

# CENTRAL NEWS



**Blackburn Central  
HIGH SCHOOL**

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**EASTER 2024**

## A WARM WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the Easter edition of Central News. We've had an incredibly busy term, with lots to celebrate and report. Our year 11s are gearing up for their GCSEs and teachers are working incredibly hard to help them achieve the best results they can. Our year nines are also preparing to choose their options for the next two years. I'm also thrilled to share with you that once again this year, our school is over subscribed. I think this is testament to all of the staff and students who make the school a pleasure to be part of.

On behalf of school I wish you all a wonderful Easter break, happy Easter to those celebrating it and Eid Mubarak to our families currently observing Ramadan. I hope you all have a joyful and relaxing break.

**Mrs Hussain, Headteacher**



## PAELLA ON THE MENU

Our year eight Spanish students were served a culinary delight when Amanda, our chef at school, cooked them a traditional paella and non alcoholic sangria to try in class.

Excitement levels were high and for very good reason, the paella smelled and tasted amazing. For some of our students it was the first time they'd tasted Spanish food but it went down a treat. Big thanks to Amanda for her masterpiece!



## 100% ATTENDANCE

A group of 30 students went to Lancaster Castle last month as a reward for 100% attendance in the previous half term. The students travelled by train, kindly funded by Community Rail, and visited the Police museum, which used to be a real prison.

They then had a guided tour of the castle, which included a real life court room, and even got locked in a cell, which was used to hold prisoners who were waiting to be hanged. The students had a great time and were a credit to school. Next term's reward trip is a visit to Manchester Science Museum. All those with 100% attendance & the student with most improved attendance will be invited.





## WORLD BOOK DAY

What an amazing time we had this year to celebrate World Book day. The school was buzzing with different events and challenges going on and everybody really got into the spirit.

Teachers dressed up as book characters, we had best selling author Linda Green come into school to hold an assembly and run a workshop and we had various different competitions, such as decorate a door, the secret book competition and the library lanyard quiz. This saw around 200 students take part to find out which books teachers had on their lanyards.

The library was also very busy with lots of students using it. Carry on reading folks!



## DIARY DATES

**Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) lessons will take place on the following dates:**

- Monday 22 April 2024 - PSHE
- Wednesday 12 June 2024 - RSE
- Tuesday 9 July 2024 - RSE

RSE is compulsory for all secondary school pupils. The subject is taught sensitively at BCHS and provides students with the knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing.

### Thursday 18 April 2024

- Year 9 parents and options evening - full details to follow shortly

### Wednesday 8 May 2024

- Mums & Daughters - details to follow

## NATHAN KNIGHTED THE WINNER

Last week saw lots of students compete against each other in a chess competition hosted by the Maths department at school.

The competition had group stages and then a final the following day, which after a very tense period, was won by Nathan.

Well done to all the students who took part, we were so impressed with your abilities.





## CAREERS CORNER

It's that time of year when our year nine students are preparing to make their options choices and decide which courses they wish to pursue at GCSE level.

Students receive guidance in progress time, during their careers sessions. They can speak to the teachers of the subjects they are interested in and can also attend drop in sessions at break and lunch on Thursdays with our Careers Advisor, Kelley Ansbro. In addition, there is an options evening on Thursday 18 April, where students and parents can ask questions about the courses on offer. Future U will be attending the evening, as well as Post-16 providers.

It is important that our students make informed choices.

### DO

- Study subjects you enjoy and are interested in
- Find out how the course is assessed, exams or coursework or a mix of both
- Research future careers using those
- Speak to family and professionals for advice

### DON'T

- Pick a subject because your friend is choosing it
- Pick a subject because you like the teacher
- Ignore it - it's your choice

### THURSDAY 18 APRIL - year 9 options and parents evening

You will receive your options booklet and have the chance to speak to subject teachers about KS4 courses.

### MONDAY 29 APRIL

Options forms will be emailed to students.

### FRIDAY 24 MAY

Deadline for options choices to be made.

### W/C/ MONDAY 24 JUNE

Letters given to students to finalise their options.

## HAPPY Pi DAY!



This term the Maths department celebrated National Pi Day by running a 'Pi memory challenge' competition for students to see who could recall the most digits of Pi.

Aaqib, from key stage four, was crowned overall winner after successfully recalling an amazing 250 digits of Pi. Well done to everyone who entered, it's clear we have some amazing mathematicians at BCHS.



## STUDENTS INSPECT HOSPITAL FACILITIES

A working party of students from BCHS went into Royal Blackburn Hospital this month to undertake an assessment of their paediatric unit, including the food being served.

As well as being a great opportunity for the students, their feedback helped to inform East Lancashire NHS Trust on ways in which they can make the hospital experience better for children and young people. Our students were a credit to the school, handling themselves in a very professional and courteous manner.



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have something that you would like to see featured in the next edition? Maybe your child is doing something in the community or has achieved something that you want us to recognise? If so, please send an email to [sobrien@championtrust.co.uk](mailto:sobrien@championtrust.co.uk). You can also keep up to date with our latest news on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter - simply search for Blackburn Central High School and hit that follow button.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Researchers at the University of Central Lancashire are looking for volunteers to complete an online survey to help them improve their understanding of parents' and caregivers' experiences of reading with their children.

The survey is anonymous and will take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. If you could help, please click on the link below.

[https://uclan.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_czKKJKwPW2RN8DY](https://uclan.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_czKKJKwPW2RN8DY)

## PARENT COMMUNICATIONS

Last term we told you about a new system, Arbor, that we were introducing for parent communications.

Thank you to all those of you who have signed up to the new app. It not only keeps you up to date with school communication, but also provides a wealth of useful information about your child.

If you haven't yet signed up please go to: <https://login.arbor.sc/> and enter the email address that you have provided to school and click on 'Forgot your password'. This should then enable you to sign up. If you have any problems please email [info@bchs.co.uk](mailto:info@bchs.co.uk).

