

# Weekly Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**BCHS**  
with Crosshill



I would like to ask for your feedback on our weekly school newsletter. I want to make sure that we at BCHS are effectively communicating with our stakeholders and meeting our community's needs. Please head to <http://goo.gl/bSpUFS> and answer a few short questions.

We break up this Friday for half-term, students should return back to school for 8:30am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February; breakfast club will be open as normal from 8:00am on Monday.

We are holding revision sessions for our Year 11 students over the half-term break, please encourage your children to attend.

A reminder to parents that you can pay for school dinners, trips and residential visits online at <http://www.scopay.com/> If you don't already have an online payment code please contact Mrs Alison Blease in our Finance Office at [ablease652@bchs.co.uk](mailto:ablease652@bchs.co.uk) or telephone 01254 505700.

**Mrs Atkinson**  
Headteacher

## The Week Ahead

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
Prevent Forum 3:00pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
Geography Intervention - HU6 3:00-3:20pm  
Cricket - Sport Hall 6:00-8:00pm

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
Adult Literacy Class 5:00-6:00pm

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
Major Naveed Inspirational Talk 12:15-2:50pm  
Parental Leave - Extended Leave 3:00pm

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**  
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## Royal Marines Taster

We were visited by the Royal Marines last Friday, who put our Year 9, 10 and 11 students through their paces during a day of fitness training.

The Marines commented that our students were very welcoming and happy to take part, and were impressed with the diversity of the students and how well they worked together.



## Exam Preparation during Ramadan

Ramadan is due to start around 14<sup>th</sup> May, which is also the date of the first GCSE exam. We want to highlight that if your children observe Ramadan, it will fall during the exam season.

Starting preparation for the exams now will ensure that your children are best placed to succeed.

- Organise a revision timetable and stick to it.
- Do the bulk of revision before Ramadan begins.
- Utilise half term to get into good time management and revision habits.
- Ensure your child sets a strong foundation now in terms of exam preparation. This will take the pressure off nearer to the exams.
- Ramadan can mean that your child may be more focused, with less distractions.
- School will remain open throughout Ramadan and during Eid.

## Year 11 Half-Term Revision

**Monday:** Science 10am - 12pm, Science 1-3pm

**Tuesday:** History 10am - 12pm, Spanish 1-3pm

**Wednesday:** English 10am - 12pm, Art 1 - 3pm

**Thursday:** Maths 10am - 12pm

Each Year 11 student has been sent a personalised timetable of revision sessions. Students are not required to wear school uniform and can bring their own refreshments.



## UCLAN Observatory Trip

**During a dark and cloudy evening, Mrs Reeves and Mr Donaldson took 14 students to the University of Central Lancashire Observatory in Longton, Preston.**

Unfortunately, due to the cloud cover, we couldn't look through the telescope, but saw images previously recorded of the Andromeda Galaxy, nebulae, stars and planets.



## Duke of Edinburgh Update

**Our Year 11 DofE group have started on a new project which combines the volunteering requirements of the DofE award with project work for their BTEC Art qualification.**

The students have volunteered to clean and paint four storage containers; once cleaned the group will cover them with eye-catching murals.

## Villiers Park Scholars

**Year 10 and 11 students visited Lancaster University as part of the Villiers Park scholars program for a series of workshops and seminars.**

The workshops ranged from applying to university to studying abroad. Year 10 students returned to school with fire in their bellies eager to take on an Involve Project where they independently create, organise and run their own project in school.

## Community Library

**On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February we are launching our Community Library with an open Afternoon Tea. You can meet our staff, sign up for your library pass and enjoy some tea and cakes.**

After half-term our Community Library will be open to friends and family of BCHS students every Tuesday and Thursday, 3:00 to 4:00pm.

There will be staff on hand to help you choose books, access the internet or just for a friendly chat. There will also be a small child play area where younger children can enjoy games, share a book with a family member or be creative.



## National Number Day 2018

**Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who took part in National Number Day and our Mathematics Quiz. Through your involvement we raised £363 for the NSPCC charity.**

Well done to Naimah in Year 11 for estimating the number of sweets in a jar and to Mr Chand for estimating the length of 'Big Foot's' feet.

Mr Robertson hosted our epic Mathematics Quiz organised by student Naznin and Mr Patel saw our Maths staff go head-to-head in an epic battle of the minds to entertain students and raise even more money for the NSPCC.