



## Blackburn Central HIGH SCHOOL



This half term has been unprecedented and the manner in which our students and staff have adapted to all the changes has been truly inspiring; they have displayed courage, maturity and trust.

I would also like to acknowledge and celebrate how our staff, students and entire school community have been amazing and achieved something remarkable.

We have transformed ourselves, redesigned our classrooms and provision and prepared ourselves to care for and educate students in this brave new world; none of this could have been achieved without your support! Thank you for everything you are doing.

Please rest assured that we will continue to work with Public Health England, the Department for Education and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council to ensure that all the necessary procedures are in place to guarantee the safety of your children.

If you have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to contact school.

Please ensure that you have a safe and restful break with your families.

Mrs Hussain  
Headteacher

### The Month Ahead

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
Community Forum (online)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 7 Flu Vaccinations - 9:00am to 3:00pm

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
Leavers Awards Evening (online)

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 10 Raising Achievement



### Year 7 Shared Read

**We are excited to announce that our shared read is *Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan* by Sufiya Ahmed, and we will be supplying every Year 7 student with a signed copy from the author.**

Based on true events that happened during World War II. Noor, the main character, tells readers the story of how she and her family are forced to flee Nazi-occupied France. Despite her mother's protests, Noor joins the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, where she quickly impresses her bosses, and then transferred to become a spy!

We have arranged for author Sufiya Ahmed, who also wrote *Secrets of the Henna Girl*, and *Ladybird Tales of Superheroes*, to visit our Year 7 students virtually this term.

We are looking forward hearing about how she arrived in the UK from India, and how she became an author. There will also be a chance for students to ask questions and hear a chapter from *Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan*.



## Tom Foolery

**On 13th October, students in 9A1 participated in a workshop with the amazing Tomos Roberts, an up and coming poet who wrote The Great Realisation, which went viral during lockdown.**

The poem shows the impact and effects of a world in lockdown and highlights the positivity. Structured as a bedtime story, the reader realises that lockdown wasn't all doom and gloom; and is reminded of all the benefits of being forced to stay inside: the planet had the opportunity to heal itself, people reconnected with their loved ones and reflected on what is important to them.

Luckily, the session was recorded so that all our students can benefit from it. I would urge everyone to listen to Tom's poem because it truly does make you realise all the good that has come out of our current situation and it will hopefully encourage people to continue with some of the behaviours that we were forced to adopt during lockdown.



## Macmillan Cake Sale

**Key Stage 3 Access baked and sold cakes to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.**

Thank you to everyone who bought cakes, with your help the students in Key Stage 3 Access raised £77 for charity.

Aspire and achieve

## Half Term Intervention

**We are running the following intervention sessions during half term.**

### Monday 26th October

- 112/Gg2 via Google Meet 10:00am - 12:00pm
- 111/Gg1 via Google Meet 12:00pm - 2:00pm

### Thursday 29th October

- 11a/Ma1 via Google Meet 11:00am - 1:00pm
- 11a/Ma2 via Google Meet 11:00am - 1:00pm
- 11a/Ma4 via Google Meet 11:00am - 1:00pm

### Friday 30th October

- 112/Gg1 via Google Meet 1:00pm - 3:00pm



## ParentApp Now Live!

**Our Parentapp is now live! Download it now or miss out on important information.**

It's free to download and available for both Apple and Android devices. It will provide you with instant access to our term dates, event information, newsletters, social media, website and much more.

Additionally, you will be able to view and submit consent forms easily and receive secure documents. The app will also enable you to invite additional family members, ensuring that the right people have access to important information.

The app is fully secure and GDPR compliant and in order to access it you will need to be invited via email or SMS message. Please ensure that we have your most up to date email address and mobile number.

It is very important you download the school app as this will be our main source of communication and you will be missing out on important information about your child and what's happening within our school.