

# CENTRAL NEWS



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## HELLO & WELCOME

Dear BCHS Community

As we round up another term, I want to take a moment to thank all of our wonderful students and staff for their hard work, resilience and kindness that they have demonstrated this term. Whilst it has been a short term, it has been packed full of learning and celebrations, all of which have made me proud to be headteacher of such a wonderful school.

Our year 11 students have made me particularly proud as they undertake their GCSEs. Their commitment and determination to succeed has been evident and their conduct in exams impeccable. I must also mention all the staff who have gone above and beyond to help our year 11s, whether that be running study sessions in the holidays and after school, or the unwavering support they have offered on a daily basis. Your hard work does not go unnoticed.

On page three there is an important update on Eid and how it could potentially clash with GCSEs. Please be assured that we have made provisions for this and will ensure that those students in school that day will have an opportunity to pray and celebrate.

I'd also like to remind parents that school will be closed on Friday 20 June for a staff training day.

Wishing you all a restful break and I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 2 June.

Eid ul Adha Mubarak to all of our families celebrating. Wishing you a joyous and blessed Eid with lots of laughter, joy and good health.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Shanaz Hussain, Headteacher**



## TEENTECH WINNERS

We are delighted to report that two of our year 8 students, Zainab and Maheen, have been awarded bronze awards for their work on the TeenTech project. In addition, BCHS has been awarded the silver award for being a centre of innovation and creativity.

TeenTech events give students and teachers from across the region the opportunity to try their hand at immersive challenges and experiments, to handle cutting edge technology and, most importantly, to spend time with engineers, technologists and scientists from a wide range of companies influencing their 21st-century lives.

Well done everyone!



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## **REWARDING GOOD ATTENDANCE**

Our annual reward trip has been arranged for Friday 12 September. Students who have met the following criteria will be invited:

- 93% attendance or above
- 10% or lower lates to school
- Fewer than 50 negatives

Students can choose to go to Blackpool Pleasure Beach at a cost of £33 or Blackpool Zoo for £23. Places for the zoo are limited. Letters and money must be in by 4 July 2025.

If your child has not met the criteria yet, urge them to keep trying. They can still make a significant improvement between 19 May and 20 June 2025.



## **VE DAY COMMEMORATIONS**

The VE Day commemorations were thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff. We had a sponsored walk, an ice cream van, a special afternoon tea for lunch and a tuck shop. We then held a BBQ after school for staff.

In total, just under £390 was raised for the school enrichment fund, all of which goes back to our students. Thanks to all those who participated.



## **FREE COOKERY CLASS**

Our next free cookery class will take place on Wednesday 18 June from 3:30pm-4:30pm. The lesson and all ingredients are free and are open to ANY parent - dads are especially welcome - and their child who attends BCHS. All food is halal. Ms Topping, our food tech teacher, has kindly given her time to teach the class.

Spaces are limited and will go very quickly. To book, please email [mrathore524@bchs.co.uk](mailto:mrathore524@bchs.co.uk).



## EID CELEBRATIONS

Potentially Eid Al Adha will be on Friday 6 June. School will be closed for all students apart from our year 11s who have GCSEs that day.

We have made provisions for the year 11 students celebrating Eid and will be putting on a free Eid breakfast and then we have made arrangements for Eid prayers at 8.30am, followed by an Eid lunch after their morning exam.

On Monday 9 June we will be holding a special Eid lunch for everyone.



## BECOME A TEACHER

Thinking about teaching? We're holding a recruitment event at BCHS on Saturday 5 July from 10-12pm. Join us for an informal event to explore pathways into teaching and find out why BCHS is the perfect place to start your teaching journey.

What to expect:

- A welcoming environment where you can ask questions and learn more
- An opportunity to meet our passionate teachers and hear about their experiences
- Insight into our school and the unique benefits of training with us
- Information on the different routes into teaching by the National Institute of Teaching and Star Teaching School Hub Network

If you'd like to attend please click below:  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Our year 10 students will embark on a week of work experience during the week of 23 June.

We do still have some students who are yet to find a placement. If you can offer a place to any of our students, please contact Mrs Reeves on [treeves402@bchs.co.uk](mailto:treeves402@bchs.co.uk).

Work experience is very beneficial to our students because it:

- Allows students to fully immerse themselves into a certain career role, giving them ideas about what they may want to do in the future
- Helps students gain valuable practical and life skills
- Puts students' studies into a real world context
- Helps students to build professional networks and valuable contacts for life beyond school

## STUDENT DEBATES

A number of our year 9 and 10 students represented BCHS at the Parallel Histories debate at Lancaster Royal Grammar School.

Parallel Histories is an educational charity that holds debating events to improve students' communication skills and build their knowledge of culture and current affairs. Our students took part in a mature and controversial debate on the history of civil rights in America. They did so well and were a credit to the school.

# PARALLEL HISTORIES