

CENTRAL NEWS



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HAPPY HALF TERM

Dear BCHS Community

As we reach the end of this first half-term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful start we've had to the academic year. It has been heartening to see how well our pupils have settled back into school life - full of energy, curiosity and kindness.

A special mention must go to our new year 7s, who have made the significant transition from primary to secondary school with courage and enthusiasm. Watching them grow in confidence and begin to find their place in our school community has been a true highlight.

This newsletter is filled with the incredible achievements of our children and showcases the wide range of enriching activities they've participated in throughout the half-term.

With the clocks going back and the darker evenings drawing in, we're reminded that autumn is well and truly here. As the weather turns colder, I encourage all pupils to come to school dressed warmly and bring coats to stay comfortable throughout the day. May I also ask parents coming onto the school grounds in their cars to be mindful of their speed and considerate of others when they park.

To our year 11s - your mock examinations are just around the corner in November. Use this half-term wisely to revise, rest and prepare. Your hard work now will pave the way for success later! Wishing all our families a safe, restful and happy half-term break. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Shanaz Hussain, Headteacher



MUMS & DAUGHTERS

At the last Mums and Daughters Club, cookery classes were on the menu. BCHS students and their mums were shown how to make budget friendly meals from scratch.

At our next session (3 December, 3.30-4.30pm), Mrs Hussain, Headteacher, will be leading a class entitled 'Chapters and Chutneys'. She said: "Our Mums and Daughters sessions are a chance for mums to have one to one time with their daughters, away from the hustle and bustle of normal family life, when mums are stretched trying to keep everyone happy. We aim to offer a little oasis of special time, and cooking together helps form lifelong memories."

All of the ingredients are halal and there is no charge for the class. To book a place please email mrathore524@bchs.co.uk.



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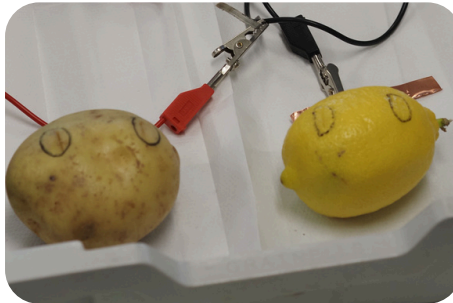
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OPEN EVENING

Our annual open evening took place in September and was once again a huge success. We had hundreds of people attend the event to come and look round school, hear from some of our staff and students and learn more about our family environment.

A big thank you to all the staff and students who made the night a memorable one. We had students running tours and a wealth of activities going on in each classroom. Our school dinners, which were available to sample, went down a treat too, as did all the sporting activities in the PE hall.

We hope all those who came along enjoyed the evening and learnt more about our school. The deadline to apply for high school places is Friday 31 October 2025. More information can be found on our website or on Blackburn with Darwen Council's website, where you should apply for your place.

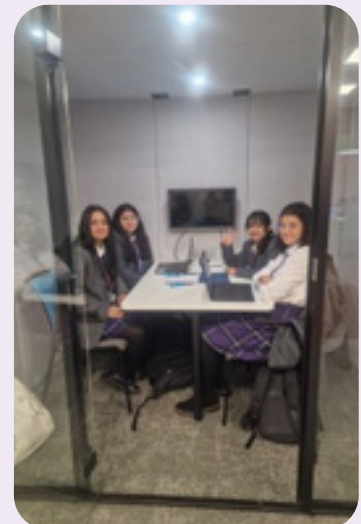


CYBER CHALLENGE

Students in year 9 took part in a cyber challenge at Blackburn University Centre as part of the Mega Hub Programme, part of Cyber E-Sports Academy.

Eight students took part in both a Cyber Challenge Zone and an Esports Tournament (Super Smash Bros: Ultimate) whilst competing alongside peers from other schools.

It was a great opportunity for students to learn about careers and Mrs Ibrahim was proud of the students' achievements.





MATHS CHALLENGE

All students have been invited to take part in the International Maths Challenge's 'Online Simulated Maths Challenge' (OSMC). This global contest allows students to engage with thought-provoking mathematics in a timed, exam-style format.

With over 100,000 participants each year, the OSMC provides a valuable platform for students to apply their problem-solving skills in a challenging yet supportive environment.

The exam will be conducted online over the weekend of November 22-23. As a selected school at the IMC, our students can participate for free! Login details have been sent to all parents/carers via Arbor.

SPORTING SUCCESSES

This term has been full of sporting successes for our year 9 and 11 football and netball teams. They've had three wins in three games - we couldn't ask for anymore!

Well done everyone, we are super proud of you all.



YORK TRIP

Year 11 historians had an amazing opportunity to visit the historic city of York, to help bring to life their learning of the GCSE topic the Norman Conquest of England.

Throughout the day students had the chance to visit Clifford's Tower, a great example of a stone motte, and Bailey Castle, Jorvik Viking Center, to help them understand what the north was like before the Norman invasion. They then had a chance to shop on the Shambles, one of the best preserved medieval streets in England. We ended the day at the awe inspiring York Minster to help them understand the importance of religion in controlling the people of the north. The students had an exciting and educating day out.



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CAREERS FAIR

On Thursday 16 October, we welcomed over 20 providers and employers into school for our annual careers fair.

Students from years 9, 10 and 11 were able to gather information about their future pathways. Representatives from the Army and bomb disposal team, Royal Navy, Menzies LLP Accountants, IMO charity, Newground and Vital Energy joined our local colleges and sixth form providers to discuss T-Levels, A-levels, BTEC courses and apprenticeships.

Our young people found the afternoon engaging and useful for finding out about their options for life after BCHS. Thanks to all those who took part.



BAE ROADSHOW

The BAE Roadshow joined us for a morning of exploration into the world of artificial intelligence (AI) on Wednesday 8 October.

Matt and the team demonstrated an amazing 'cobot' called Fluffy, who behaves like a dog but also stands like a human.

Fluffy could converse with students and describe her surroundings in great detail. Years 7 and 8 enjoyed creating a song and music video using AI and exploring the future possibilities of the technology.



UNIFROG

Our year 10 and 11 students have been invited by email to join Unifrog, a platform that provides careers information and support.

Year 10 students will be using the platform to register their work experience placements, which will take place during the week commencing 11 May 2026. An information evening about finding work experience placements and using Unifrog will be held for parents on Thursday 13 November, 5-6.30pm. If you have any queries related to work experience, please direct them to Mrs Reeves by email treeves402@bchs.co.uk.

