

COLLEGE


NEWSLETTER



OCT - DEC EDITION



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Welcome to our Christmas newsletter and what an term we have had.

Watching the Christmas lights illuminating the dark nights is a wonderful sight to prepare us for a time of celebration and joy. Light is so important to us in our lives. It lifts our spirits, it lights up our paths and helps us to see things clearly.

As Christians we believe Jesus is the light of the world. His birth allows us to see, to follow and to be guided by his love.


Your BTHCC family wish you all a very holy and joyful Christmas and a New Year filled with love, hope and peace.

Thank you for your warm welcome this term and I look forward to seeing you all in January as BTHCC continues to be a beacon of light with God's love as our guide

Mrs Hogg
Headteacher



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MEET THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Title	Role
Mrs C. Hogg Headteacher	Leadership and Management
Mr L. Fishwick Deputy Headteacher	Quality of Education Intent
Mrs R. Geoghegan Deputy Headteacher	Behaviour and Inclusion
Mrs V. Kneen Associate Deputy Headteacher	Head of Sixth Form
Mrs A. Butterworth Assistant Headteacher	Quality of Education Implementation
Mr S. Goldrick Assistant Headteacher	Personal Development
Mr A. Thorpe Assistant Headteacher	Inclusion
Mr J. Regan Assistant Headteacher	Quality of Education Impact
Mr S. Crampton Assistant Headteacher	SENCo
Mrs K. Worsley	School Business Manager



Highlights

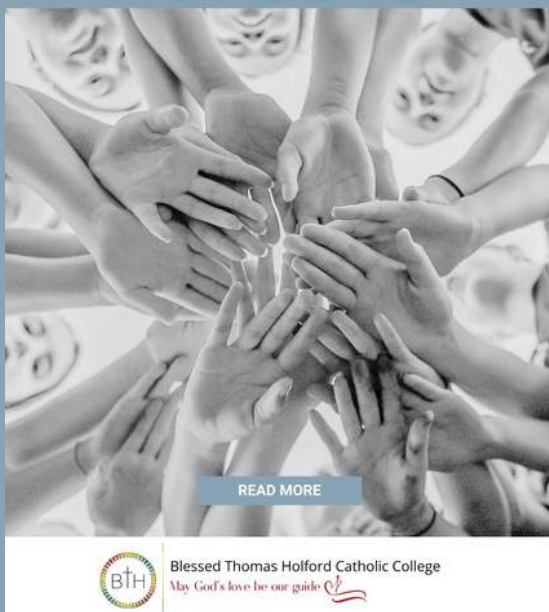
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BULLETINS & NEWSLETTERS

Weekly Newsletter

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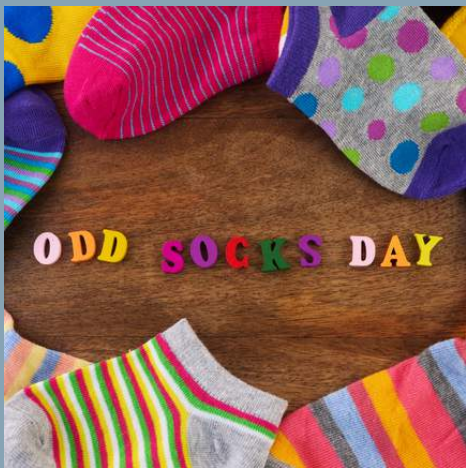


Highlights

Anti-Bullying Week



Make A Noise About Bullying !



THE CHILDREN'S
**ADVENTURE
FARM**
TRUST



Highlights

WILMSLOW 10K

JUDE'S 18TH BIRTHDAY

RAISED
£1523.60



**BONE
CANCER**
RESEARCH TRUST
UNTIL THERE'S A CURE



Highlights



LAUNCHED



CHRISTMAS MARKET

RAISED £1200.00



INVITES YOU TO OUR

CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER
11AM-3PM

GET YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS SORTED!

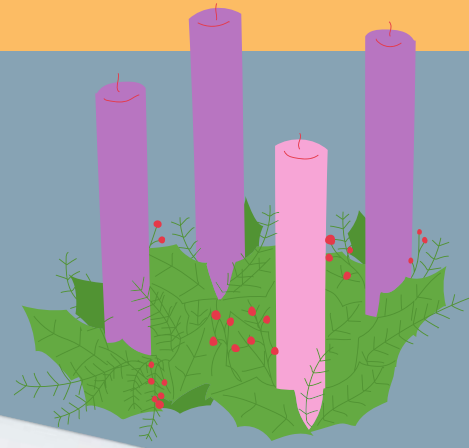
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URBAN ROAD, ALTRINCHAM
CHESHIRE, WA15 8HT

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JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MARKET WHERE **EVERYONE** IS WELCOME. THERE WILL BE LOTS OF STALLS SELLING CLOTHES, JEWELLERY, CHRISTMAS GIFTS, FOOD AND DRINK AND MUCH MORE.... BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



ADVENT



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Mary on the Mantle

Highlights



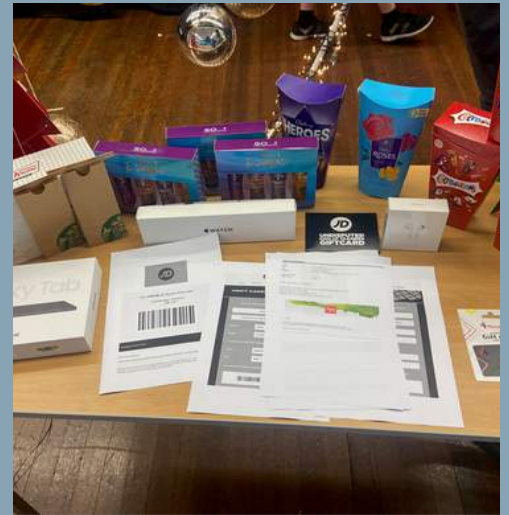
Advent Service



Rewards

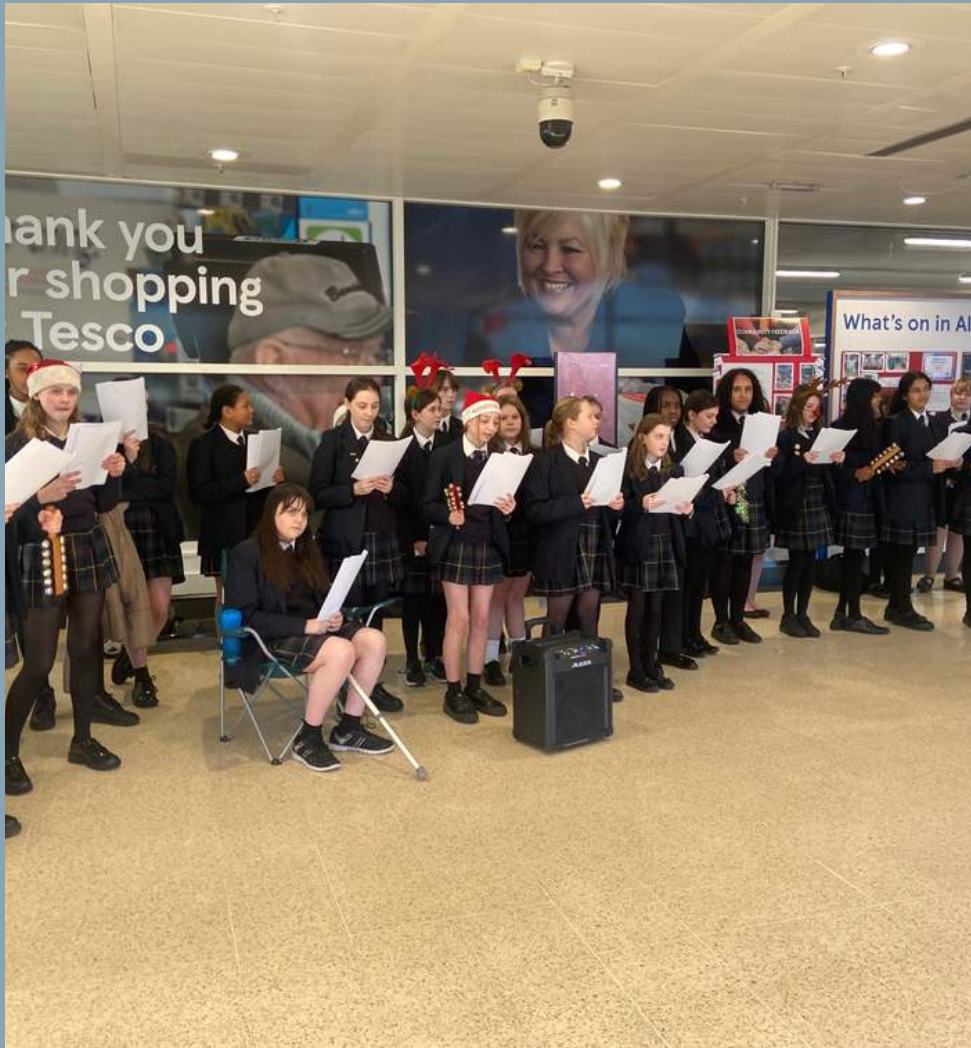


SILENT AUCTION REWARDS



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CAPRICCIOS TESCO'S



Highlights

YEAR 13 CERTIFICATE EVENING & CHRISTMAS MARKETS



Highlights



MASS



Highlights

Talent Show



CLASSICAL CIVILISATION AUTUMN TERM 2023

Classicists in Years 10 – 12 have had an adventure filled term exploring the ancient worlds of Greece & Rome...

Y10 Classics explored the World Museum in Liverpool, engaging with sculptures of the Greek & Roman gods including Athena, Zeus & Aphrodite and learning about Hercules.



Y12 Classics visited the British Museum in London & Cambridge Archaeological Museum to view the sculptures we are studying as part of their A Level. They also learned about the clothing used in Greek sculptures – including modelling a peplos.

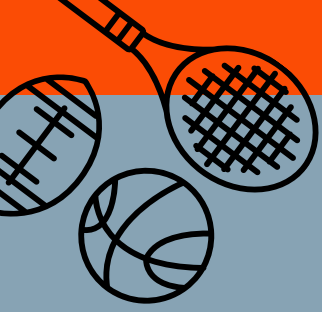
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Y11 Classics travelled to Athens & Mycenae to develop our knowledge of Ancient Greek civilisation, temples, religion & way of life...



They also spent an afternoon in the art department using the alphabet of Linear B to create their own clay tablets.



Cross Country Running



Some great performances from pupils y7-12 in the Trafford cross county meet on Tuesday especially Y7 boys who all came in the top 20.



SELF CARE IN THE FESTIVE SEASON

Christmas, New Year and the festive season can be a wonderful time of celebration and connection with the people we love. For some of us, it can also be stressful and a trigger to difficult feelings. It is okay to feel how you feel and there can be all sorts of reasons why some of us don't feel festive. Here are a few things to do to look after your wellbeing over the Christmas period.



- **Getting enough sleep**

Sleep is vital for our wellbeing. Try to get plenty of sleep, even on Christmas eve!

- **Get active**

Physical activity can really help your mood, go out for a walk with your family, go for a cycle with your friends, do some yoga or organise a football game.

- **Have regular meals**

Keep a healthy routine, have plenty of water, fruit and veg as well as treats do whatever is realistic for you be KIND to yourself.

- **Do something for yourself**

Enjoy your favourite hobby, take up a new one, or just simply taking some time to relax. Have a bath, read a book – or just be in the moment.

- **Stay supported**

It is easy to feel lonely at Christmas when were bombarded with images on social media of lots presents and happy families. Stay connected to your sources of support. Here are some suggestions of support.

Wellbeing action plan -

<https://www.charliewaller.org/resources/wellbeing-action-plan-child>

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to.



0300 123 3393
Helpline
mind.org.uk

shout
85258

Text SHOUT to 85258
24/7 text service
giveusashout.org

SAMARITANS

116 123
24/7 Helpline
samaritans.org

YOUNG MINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

Text YM to 85258
24/7 text service
youngminds.org.uk

CAMPAIGN
AGAINST
LIVING
MISERABLY

0800 58 58 58
Helpline for men
thecalzone.net

PAPYRUS
National Helpline for young people

0800 068 4141
Under 35s Helpline
papyrus-uk.org

Mental Health over christmas Podcast - <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/explore-mental-health/podcasts/how-look-after-your-mental-health-christmas>
<https://www.bthcc.org.uk/mentalhealthandwellbeing>

Student Shout Out



MICHAEL



Michael who is in Year 13 saw a Year 7 student struggling to come into school. He didn't know this student but took it upon himself to make sure this student was ok. He now checks up on him everyday and has made a huge difference in this student coming into school. The student's parent came into school to thank Michael and tell him what it meant to her and her son. Well done Michael, the world needs more people like you.

OLIVER

This is our superstar, sixth former, golfer 🏌️, Oliver who recently won 3 🏆's. The Trafford Leisure trophy, The Geoff Gibson trophy and the net average over the season trophy. WOW! We are very impressed! 🙌🙌



Student Shout Out



ALANNAH



Alannah Bowes went into St Hughes Primary to do a talk on black history month to primary school children. Well done Alannah, it takes a lot of courage to talk in front of people.

CARA

Cara Lynch in Sixth Form has got to the World Championships in Irish Dancing!

WOW! We are very impressed! 🙌🙌🙌.





TEACHING EXPERTISE FROM UNIVERSITIES

Dr Steve Hurst from Manchester Metropolitan University hosted a masterclass for Yr13 politics students on the theme of Presidential power and voting behaviour. The students involved engaged well with the academic discussions and gained lots of additional knowledge which will help them be successful."

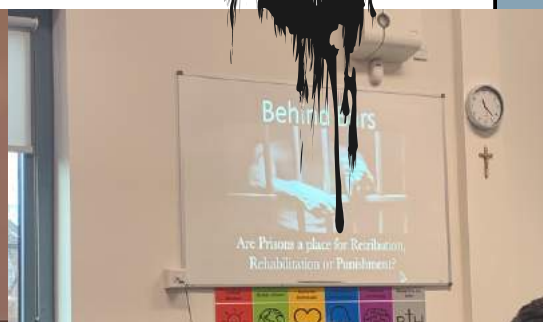
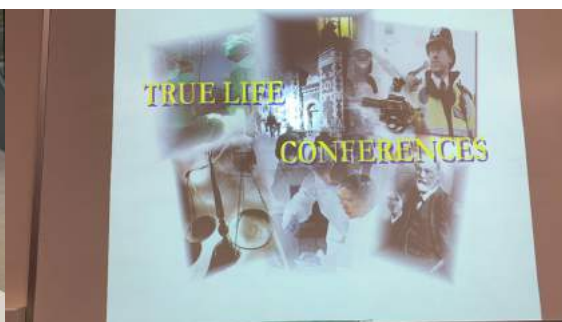


Dr Andrew Fearnley from the American Studies department at Manchester University delivered a special lecture to our History students on the impact of both the New Deal and Black Power on the struggle for African American Civil Rights, which are both key elements of their course

TRUE LIFE CONFERENCE

The True Life Conference is a collaboration with Altrincham Grammar School for Girls, and we welcomed over sixty students and staff to attend the conference. It is focused on Sixth Form social science students, and it is delivered by ex-offenders who explore issues such as the aims of the penal system in the UK. As the title of the conference suggests, we are presented with the actual experiences of individuals who have committed a variety of offences in the past, and the impact of these convictions on their lives. Students are invited to ask any questions they want throughout each presentation, and we were proud to witness the thoughtful reflections that our young people shared in response to the sometimes quite harrowing accounts of the presenters' lives.

As a Catholic community, at the heart of what we teach are concepts of forgiveness and redemption. Today, our students were invited to consider whether in 'true life' cases, this is a reality. We will be following up in lesson to explore the key themes raised by the conference, and we sincerely appreciate the role that parents and students offered in supporting the second year that we have been able to offer this extracurricular activity.



Upcoming Events

FRIENDS OF BTH

Friends of BTH Coffee Morning - 10th January 10am in the Sixth form café.
We want to discuss an upcoming event that we would love your support with.

If you would like to be a 'Friend of BTH' but can't make this date, can you complete this google form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeltxL0olukXu0iApGhvmqLfpyjNfZulqUn7YE_U0k-pHrpYw/viewform



CAREERS FAIR

CAREERS DAY 2024



DATE

Friday 2nd
February 2024



TIME

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM



Blessed Thomas
Holford Catholic College



For more information

please email :

Careers@bthcc.org.uk OR

MrGoldrick@bthcc.org.uk



We are hosting our annual Careers Fair after the huge success of last years on Friday the 2nd of February 2024 here at BTHCC in our sports hall for all students.

We are seeking a range of organisations to promote careers within their sectors and possible pathways to employment or further education.

This is a fantastic opportunity for employers to seek out young talent and is a great chance to develop your company's reputation through public interaction and brand awareness.

If you would like more information please email
Careers@BTHCC.org.uk

MEET THE TEACHER

Bringing you the answers to the questions we want to know about our teachers asked directly by the students themselves.



Mr Regan

1. What is one of your hidden talents?

It would be easy for me to say a sport as a PE teacher. But as I have got older I have enjoyed cooking. It is nothing amazing, however I think the dishes I make are ok!

2. What is your favourite dish from the school cafeteria?

Chicken kebabs and wraps always go down well!!

3. What are your “trapped on a desert island” books?

I really enjoy reading books about education and how I can develop myself as a teacher. However, I am really enjoying the 1999: Manchester United, the Treble and All that book at the moment so this would be a definite as it reminds me of the good days when Manchester United were actually good!

4. How does technology make teaching more simple or difficult?

I think it makes it easier to show videos and really help pupils see the topics we learn in GCSE and A level PE in real life and how it relates to the real world. I believe this gives pupils encouragement to go and look into the topic further. However, I do worry about how technology is preventing from pupils completing active writing skills and using technology instead. Nothing can beat an old fashioned pen and paper when completing home learning and revision.

5. What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

Each time it comes to delivering an assembly or large event, I get very nervous, just like our pupils do when they need to present something. But it is all about stepping out of our comfort zone and accepting challenges to better ourselves.

6. What inspires you?

It sounds cliché but my old teachers inspired me. I had a wonderful history teacher called Mr Barry and a PE teacher called Mr Fielding who made my education so memorable, and I wanted to recreate this for other children.

7. Are there any embarrassing teaching moments you are willing to share?

What are they?

No nothing at all... 😊