



Blackburn Central HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, thank you for your continued support. Our school remained open throughout the Easter holidays and we will continue to do everything we can to support the continuity of learning for your children.

Free School Meals

After we arranged free school meal vouchers through Wonde, the government announced their national scheme (Edenred). We are unsure as yet whether the government will reimburse us in full for the Wonde vouchers, so we need to be ready to move over to Edenred. We have remained with Wonde for the time being as there have been a few teething problems with the national scheme and we want to make sure those families who are entitled can access vouchers. With Edenred we need an email address to deliver the voucher to. We do not have email address on file for all parents, so if you have not supplied us with one, we will be contacting you shortly.

If your child does not currently receive free school meals and you think you may be entitled to claim, please contact Blackburn with Darwen Council on 01254 585585 or benefits@blackburn.gov.uk. You can also apply through <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education>

Distance Learning Timetable

We understand that this is a very difficult time for many of our families, and concerns and worries about loss of learning in the classroom will of course be contributing to this. In order to best support our families, we have created a distance-learning timetable to offer our parents and students a structure for learning from home. Whilst we understand distance learning is going to look different for every household, what we want to offer our families is a timetable that will enable you as parents/carers to have the conversation with your children about what our daily expectation of schoolwork is and to help you to access it easily.

For all of our year groups, Maths and English appear on the timetable daily, ensuring important daily access to these core subjects. For Year 7 and 8, a 'menu' is offered for the afternoon slot: they can choose an either/or option, ensuring they can access the full suite of their curriculum subjects or enjoy a creative/mindfulness activity (PIXL activities are available on the school website). All suitable home learning tasks have been set for your children via Google Classroom.

We understand that our Year 9 and 10 students are going to be worried about their GCSE studies. The focus for this half term will be ensuring they maintain access to all of their GCSE subjects. Again, Maths and English are the focus of daily learning; however, provision for all options to be accessed has been timetabled throughout the week. Your child's teacher will have set suitable home learning tasks for their subject's 'slot'.

Ramadan

In a few days, many of our families will be fasting to mark the start of the holy month of Ramadan. We would like to wish you Ramadan Kareem and hope you have a peaceful and reflective month with your family.

Stay safe and look after your loved ones. If you have any issues or concerns please email info@bchs.co.uk or phone 01254 505700. There are key members of staff in daily if you wish to discuss anything further.

Yours sincerely

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