



BROUGHTON NEWS

ONE HEART, ONE MIND

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Isabella Hopkins - Sings for staff at the Archdiocese Meeting for Chaplains here at Broughton Hall on Wednesday.

Come Holy Spirit – Fall on us Again

At Pentecost, we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit. As Jesus' followers gathered to pray, a Holy Fire fell upon them. They were filled with the Power of God and new understanding. They were first baptised with water, and so, prepared for the works of God. Now through God's gift of the Holy Spirit, everything that Jesus had taught them made perfect sense. The gifts of the holy Spirit include wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and the fear of the Lord. It doesn't end there; the Holy Spirit also helps us to live out our lives with Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, forgiveness and self-control. These attributes mirror our Broughton Hall values and this is how – we as a whole school community; Parents/ Guardians, Staff and Students endeavour to live out our lives.

Heads of Year in our morning Celebrations of God's Word, have encouraged students with a scripture reading from Ephesians Ch 4. St. Paul writes: As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



Our footballers – across several year groups, have had huge success in tournaments last week. In assemblies, Miss Dawson Head of PE, presented medals to all the teams who superbly represented our school Community last week. Congratulations All!

May your lives be renewed with hope even in these difficult times. May Pentecost remind us that God wants to gift us with our spiritual needs; to help us to – keep on moving forward. To find new strength, and to strengthen our communities through Faith, Hope and Love.
Amen.



Weekly Prayer

Angel of God

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

Mercy Values



It has been a Joy this week to celebrate the success of students, who have lived out our Mercy values. 10BER received a rewarded breakfast for their Mercy Values. Not only did they raise £197 for Claire House, the also received the most positive points and least negative points last half term. Well done Miss Cameron and 10BER!

Top Attendance Forms

92.1%	94.3%	89.1%
7FRA	8THO	9CAT
95.1%	88.1%	93.3%
10FRA	11BER	12FRA

From our Archive



Broughton Hall Chronicle, 1935 -36



Vincent Van Gogh

Well done to our Year 7 pupils who have been studying Vincent Van Gogh, they have been learning about his life and re creating 'A Starry Night' in oil pastel following his techniques. Some excellent pieces created!



Job of the WEEK



Find out more..

Hamilton Musical

On Wednesday 28th May, 30 students visited the Liverpool Empire to see a sold out performance of the hit musical Hamilton. A fabulous show, with our fabulous students!

Thank you to Miss Lane, Ms Strefford and Ms Hayes for spending their holiday afternoon with us!





Broughton Hall

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



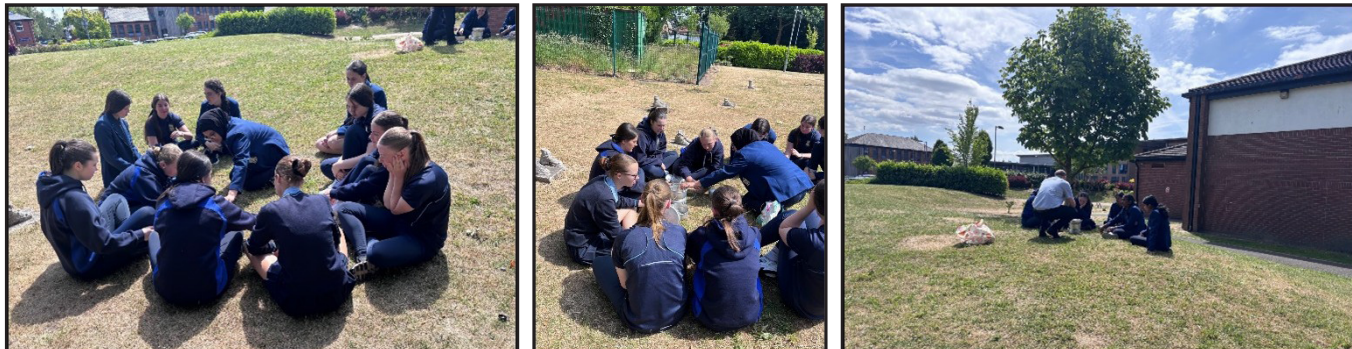
OPEN EVENING
Thursday 10th July 2025
3.30pm – 6.30pm

Pupils, and students in the sixth form, are proud to be part of Broughton Hall Catholic High School. Pupils enjoy strong relationships with their teachers and pastoral staff.
Ofsted, November 2022

The summer term is a busy one for anyone involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award as we move into the expedition season.

Bronze Award Training

On Friday 23rd May, Year 9 pupils, who are currently taking part in their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, were off timetable most of the day to complete some pre-expedition training.



Pupils completed a carousel of activities; looking at the clothing and kit needed for two days of walking and camping overnight, what meals to prepare, how to use the Trangia camping stoves as well as practical activities such as putting up the tents they would be later loaned. The pupils were great overall and applied themselves well.

Silver Award Day Walk

Over half term, the Year 10 Silver Award pupils took part in a training walk around Appley Bridge / Parbold. This involved a 13km walk where pupils further developed their navigation skills using an O.S. map, compass and prepared route card.



The main purpose of this walk is for the participants to develop team work & leadership skills. This practice walk also gives the participants an idea of the distance they will cover during a day of walking on the later expeditions.

A massive thank you must go to Mr Kennaugh for his support with these events.

Bronze assessed expedition 6th-7th June 2025

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is made up of four sections: volunteering, physical, skill and expedition. For the expedition section, participants are required to complete prior training then take part in two days of walking, whilst being self-sufficient with an overnight camp.





Many pupils find the expedition section the most challenging part of their Award. It is physically demanding; in order to be self-sufficient, pupils must carry all of their clothing, food and kit in their rucksacks. As covered in their training, their rucksacks should weigh no more than 25% of their body weight but it is still the equivalent of carrying a toddler on your back for two days!

In theory, pupils should be fitter leading up to the expedition as they will have been taking part in either three or six months of their chosen physical activity.

Travelling by coach, from school on Friday, we arrived at the start point – Sawley Village in the Ribble Valley late morning. After issuing maps, compasses, emergency phones etc, the first group set off on the first day of walking. The weather was

forecast light showers and sunny spells. Despite it being overcast, and those expected light showers did arrive, it was perfect weather conditions for walking with a pack on your back. At least by the time the final group arrived at the finish, around 5:30 pm, the sun had come out and we were all able to pitch the tents in the dry.

At times, pupils walked under direct supervision of staff and at other times, close and remote supervision. There are sections of this expedition which follow and cross rivers. The groups were expected to navigate themselves with the aid of an O.S. map, compass and route card resisting the temptation to expect any member of staff to lead them. Many groups came on leaps and bounds developing their navigation skills on first day of walking. It was great to see so many of the pupils supporting each other and developing great teamwork skills, of particular note, Group B (Ava, Mollie, Oliwia, Abigail, Abbie and Holly) worked amazingly well together on Saturday to overcome the challenges of the expedition.

Another requirement, set out by D of E, for the expedition is that accommodation should be by camping or other simple self-catering accommodation e.g., bunkhouses. We all stayed at a small campsite and working farm just outside of the village of Waddington. Groups had to work together to set up camp and most remembered their previous training on how to pitch the tents. Another requirement of the expedition is that 'participants must plan an appropriate expedition menu, including cooking and eating a substantial hot meal each day (optional on the final day)'. The ever popular pasta and sauce was a meal for many. Pupils had covered in the previous training that a pot noodle / super noodles does not qualify as a substantial meal!

Saturday was a different day weather-wise. The rain was incessant which made packing up and getting going a much slower process.

The pupils were up much earlier than I imagine they would normally be at a weekend and the first group set off before 9am. The rain hardly let up and it doesn't matter how good your waterproofs are, the rain eventually gets in and everyone (staff also) were soaked to the skin after a couple of hours. The second day presents participants with many more mental challenges to overcome; the challenge of keeping going with the aches and pains of the rucksack on your back, the resilience to continue when you're tired after sleeping overnight in a tent, maintaining good teamwork skills and patience with others when the end of the expedition seems a long way off.

By 1 pm the last groups had made it to the finish and were relieved to load their rucksacks onto the waiting coach. A huge thank you must go to Miss Haggan and Mr Parry for helping staff this event and support our Year 9 pupils with this part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Pupils are expected to dry and clean their kit after an expedition and return it to school on the following Tuesday. Reminders are sent out via e-dofe and school e-mail so any pupil taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award are expected to check these on a regular basis.

Pupils who have passed the expedition section will soon receive their completed assessor report and then need to focus on completing the other three sections in order to ultimately achieve their Bronze Award.

Along with the staff who give up half of their weekend to help run expeditions, this part of the pupils Duke of Edinburgh Award would not be able to go ahead without the support of many other 'behind the scenes' staff including Office staff, reprographics, cover and the Finance Department. Thank you to all of those involved.



Upcoming events:

Silver Award

Practice Expedition (West Lancashire) Thursday 19th June – Saturday 21st June

Qualifying Expedition (Ribble Valley) Thursday 3rd July – Saturday 5th July.

Any loaned kit is to be returned clean, dry and complete the Tuesday following an expedition. More information about the Duke of Edinburgh Award can be found at dofe.org Alternatively you can e-mail me any questions [here](#).

Mr Halewood
D of E Manager



Broughton Hall Catholic High School presents...

Legally Blonde



Tuesday 8th July



Wednesday 9th July

6pm in Dance Drama

£7 Adults (18+)

£4 School Age (5+)

£18 Family Ticket

(2 adults, 2 children)

Online booking is now on sale for this year's school production!

Use the poster QR codes or the links:

Tuesday 8th July:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EXXZ>

Wednesday 9th July:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EXYF>

Legally Blonde



Joyful June 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

Decide to look for what's good every day this month

2

Say positive things in your conversations with others

3

Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it

4

Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

5

Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

6

Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings

7

Do something healthy which makes you feel good

8

Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share

9

Ask a friend what made them happy recently

10

Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

11

Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

12

Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

13

Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

14

Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15

Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16

Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

17

Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

18

Look for something good in a difficult situation

19

Get outside and find the joy in being active

20

Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

21

Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

22

Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

23

Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to

24

Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

25

Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

26

Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

27

Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

28

Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

29

Share a friendly smile with people you see today

30

Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)



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