

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY


Weekly Newsletter



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Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College

May God's love be our guide 



Dear parents/carers,

We have a wonderful week promoting a love of learning and hearing our students clearly articulate their views and ideas about moving forward. I drive into BTHCC each morning and it just reminds me of a light house shining bright in Altrincham. It shines out and as a college family we seek to give light to others, do good works and enable us all to become people of challenge, change and transformation. Each day we celebrate the word of God and pray together as Jesus is at the heart of all we think, do, and speak. Each person is valued, known, and cherished, and their gifts are nurtured and blossom in a safe college environment. This week we made St Brigid crosses in RE to remember a strong and brave female Catholic leader, we opened our doors to local business, colleges and universities as we dreamt about the career we would want, we celebrated the first cohort of Confirmation candidates who celebrated with Bishop Mark and their parish on Friday, there was a fashion show, a Year 11 support evening, Yr. 7 parents evening and much much more!

This week we said goodbye to Fr Robert as he leaves BTHCC as our much-loved chaplain. We have much to thank Fr Robert for as he is always finding time to support our BTHCC family in what ever way he can. Thank you Fr Robert and we wish you every happiness in your new parish. He is not escaping fully as Fr Robert will remain a BTHCC governor.

I do hope you can join with us all as we have some fun at BINGO on Thursday. I'm just practising my BINGO voice! It will be a night of music, fun, dancing, and prizes for all the family so do please come along.

I am still so excited about being part of this stimulating and motivational college and I do hope you enjoy reading all about it all in our newsletters.



Mrs C S Hogg



Week

Plan for the week 5th Feb-9th Feb

Day	Task	
All days	Here4You Campaign video in Form Time	ASSEMBLIES
Monday	PD lessons on Mental Health - Your Voice Matters	
Tuesday	Book Sale in Sixth Form	
Wednesday	Cake Sale for MIND Charity	
Thursday	Family Bingo Night	
Friday	National Pizza Day - Share Pizza with your friends	

Father Robert

Today was Father Roberts last mass with us at Blessed Thomas Holford. We want to thank him for his ministry at our school over the last two and a half years and we wish him all the luck in his new parish.

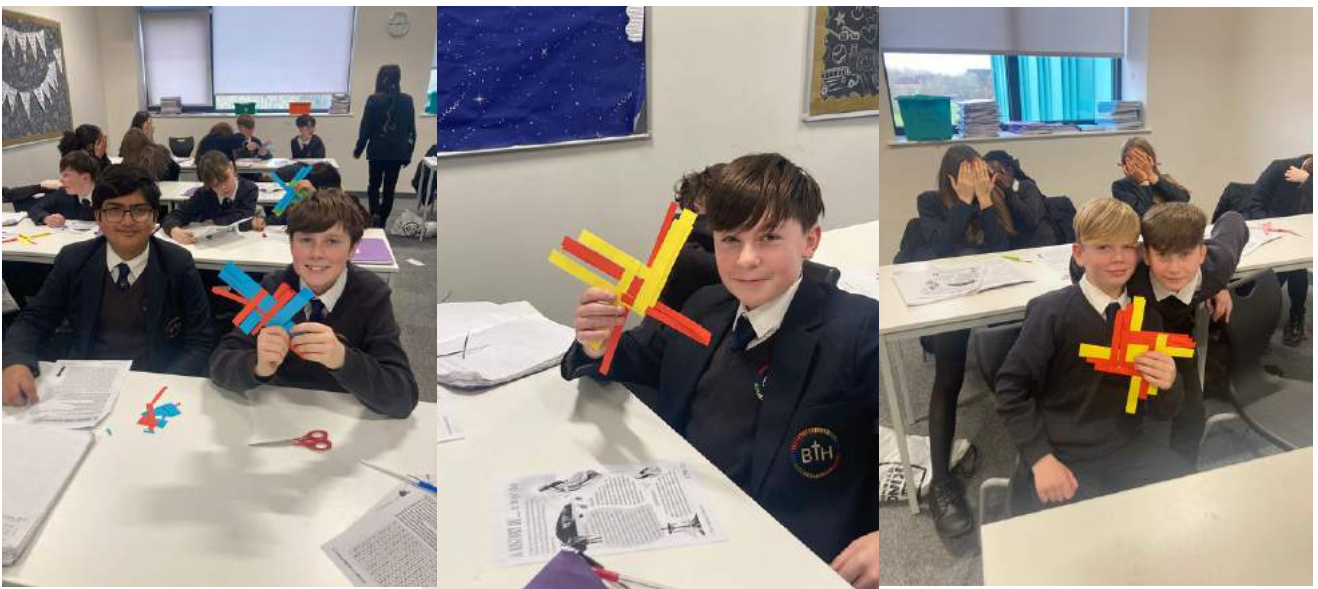


Highlights of the week

Our inspiring Yr 11 students met Mrs Hogg to plan for a 'Spirit Week'. Time to celebrate who we are, our individuality, our story, our cultures & our traditions. The students are now gathering ideas for this special week so do please get involved. Your voice is so important 🗣️



To celebrate the feast day of St Brigid we had lots of fun making St Brigid crosses ✚

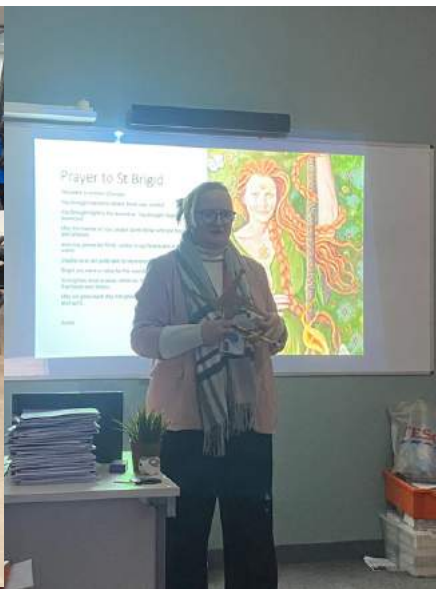


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Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates who celebrated the Sacrament on Friday with Bishop Mark, their families, sponsors and the parish of St Hugh and St John in Timperley. We very much look forward to walking alongside many more of our BTHCC family.



We celebrated them in Wednesday word in the morning followed by a hot chocolate and a croissant in the café. May they go out into the world with God's love as their guide & their hearts filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Year 8 students interested in finding out about the sacrament of Confirmation please do have a discussion with your teachers.



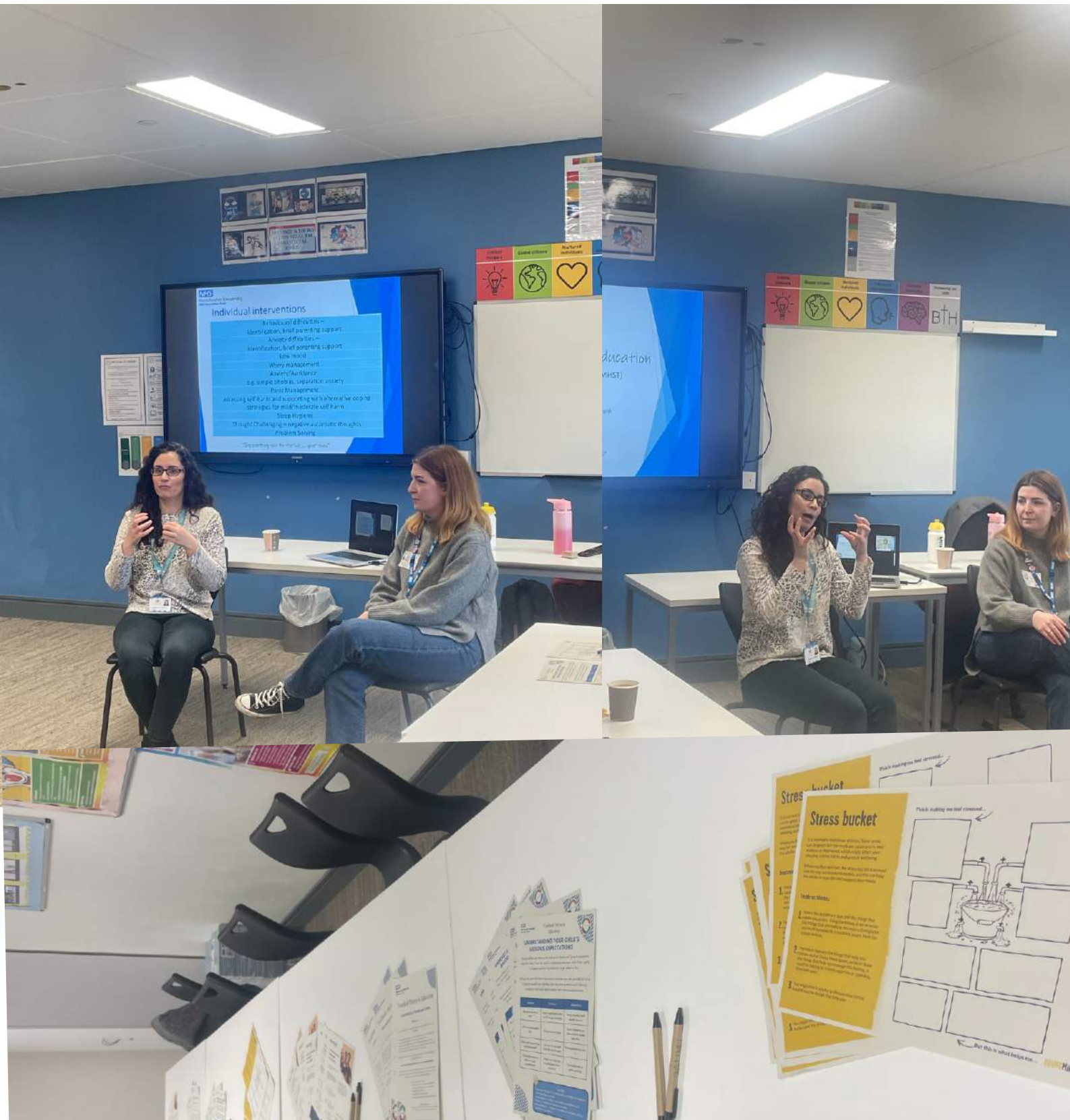
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We hosted our second careers fair and it was a huge success. We want to thank all of the businesses and further education providers who gave up their day to support such an invaluable experience for the students.



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We held a coffee morning with Trafford Thrive our NHS mental health support team who came into school to answer parents questions & answer any concerns they had about their child's mental health, anxiety, stress & worries.



Student Shout Out

Shout out to John Cruz year 9. He made homemade burger and bread rolls.
Lewis Phillips and Alife Hurst made Fish pie.
Divine Okeke and Callan Woodall made burgers and bread rolls.



What's going on?

Wednesday



THURSDAY



FRIDAY

Year 9 Options



Year 9 Options Booklet

Below is a link to the website for you to view the options booklet to aid discussions with year 9 pupils.

We will be welcoming parents of Year 9 students on Thursday the 22nd of February to our Options Evening.

<https://www.bthcc.org.uk/curriculum/options>

Important Notices

Mrs Schembri is running intervention sessions every Monday at 1:30 pm in room 5. They will mainly be revising and practising grammar and syntax to boost the students' confidence and improve exam techniques. The students are welcome to bring their lunch to the room.



Tickets on sale this week!



We have some job vacancies within our college so take a look at our vacancies page on the website

<https://www.bthcc.org.uk/vacancies>

Talking About Communication

Talking About Communication at Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College

Expert trainers from Talk The Talk will be coming into school on Wednesday 21st February to work with students in Year Group 7, on Wednesday 20th March to work with students in Year Group 8 and on Wednesday 19th June to work with students in Year Group 9.

The Talk About Communication workshop is an exciting and engaging master class developing speaking and listening skills within a creative learning environment. The workshop provides numerous speaking opportunities and students are coached and supported throughout the day to deliver a structured two minute presentation, on a topic for which they have a genuine passion, to their peers.

'We demonstrate that speaking out should be an experience that we CAN do – and one that is nowhere near as daunting as we might think.'

One of the keys to the success of the Talk The Talk programme is creating an environment of mutual respect with a supportive ethos so that when students stand up and voice their opinions, share their thoughts and present their ideas – their skills and confidence grow.'

Talk The Talk

Talk The Talk's mission is to develop students' oracy skills and their communication confidence to support positive interaction in all life situations and improved social outcomes.

Talk The Talk has trained over 115,000 students to be confident communicators across England and Wales since they began in 2013.

To learn more about Talk The Talk's work visit them at:

www.talkthetalkuk.org

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