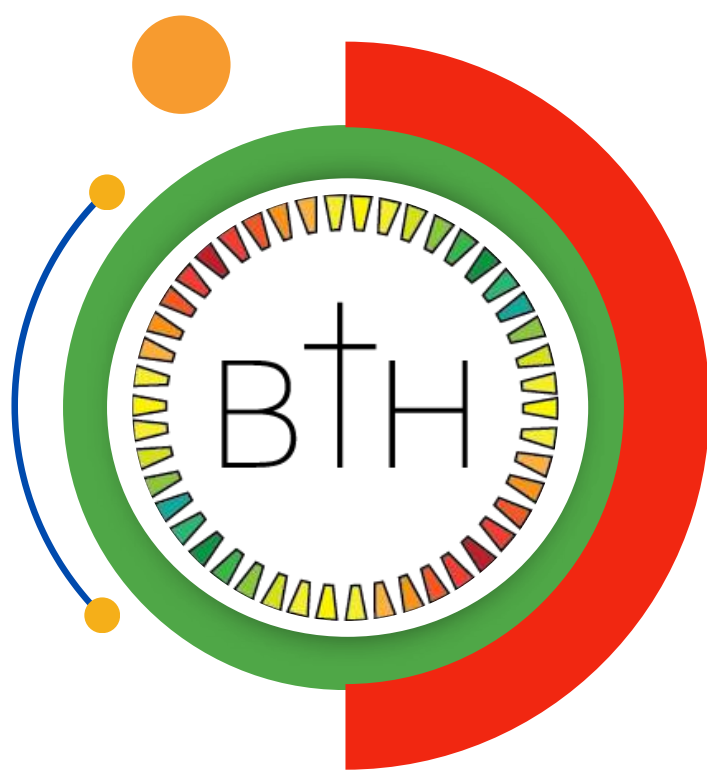




Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College

May God's love be our guide 

Weekly Newsletter



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back everyone and I do hope you all had an enjoyable summer. August was a month of celebration as our Year 13 students collected their amazing results and the following week, we celebrated our best ever GCSE results with Year 11. We are so proud of all our students and wish them every happiness as they take the next step in their education and training.

There have been many changes at BTHCC this September including our one-hour lunch time. The students now have the opportunity of participating in over 50 enrichment opportunities from Subbuteo to karaoke, Spanish to knitting. This is an opportunity for all our students to develop their whole self and create strong relationships with their teachers and peers. Pope Francis has announced a jubilee year, and we are called to be pilgrims of hope. As it was time to renumber our classrooms, we wanted students to know all about Catholic places of pilgrimage, so our blocks are now known as Lourdes, Fatima, Rome, and Walsingham. So everyday we will be walking with Jesus and hopefully finding classrooms much easier!

It is also our 60th birthday and to celebrate we have created a calendar of events which starts with us running the Manchester Half Marathon to raise money to put even more support in place for students who have experienced bereavement. Please do support us financially or cheering us for us on the day!

As always thank you for your support and prayers.



Mrs C S Hogg





We would like to say a huge congratulations to all our Year 11 students who collected their GCSE results in August. The results are a testament to all the students' hard work over the 5 years and we are so incredibly proud of their achievements, but more importantly the young people they have become.

The results the students have achieved are phenomenal, with all student groups making above average positive progress across their Key Stage 4 qualifications.





Congratulations to all of our Year 13 students who, on Thursday 15th August, were celebrating receiving their examination results. We are incredibly proud of our students and the wonderful results they worked hard to achieve.

Over the last two years, our students have shown great resilience and determination, consistently impressing us with their work ethic and the way they have supported each other through the unique challenges of key stage 5 study. This is reflected in the excellent grades they have achieved, with 29% of grades at A*-A, 58% at A*-B and an overall pass rate of 98%. In particular, our Politics, Criminology, Health and Social and Cambridge Sport departments have excelled in achieving those very top grades.

Our students are now embarking on their next steps, going on to study a whole host of subjects including Medicine, Veterinary Science, Physiotherapy, Business, Humanities and Social sciences at a range of prestigious Universities, including Liverpool, Manchester, York and King's College London.

We also have a number of students who have secured excellent apprenticeship positions, and we look forward to seeing what our students go on to achieve.





Welcome Year 7



6th of September 2024





Welcome Year 12



6th of September 2024



As of Monday 9th of September we are moving from "Satchel 1" to Bromcom

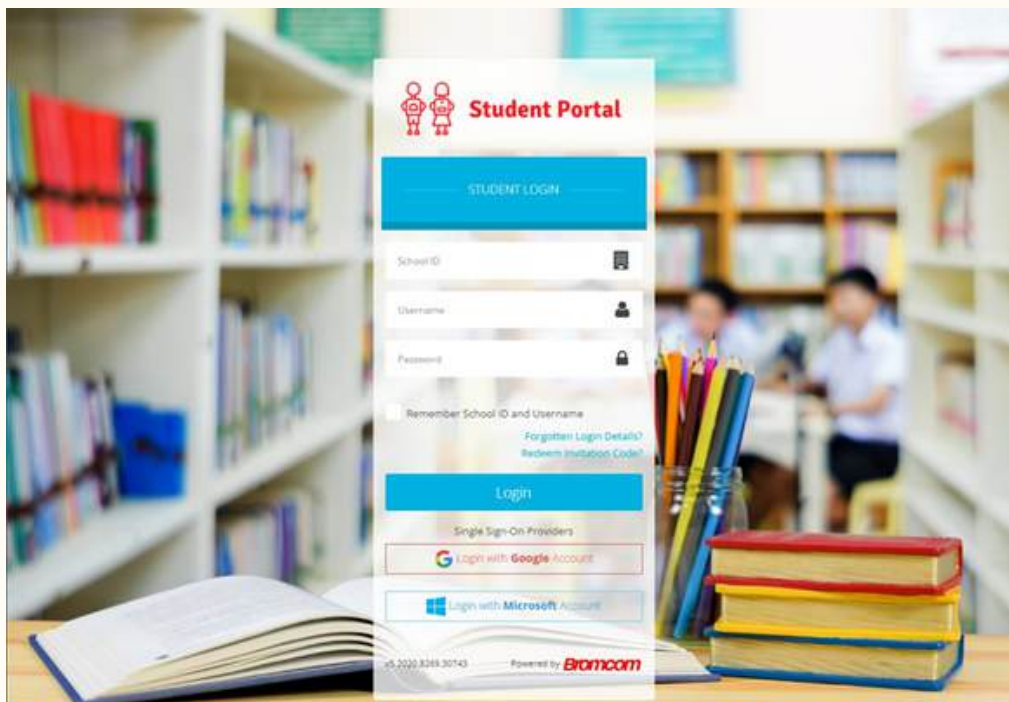
How to login to your student portal;

Student Portal Log In Guide To log into the Student Portal from home

Please follow these steps:

Open <https://www.bromcomvle.com/> in your web browser

- It is very important that you use the link above. Bromcom hosts multiple log-in pages, and Googling 'Bromcom' will send you to the wrong log-in page. If you do not have the link above to use, please only Google 'Bromcom Student Portal'



Please do not download the 'Bromcom Student App' – this does not allow students to log in with their email address and password

Please ensure no other Google Accounts are logged in on your device
At the bottom of the page, click on the Login with Google Account button



You do not need to fill in any of the information boxes on the page (School ID, Username, Password) • You should then be asked to enter your Google Email and Password. This is your College Email Address and Password which is the same password as your computer login. This will then log you in to the Student Portal.

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of education and ensure that each student receives the attention and support they deserve, we are implementing a significant change in our class groups in English, Maths and Science for the upcoming academic year.

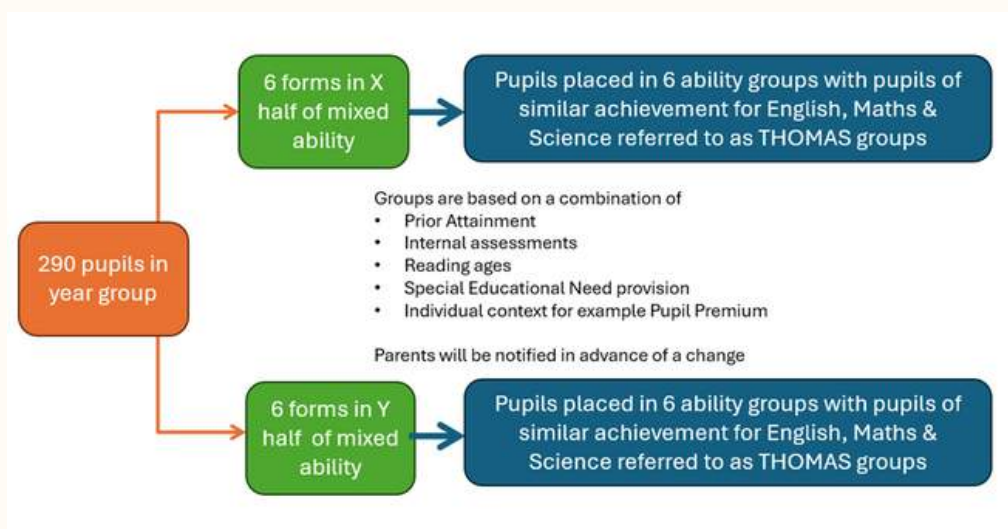
Starting this year, we have reduced the number of students in each form. We believe that smaller class sizes will:

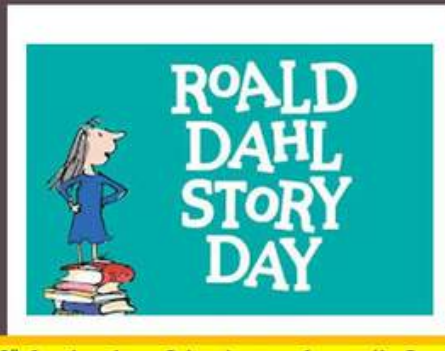
Enhance Individual Attention: Teachers will have more opportunities to engage with each student, addressing their unique needs and fostering a more personalised learning environment.

Improve Learning Outcomes: Research has consistently shown that smaller class sizes contribute to better academic performance and increased student participation.

Foster a Supportive Community: With fewer students in each class, we can create a more cohesive classroom environment where students can collaborate more effectively and feel more of a family.

As part of the process we have moved to ability groups in English, Maths and Science. Also in Religious Education at Key Stage 4. Pupils will be placed in a class with pupils of similar ability. The graphic below explains the groupings process. These are not sets and will not determine the grades or progress pupils achieve. This is to enhance their experience in the classroom and ensure all pupils maximise progress. The achievement of pupils is not determined by their ability group but their hard work and determination. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's subject teacher.



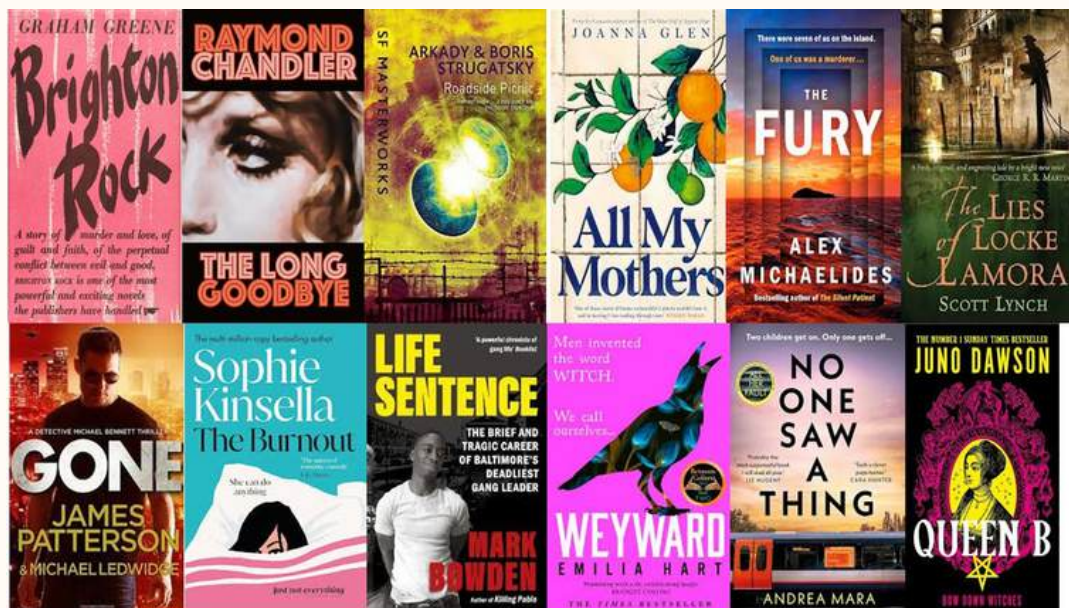


Friday 13th September. Bring in your favourite Roald Dahl Book or draw a picture of your favourite character. Games will be held in the hall at break and lunch with character cupcakes.



Next Friday 13th is Roald Dahl story day, and we would like the pupils to bring in either their favourite Roald Dahl book or draw a picture of their favourite character.

Bring to the library first thing in the morning to Mrs Rowe.



At BTH we believe that **EVERYONE** is a reader!

Here are some of the texts that's our wonderful staff enjoyed over the summer break

BTHCC TURNS 60



30 staff members are going to be doing the Manchester half marathon on the Sunday 13th October 2024 to raise money to invest in the necessary resources to provide exceptional care for families, students and staff to support them with their grief, loss and bereavement.

It would be amazing if you could come down and support us on the day - [See route map here](#)

If you could sponsor us we would really appreciate it. Every donation, no matter how small, will help us provide vital resources and care for those in need during these difficult times. If you could take a moment to donate or share the link, it would mean so much to our community. Thank you!

[Sponsor here](#)



**OPEN EVENING
2024**

Blessed Thomas Holford invite our 2025 September admission pupils to take a look round the school, meet the teachers, see our excellent facilities and ask questions.



**THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
5.00PM TO 8.00PM
Headteacher's Address: 5.30pm, 6.30pm & 7.15pm**

The date for our Open Evening for 2025 admissions is going to take place on **Thursday 26th of September from 5.00pm to 8.00pm**

Headteacher's Address: 5.30pm, 6.30pm & 7.15pm

For your comfort and following positive feedback from last year, this is a ticketed event to make sure that you are able to get the most out of your visit. This is to allow as many families as possible to attend and we thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

[Book tickets here](#)



Hello Everyone, I'm Miss. Giles, the new school chaplain here at BTH and I'm excited to meet you all and organise some events and trips for all students to be involved in. The Catholic Faith has always been a massive part of my life journey and has helped me find strength and courage on the challenging days and spread the good news of Jesus. I would love to be able to share this with you all and get as many of you as possible involved in faith related activities.

I will be running an enrichment group every lunch time called Faith in Action where we can create new ideas and reflect on our faith and how we can do this through the school and onwards. I live in The Bridge and welcome anyone who wants to visit me for a drink and a biscuit to discuss their faith, have time to reflect and how they can get involved in the college's Catholic life. As always, there is Wednesday Word and Friday Family Mass each week at 8.15am in the Chapel which I would welcome you all to. If you ever have any questions or need some space, please come visit me in The Bridge and I would be happy to help!





PE Extra-Curricular Timetable



6th of September 2024

PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Clubs: 8:15am - 8:45am	TABLE TENNIS Fitness Suite (OH)	<i>Staff Meetings</i>	BASKETBALL Sports Hall (SHU)	<i>Staff Meetings</i>	BASKETBALL Sports Hall (CHO)
BOYS AFTER SCHOOL : 3:20-4:20PM	BASKETBALL Sports Hall (OH)	BADMINTON Sports Hall	FOOTBALL Y7- 3G SHU/AT Y8- MUGA JR/SHig	<i>Staff Meetings</i>	FOOTBALL Y9- 3G SPG Y10-MUGA AT
GIRLS AFTER SCHOOL : 3:20-4:20PM	NETBALL ALL YEARS MUGA (KRX/JLB/CL)	FOOTBALL ALL YEARS 3G (CHO/KRE)	BADMINTON Sports Hall (SDP)	<i>Staff Meetings</i>	

1. Students are to arrive at clubs following the end of their last lesson 3:20pm.
2. Students must register before taking part in a club
3. Students can attend as many clubs as they want to
4. All clubs are free and led by the PE team and a selection of local sports coaches
5. Students need to bring PE kits to after school clubs
6. After school clubs start at 3:20 pm every day and end at 4:20pm

PE ENRICHMENT Sports Hall - Week A

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:30 - 1:00	Dodgeball	Netball	Basketball	Badminton	Cricket
1:00 - 1:30	Dodgeball	Netball	Basketball	Badminton	Cricket

3G Pitch - Week A

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:30 - 1:00	Football	Football	Football	Football	Football
1:00 - 1:30	Football	Football	Football	Football	Football

Sports Hall - Week B

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:30 - 1:00	Dodgeball	Netball	Basketball	Badminton	Cricket
1:00 - 1:30	Dodgeball	Netball	Basketball	Badminton	Cricket

3G Pitch - Week B

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:30 - 1:00	Football	Football	Football	Football	Football
1:00 - 1:30	Football	Football	Football	Football	Football

Each day we need to be 'Ready to Learn' by

8.45am-8.55am



Arriving at BTHCC before 8.45am



Wear your correct uniform with pride



Visit your locker



Fill your water bottle



Eat breakfast



Visit the library



Visit the toilet



Check your equipment



Say a prayer in the chapel



Look at lunchtime enrichment timetable

Students are expected to wear their full correct uniform at all times. Uniform should comply with our clear uniform code at all times. When students wear the BTHCC uniform they take up the responsibility to represent our college family and our college values. Please check the uniform section of the college website for full details, below is a summary of the key points. If in any doubt please contact to college for clarity. <https://www.bthcc.org.uk/uniform>



Students must be dressed properly in full college uniform.

- BTHCC Blazer is essential
- Skirt with black tights OR trousers with ankle socks
 - White shirt
 - BTHCC tie
- BTHCC Jumper (optional)



You will have noted that from September students are not permitted to wear socks with the school skirt, it is tights only. The skirt also has to be worn correctly. You will see from the image that the skirt has three yellow bands, these three bands must always be visible and skirts should never be rolled up.

We wear our uniform correctly and with pride.



Attendance matters



ALL DAY. EVERY DAY

IT ALL

EVERY late



EVERY early sign out

EVERY absence

UP

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

towards reaching your best grade level

One day



One week



One month



One year



**1 HOUR &
15 MINUTES**



One day



One week



One month



One year



**2 HOURS &
30 MINUTES**





Term Dates



6th of September 2024

School Open
Bank Holiday
INSET Day
Holiday
A Level Results Day
GCSE Results Day

Term Dates 2024-2025

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Holidays From the 1st September 2013, the change to the law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must be in exceptional circumstances and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of the leave. Parents can be fined by the Local Authority for taking their children on holiday during term time without consent from the school.