

Weekly Newsletter

19th October 2018

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with Crosshill



We come to the end of our first half-term this academic year. Next half-term will be a busy one for our Year 11 students, as they will be sitting their Pre Public examinations in November and December to help them prepare for their final GCSE examinations.

As we have become more aware of the negative effects of mobile devices recently, we have decided to commit more strongly to our mobile phone policy. This policy is available on our website, in students' planners, and is also explained overleaf.

I'd like to remind you all that mobile phones and other electronic devices are not to be used in school, unless students have been directed to use them by the lesson teacher for the purposes of enhanced learning.

I wish you all an enjoyable half-term break, and look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on Monday 29th October.

Mrs Atkinson
Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Thursday 25th October

Operating Theatre Live 9:00am to 8:00pm

Monday 29th October

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Tuesday 30th October

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Wednesday 31st October

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Thursday 1st November

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition
Vaccinations - Year 8 & 9 Girls, 8:30am - 1:15pm

Friday 2nd November

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition



10% Off Operating Theatre Live

Operating Theatre Live is taking place at BCHS this Thursday 25th October. There are still a few tickets left, so use the code **OCTOBER10** to get **10% discount** when booking tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/operating-theatre-live-blackburn-25th-october-2018-tickets-46798078312>

This incredible, immersive event will give children, aged 14-18, the opportunity to dissect real specimens led by human anatomist Samuel Piri.



Health and Medicine at UCLAN

Some of our Year 10 students attended Health and Medicine workshops at the University of Central Lancashire last week.

These workshops were the first of three sessions entitled 'Access to the Professions'.

The first workshop was based in a mock hospital ward, where students learned basic first aid, including CPR, dressing wounds, and human anatomy.

During the second and third workshops our students discovered what it is like to be a junior doctor, and what an ophthalmologist does.

Two more sessions will follow later this year, which will include workshops focused on media and the law.



Solutions Not Sides

Solutions Not Sides delivered a workshop to some of our Year 11 students on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. They seek to tackle Anti-Semitism, Anti-Muslim hate around the issue of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The workshop focused on possible solutions to the conflict based on understanding both sides. The aim of the programme is to shift attitudes away from supporting one side against the other, and towards seeking a solution for the humans involved.

Our students asked very intelligent questions, and really valued the chance to hear about the conflict from people who have been affected by it.



Virtual Reality Space Adventures

Virtual reality adventures in space was the theme for this year's World Space Week. Year 7 students experienced The Education Group's amazing "Solar Expedition" workshop.

The workshop included a series of VR films exploring interesting and unusual facts about the neighbouring planets of our solar system.

This fascinating workshop will inspire the next generation of scientists and astronauts, who may one day blast off into space for real! When asked, the majority of our Year 7 students were keen to move to Mars if they had the opportunity.



Mobile Phone Policy Reminder

Just a quick reminder about the use of mobile phones in school. Mobile phones and earphones should be switched off and kept out of sight during and in between lessons. In cases of an emergency parents should contact school reception.

BCHS accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones. We also accept no responsibility for students who lose or have their mobile phone stolen while travelling to/from school.

Unless permission has been granted by a member of staff for aiding learning in the classroom, mobile phones should not be used during or moving between lessons.

Students who are seen with a mobile phone, earphones, or other technology including iPads/tablets, etc. during or between lessons (where it is NOT being used for learning) will have their device confiscated by staff.

The device will be confiscated by the teacher and taken to the Pastoral Manager. The student will inform their parent/carer, who will then make arrangements with their child's Pastoral Manager to collect the phone when mutually convenient, but 24 hours' notice will be required.

It is strongly advised that students use a password/pin to ensure that unauthorised calls cannot be made on their phones.



November / December Pre Public Exam Timetable 2018

Day	Date	Series	Board	Qual	Subject	Title	Time	Duration
Mon	26/11/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	English Literature	English Literature	P1-2	1h 45m
Mon	26/11/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Maths	Maths Paper 1 F & H	P3-4	1h 30m
Tues	27/11/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Chemistry	Com Science Chemistry / Chemistry	P1-2	1h 30m/1h 45m
Tues	27/11/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Geography / History	Geography Paper 1 / History Paper 1	P3-4	1h 30m/1h 45m
Wed	28/11/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Physics	Com Science Physics / Physics	P1-2	1h 30m/1h 45m
Wed	28/11/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Maths	Maths Paper 2	P3-4	1h 30m
Thurs	29/11/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	English Language	English Language	P1-2	1h 45m
Thurs	29/11/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Biology	Com Science Biology / Biology	P3-4	1h 30m/1h 45m
Fri	30/11/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Maths	Maths Paper 3	P1-2	1h 30m
Fri	30/11/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Year 10 English Lit	Year 10 English Literature	P3-4	1h 45m
Mon	03/12/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Spanish / Urdu	Spanish / Urdu F & H	P1-2	1h 45m/2h 15m
Mon	03/12/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	CiM / Comp Science	Creative iMedia / Computer Science Paper 1	P3-4	1h 15m/1h 30m
Tues	04/12/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Religious Studies	Religious Studies Paper 1 / 2 students Food Prep & Nut	P1-2	1h/1h 45m
Tues	04/12/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Food Prep / Ent & Mar	Food Preparation & Nutrition / Enterprise & Marketing	P3-4	1h 45m/1h 30m
Wed	05/12/2018	PPE	Internal	BTEC/PPE	Sport	Year 10 Sport (plus 4 x Year 11)	P1-2	1h
Wed	05/12/2018	PPE	Internal	BTEC/PPE	H & S Care / Music	Health & Social Care / Music	P3-4	1h
Wed	05/12/2018	PPE	Internal	BTEC/PPE	Computer Science	Computer Science Paper 2	P3-4	1h 30m
Thurs	06/12/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Geography / History	Geography / History Paper 2	P1-2	1h 30m/50m
Thurs	06/12/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Religious Studies	Religious Studies Paper 2	P3-4	1h
Fri	07/12/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Geography	Geography Paper 3	P1-2	45m
Fri	07/12/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Religious Studies	Religious Studies Paper 3	P3-4	45m
Mon	10/12/2018	PPE	Internal	GCSE/PPE	Art & Design	Art	P1-4	5h (approx)