Parents' Bulletin

13th November '26

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"They gave their tomorrow for our today. We honour their sacrifice not just through remembrance, but through the way we choose to live, with gratitude, compassion and respect."

Lest We Forget.

Key Dates

Coming Up:

- Y11 and 13 Mock Exams (continue the next two weeks)
- Y10 Information Evening (24th Nov)
- Y11 Mock Results Day (17th Dec)
- Y11 Parents Evening (17th Dec)
- School closes for Christmas Holidays (18th Dec)

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Remembrance

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BHS Students attend Sunday's Remembrance Event

A group of our students had the privilege of representing Biddulph High School at the Biddulph Remembrance Service.



YR9- Kobe C, Emily S

YR10- Emma J, Oliver M, Isobel S

YR11- Noah G, Eloise M

Sixth Form- Alfie W, Holly K

Throughout the service, our students demonstrated exceptional maturity, respect and dignity as they joined members of the local community in remembering those who have made sacrifices in service to our country.

We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves and the respect they showed on such an important occasion. They were a real credit to our school and the wider Biddulph community. Noah and Eloise had the honour of reading the Roll of Honour at the Act of Remembrance service and Isobel S also read a passage during the service, held at the Biddulph Methodist Church. Thank you to all the students who attended and represented BHS and our community so brilliantly, it was excellent to see so many of our students attending.

Headteacher's Message

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This week, I have been spending time speaking with students about the importance of community, trust and working together. We have been reflecting on the role we all play in creating a positive school environment, where students feel supported, listened to and able to access the very best provision.

As part of our ongoing conversations, we have also been thinking about how we can make our school environment as supportive and accessible as possible for all students. This includes looking at arrangements for toilet access and how we can move towards having facilities available throughout the school day.

From Monday, we will be introducing a trial of some revised arrangements for toilet access. We will see how these work in practice and review them at the end of the week, taking into account feedback and the experiences of our students and staff. Our aim is to find an approach that works well for everyone, supporting students' needs while maintaining a positive and purposeful school environment.

Our usual school routines and expectations will remain in place. We will be asking students to demonstrate trust and responsibility by self-regulating, making sensible choices about when they need to use the facilities and ensuring that they are respectful of our shared spaces.

Building a culture of mutual trust takes time, and it is important that students understand that greater independence comes with greater responsibility. We want to work alongside our students to get this right, creating an environment that meets their needs while maintaining a calm, safe and purposeful learning environment for all.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. By working together as a school community, we can ensure that our students have the best possible experience and provision.

Mr D Robinson

Executive Headteacher

Family Forum

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Scientist of the Fortnight

2nd-13th November

Year	Student and Reason	Teacher
13	Alfie W- Always ready to learn and always contributes/asks questions in lesson.	Mr Williams
10	Alice A - For continuous effort in GCSE Physics.	Mr Woolhouse
11	Keira-Lee A - Excellent effort in the Biology mock examination.	Mrs Woolhouse
9	Emily S - Excellent answers and consistent hard work in Science.	Dr Spicer
9	Will R - Consistent hardwork in Science lessons.	Mr Abbas
10	Lillie P - Excellent all round geezer - I mean student.	Ms Edwards

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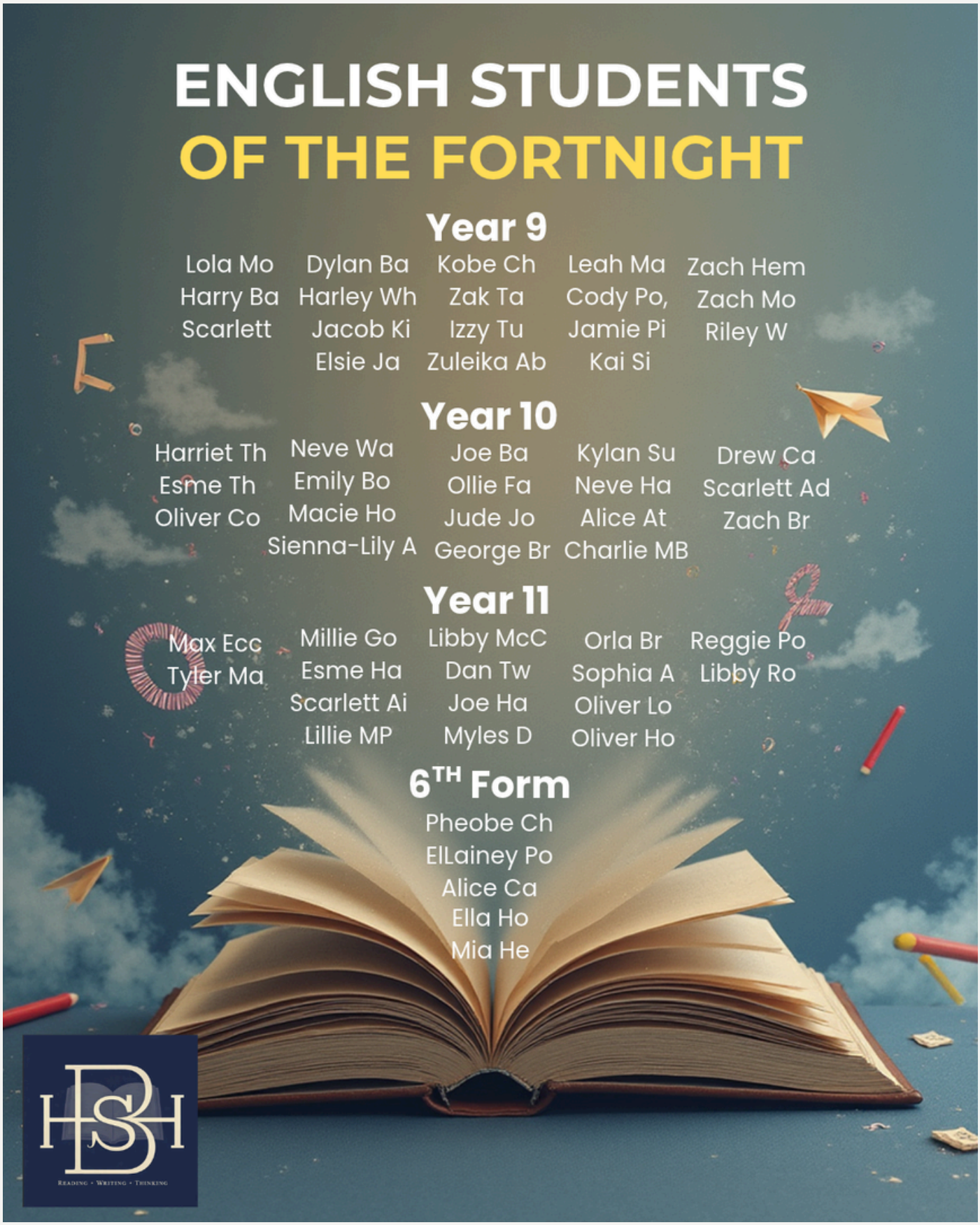

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📢 myFUTURE Employer Talk with Ben Mills from Bee Active 📢







Year 10 students in our Education & Early Years and Health, Social Care, Sport & Public Services gateways had the opportunity to hear from Ben Mills, founder of Bee Active.

Ben delivered an inspiring talk, sharing his journey from his early life and education through to his football career. He spoke openly about the experiences and opportunities that helped shape his path, before explaining how he took the step into business ownership, establishing Bee Active and later expanding into the ownership of local nurseries.

The session provided students with a valuable insight into entrepreneurship, resilience, career progression, and the diverse opportunities available within sport, education, and early years sectors.

A huge thank you to Ben for taking the time to share his story and inspire our students to think ambitiously about their own futures. 👏

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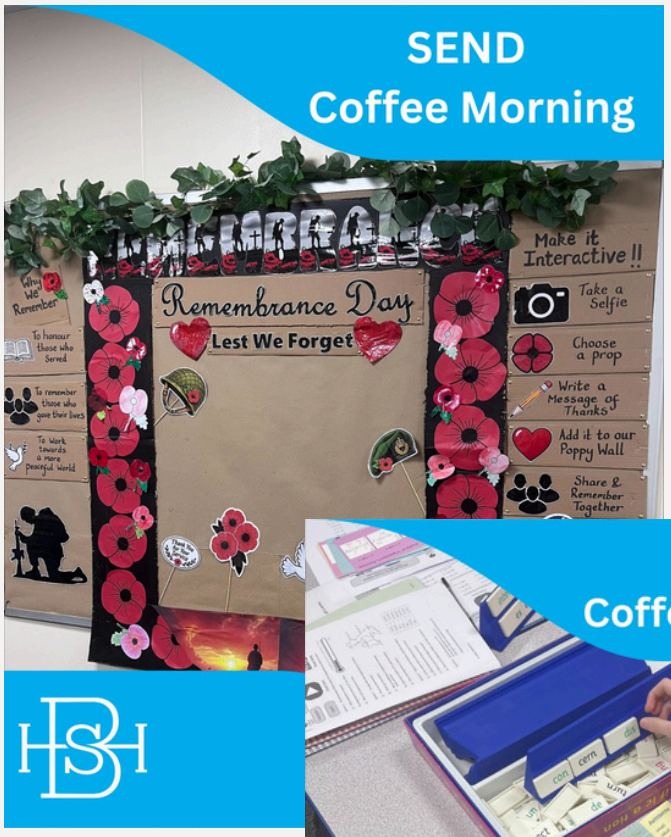
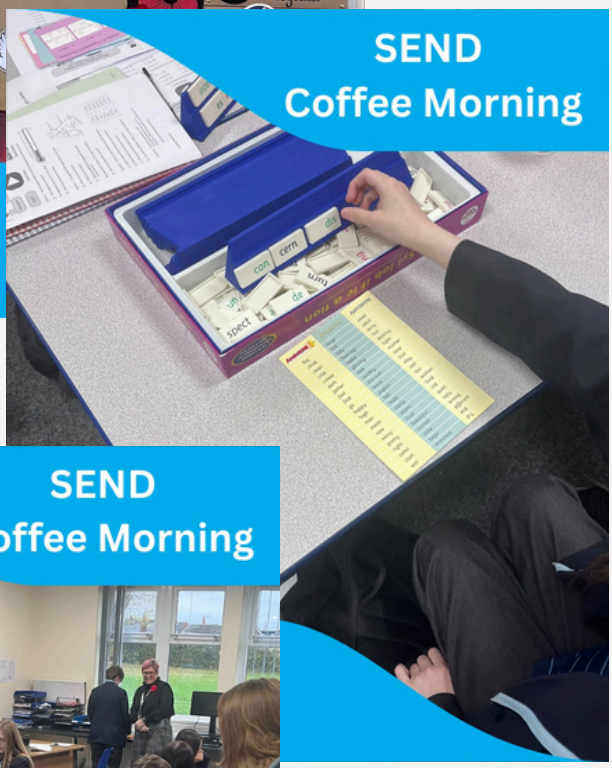
SEND Coffee Morning







A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our SEND Coffee Morning today!

The atmosphere was fantastic, and it was lovely to see so many familiar faces. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together, share conversations and discuss the many ways we can continue to support your young people at Biddulph High School.

We had lots of exciting activities for parents, carers and our young people to enjoy this morning, alongside the chance to connect with other SEND families and the dedicated staff who support our young people every day.

Events like these are so valuable in building positive relationships, strengthening our school community and ensuring that families feel listened to, supported and connected. Relationship building at its very best! ❤️

Thank you again for taking the time to join us. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Curriculum: Science

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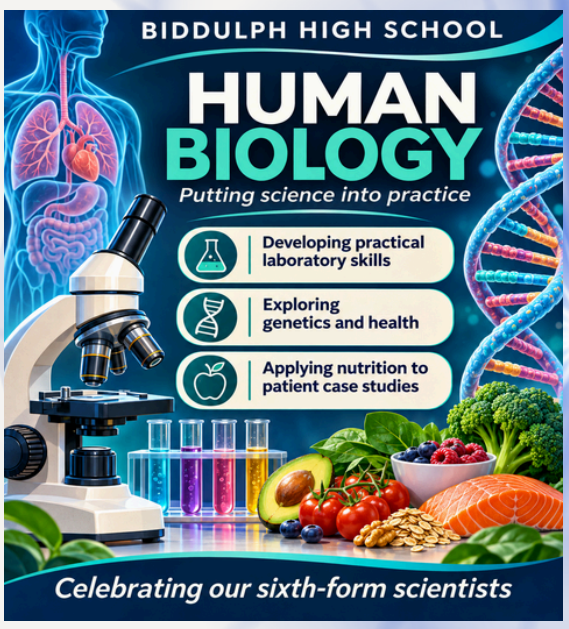
Our sixth-form Human Biology students have been getting stuck into practical work and finding out how the biology they learn in class relates to people's health.

As part of the course, students carry out tests for substances such as glucose and protein. They learn how to use equipment carefully, record their results and explain what they have found. These practical skills help them understand why reliable results matter when working in a laboratory.





Students have also been investigating genetic conditions, looking at how changes to genes and chromosomes can affect the body. Their research helps them understand the reasons behind different symptoms and how treatments can help.

In Year 13, students have been working on a nutrition case study about a patient preparing for surgery. Their task is to put together dietary advice and a two-week meal plan, taking account of the patient's health and nutritional needs. There is plenty to think about, from blood glucose and cholesterol to keeping bones healthy, and students need to explain the reasons behind their food choices.

It's a good opportunity to bring different parts of the course together and put their knowledge to use. Along the way, students are developing practical, research and communication skills that will be useful in further study and future careers.

Well done to our Human Biology students for their hard work!

Spotlight

Pastoral: Year 10

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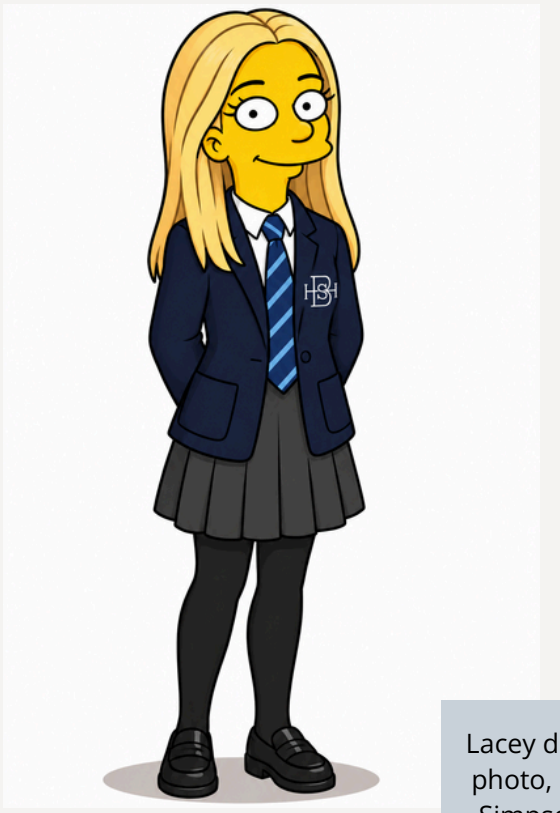
🎟️ Mission 90 Golden Ticket Winner! 🎟️

Congratulations to Lacey N (yr10), our Golden Ticket winner following Cycle 1 of Mission 90, who has won a £15 voucher! 🌟

Mission 90 supports students to improve their attendance, build positive routines and make the most of their time in school. The Golden Ticket draw celebrates students who achieve 100% attendance during a programme week. 👏

Well done to everyone who took part in Cycle 1 and worked hard towards their attendance goals. We look forward to celebrating more achievements in the next cycle every day in school counts! 💛



Lacey didn't want a photo, so we have Simpsonfied her!

Safeguarding

Need Advice or Support?

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, relationships or online safety, please contact the school safeguarding team. We're here to help.

Please find a safeguarding message from

Ms Burgess, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

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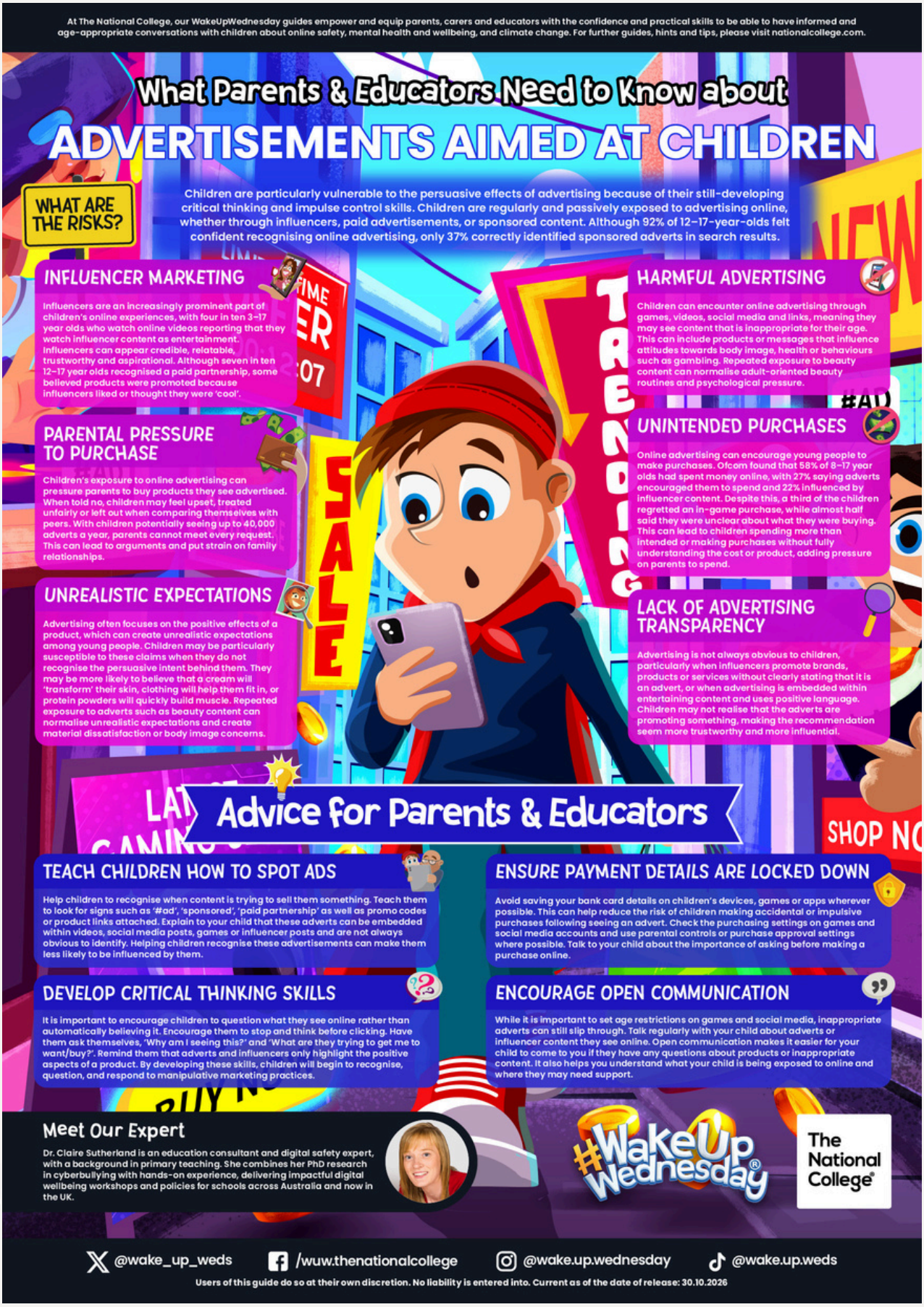

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Current Vacancies

To find out more please visit our recruitment website
https://recruit.sampeople.co.uk/Jobboard/Trust/potterieseducationaltrust

Big News... The BTEC IT course is back for BH6 next academic year. Course details here.

BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Course Summary

The BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Information Technology is a two-year vocational qualification designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the digital world and the practical skills required for higher education and careers in technology. Equivalent to **two A Levels**, the qualification combines technical knowledge with hands-on project work, preparing students for university, apprenticeships, and employment within the rapidly growing IT sector.

Students will study a broad range of units that develop skills in programming, cybersecurity, website development, databases, digital project management, and information systems. Typical units include:

- **Information Technology Systems** – Explore how hardware, software, networks, and data work together to support organisations and individuals.
- **Cyber Security and Incident Management** – Investigate cyber threats and develop strategies to prevent, detect, and respond to security incidents.
- **Website Development** – Design, create, and evaluate professional websites using industry-standard techniques and tools.
- **Relational Database Development** – Develop databases to store, organise, and manage information effectively.
- **IT Project Management** – Plan, manage, and evaluate IT projects using recognised project management methodologies.
- **Computer Programming** – Develop programming skills to create software solutions to real-world problems.

Throughout the course, students will develop practical technical skills, analytical thinking, problem-solving abilities, communication skills, and project management expertise that are highly valued by universities and employers alike.

This qualification is equivalent to two A Levels.

Assessment

Assessment is through a blend of:

- **Externally assessed examinations and set tasks**
- **Internally assessed coursework and practical projects**

Career Opportunities

The **BTEC Level 3 Diploma in IT** opens doors to a wide range of exciting career and higher education opportunities. The skills you gain—practical IT expertise, problem-solving, project management, and digital creativity—are in high demand across almost every industry.

Potential career paths include:

- **Cybersecurity Specialist** – Protect networks and systems from digital threats.
- **Software or App Developer** – Build the applications that power the modern world.
- **Web Designer / Developer** – Create interactive, user-friendly websites.
- **Data Analyst / Database Manager** – Organise, analyse, and make sense of data for businesses.
- **IT Support / Systems Administrator** – Keep businesses running smoothly by managing IT infrastructure.
- **Network Engineer** – Design and maintain robust, secure networks.
- **Digital Project Manager** – Lead technology projects from concept to completion.

For More Information

See Miss Deavall, Miss Clee or Mr Moody

Y11 Mock Exams and Year 13 Assessments

You've Got This!

Fuel Your Focus

FREE TEA & TOAST

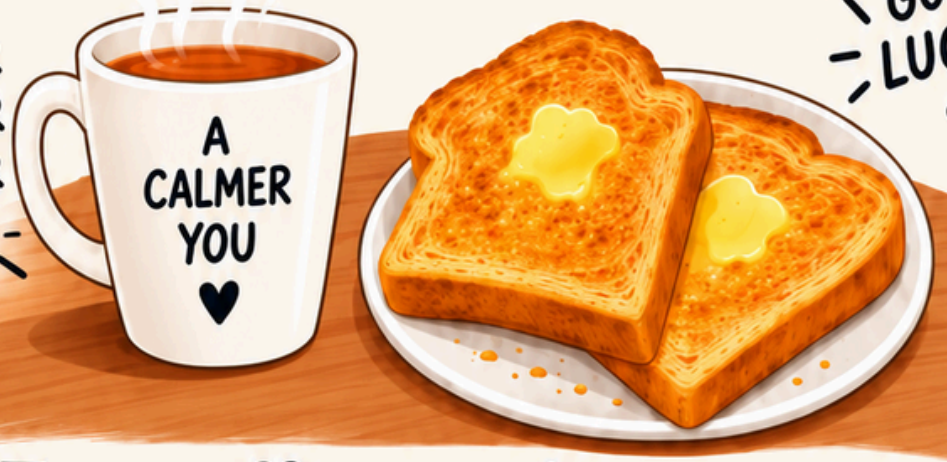
BEFORE YOUR EXAMS

Small Breakfast Big Difference

TEACHERS WILL BE AVAILABLE

before each mock exam for any last-minute questions, advice, or reassurance. Come along, grab some breakfast, and start your exam feeling ready to succeed!

STRONGER BRIGHTER HAPPIER YOU



GOOD LUCK!

MORE ENERGY

BETTER FOCUS

SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

HAPPIER MINDS

SAME GREAT YOU

You Can Do It!

BIDDULPH HIGH SCHOOL

LUNCHTIME CHOIR

Sing · Make Friends · Feel Good



Every Wednesday
Lunchtime 1:30pm – 2:00pm

Meet in the Music Room

Any abilities
All year groups, including staff

Our aim is to have fun and improve wellbeing!

BIDDULPH TOWN HALL COMMUNITY

Help Us Build Something Amazing

NATURE
ART
WELLBEING
COMMUNITY

TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE SOMETHING WONDERFUL

WE NEED PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS

Our students are creating a large community art exhibition for Biddulph Town Hall, opening on the

8th May

We now need your practical help to build, create and prepare the exhibition!

YOU CAN HELP WITH...

- CONSTRUCTING DISPLAY CUBES & PLINTHS
- BUILDING EXHIBITION FEATURES
- PRIMING & PAINTING
- CREATING DECORATIONS & INSTALLATIONS
- TRANSPORTING & SETTING UP
- GENERAL HELP

VOLUNTEER SESSIONS

Wednesdays (after school)
3.20pm – 4.20pm

Biddulph High School
Art Department

Stay for however long you like – every bit of help makes a difference!

SKILLS & SUPPORT WE NEED

- Painting boxes
- Making plinths and display stands
- Collecting upcycled materials (e.g. artificial plants, lighting, square lampshades)
- Printing fabric
- Donating supplies (paint, brushes, wood, fixings, etc.)
- General practical help



THE EXHIBITION

The finished exhibition will be at Biddulph Town Hall on the **8th May.**

Help us create something our whole community can be proud of!

GET IN TOUCH

SHargreaves@bhs.potteries.ac.uk

Ask for Ms Hargreaves on 01782 523977

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact me.

- SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE
- CREATE SOMETHING UNIQUE
- BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER
- MAKE A LASTING IMPACT

NATURE | CREATIVITY | WELLBEING | COMMUNITY

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FOR YEAR 11

Targeted GCSE Business Studies masterclasses to help you with:

TRICKY TOPICS

Clear explanations and practical tips for the areas that challenge you most.

EXAM TECHNIQUE

Learn how to approach questions, manage your time and get the marks you deserve.

GENERAL SUPPORT

Ask questions, get guidance and build your confidence in Business Studies.

WHEN?
2nd Thursday of the month

3.15 – 4pm

WHERE?
117

WHO?
Mrs St Clair & Mrs Jones

Starting Thursday 8th October

SMALL STEPS. BIG IMPROVEMENTS.

Odd Socks Day

We will be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

Monday 16 November



Biddulph High School
Achieve Excellence

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Our Bentilee Our Future



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WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- Have your say on things that matter to young people
- Help plan events, projects and opportunities
- Meet new people and build your confidence
- Gain leadership skills and experience
- Make a difference where you live
- Boost your CV, college and job applications

Send Your Apppplication here!

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Don't be the person saying "Someone should do something about that..."
Be the person who actually does!

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TRAIN TO *teach*



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- Gain QTS and PGCE in one year
- Apply now for September 2027 start

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