You seized leaders' spines but set our minds free,
Reborn to appreciate what we'd neglected to see,
Splitting us apart like Moses did the sea,
But look, we're still here, we're still here.

Dear Virus,
You waged your war, and yet here we stand
In the ashes of your wreckage,
Strengthened, smiling and growing
From the lives we have planted in the soil
Ready to harvest a new generation of saviours and sinners.
Many lives lost but not one of them in vain,
And it's only a loss if nothing is gained,
We go on, stronger, even if things will never be the same,
Because each night brings a new dawn,
And tomorrow we go again.

With Love.

New Y7 Summer School

The transition to high school is known to be challenging for some pupils, and the impacts of the pandemic have increased this challenge.

During the five days students will experience a range of activities such as sports and arts together with curricular-themed activities delivered in a creative way.

The Summer School places a sufficient focus on literacy and numeracy delivered via practical activities such as drama or challenges in order to ensure there is no academic dip between leaving primary school and starting secondary school.



Rainbow Cake Sale

BCHS students hosted an extremely successful Rainbow Cake this month.

Money raised from the sale goes towards the BCHS Enrichment Fund which helps the school support our students and their families.

Our students raised a massive amount of over £210.00!

Thank you to everybody who came along, donated cakes and supported the sale!

Report Remove

Childline have launched a new service called 'Report Remove'.

The Report Remove is a service that allows children and young people under 18 to report and get removed from the internet a nude image or video of themselves that might have been shared online.

When making a report the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) work together with Childline to get content removed from the internet. Most of the time, nobody will know that a report has been made and this information won't be shared with anyone else.

This tool is a world first. It will give young people the power, and the confidence, to reclaim these images and make sure they do not fall into the wrong hands online.

To find out more about the service [CLICK HERE](#).



**Nude image of you online?
We can help take it down.**

Gender Identity Matters

Staff have received training from Lady Steph from Chrysalis, a charity supporting transgender, non-binary and questioning people.

Lady Steph explained how we as a school can better understand and help students who are transitioning or identify as LGBTQ+.

Lady Steph and the Chrysalis Charity are mentoring a number of pupils in this position to help them accept themselves and how to do so safely.

Lady Steph shared her own experiences, including her inspirational coming out story, transition and obstacles she faced along the way.

To find out more about Chrysalis, [CLICK HERE](#).



Chrysalis

Student Voice Mental Health Team

Miss Leake will now be the school's mental health lead while the lovely Miss Sange is off.

Miss Leake has attended her first meeting with the Student Voice Mental Health Team. If you feel you would like to join the team or have any worries about and issues regarding mental health, please go and visit Miss Leake in the KS3 Access Room.

Sports Day

Monday 12 - Thursday 15 July

We are excited to announce that Sports Day will be returning this summer. Students will take part in a mixture of activities, some traditional, some a little less traditional - including the egg & spoon race and the welly wang!

On their year group day, students will come to school in their PE kits. We hope as many students as possible will take part! There will be a tuck shop available each day and students can earn tokens to win tuck shop prizes by having excellent behaviour in all their lessons in the run up to the big day.



Year 8 Taster Days

Year 8s took part in Creative and Tech taster days this month before choosing their GCSE options.

The Taster Days were especially useful for those who may not have had chance to explore all of their options due to lockdown.

Over the days students made Chicken Chow Mein in Food Technology, created keyrings in the style of 'Day of the Dead' in Resistant Materials and produced a whole year rainbow mural (pictured above) in Art that will be displayed within school.

As well as this, in Drama students devised and performed their own original piece, using lighting and sound design, costumes and props; and in Music students enjoyed composing music for film and television using a digital audio workstation.

The atmosphere during the day was really positive and the students really enjoyed their sessions.

Y7 Information Evening

Wednesday 30 June

BCHS are holding a Virtual Parents' Information Evening for parents and carers of new Year 7 students.

Meet some of our staff and students and gather key information about your child's transition to BCHS.

Check your emails for your joining link.



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