

# Weekly Newsletter



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May God's love be our guide 



Dear parents/carers,

This week we continue to focus on our Lenten promises of prayer, fasting and alms giving. During our Celebration of the Word, we explored how we can 'give' our time, support, and care to others. How we as the BTHCC family can help our neighbours and take care of our common home. At the end of term, we invite you all to take part in the CAFOD Big Lenten Walk on Friday 22nd March. We are also offering a fasting lunch of soup and a roll each Friday as well as prayer at Wednesday Word and the celebration of Mass each Friday morning with Fr Godlove. All are very welcome to join us. During the summer we will be creating a new chapel in the centre of BTHCC to ensure we continue to give our family the opportunities to have space to discern what is good, true, and beautiful. We are looking to appoint a chaplain who can walk alongside our young people as they journey with Jesus. Please see our college website for more information.

It was wonderful to watch our past Year 11 students as they were awarded with their GCSE certificates. To see students and staff sharing stories and celebrating together was wonderful. We wish them all the very best but remember you are always part of the BTHCC family so don't be a stranger and let us know how you are getting on.

We have enjoyed a joyful week of music and drama as our students shone in the production High School Musical. The students were amazing and lightened up the hall with their song and dance. Thank you to everyone involved for all their hard work, dedication, and time in making this wonderful event happen. The cast will always remember this special time in their school life, the friendships they have made and the feelings they experienced as the audience cheered. The arts are such an important aspect of BTHCC, and I am excited to say we will have the subject drama reinstated into our curriculum from September.

I do hope you enjoy reading our BTHCC weekly newsletter. Please let us know if the newsletter can be improved for you.

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**Mrs C S Hogg**

## What's going on - Week 4th-8th March

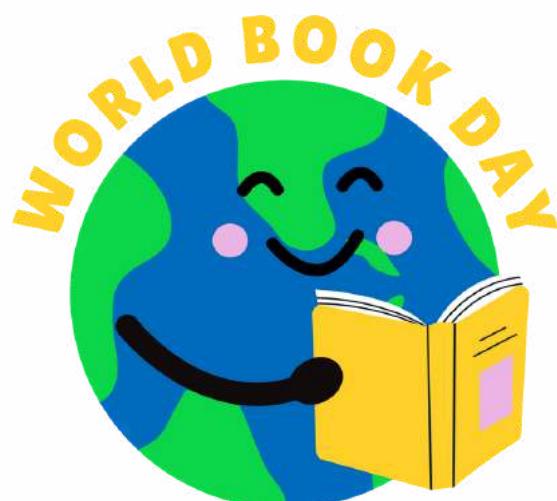
Year 12 UCAS  
discovery exhibition

# TUESDAY

# Wednesday

## Word

Room 54  
at 8.30am



# THURSDAY

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Year 13 parent's  
evening

College Mass  
- 8.15am G3

# FRIDAY

# WHAT'S GOING ON IN LENT

at Blessed Thomas Halford



## WEEKLY MASS

Prayer Space - Friday 23rd Feb, 1st March, 8th March, 15th March  
Everyone welcome



## WEDNESDAY WORD LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Prayer Space - 21st Feb, 28th Feb, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March  
Everyone welcome



## SOUP AND A ROLL

Friday 23rd Feb, 1st March, 8th March, 15th March



## RECONCILIATION

Sixth Form Centre -  
Fri 16th March



## LENT MASS

Sports Hall - Thurs 21st/Fri 22nd



## BIG LENT WALK

Friday 22nd March



This Lent our schools is supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world.

To raise money, we're going accept the challenge. CAFOD set the challenge to walk 200km.

Some of our school mission group went out and measured the distance of our walking route: 1.2km.

If we all do three laps, as a school family we will walk 6000km in solidarity with the poor, to try and bring change, put our faith into action and support the common good.

6000KM is 30 times what CAFOD are asking us to do. As a family, a team we can achieve so much more than we can alone.

6000KM is the same as running across 58,590 football fields, climbing the Shard 19,350 times or walking up and down the Channel Tunnel 120 times.

[link to our JustGiving page](#)

### How our fundraising will help

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working together with communities all over the world for an to end to extreme poverty and global injustice.

Our fundraising will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia to feed his family for good. James now has the tools and training he asked for to fish safely and sustainably. Compasses and GPS fish-tracking systems means he can find the best fishing spots and make his way home with an even bigger catch for his family.

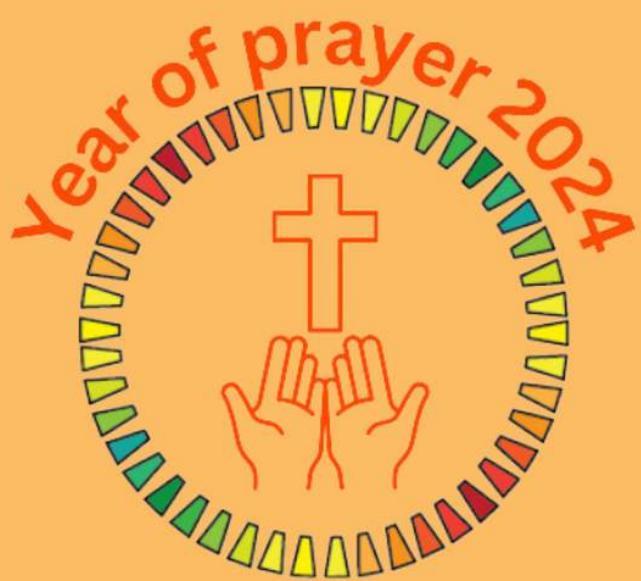
We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money together, we will be supporting our brothers and sisters around the world and living out our school mission.

### Join as a family!

You can join the Big Lent Walk too! Why not visit JustGiving to sign up and take on the challenge as a family?

We really appreciate your support and hope that everyone has fun helping us raise money for CAFOD.

For more information about CAFOD please visit [cafod.org.uk/families](http://cafod.org.uk/families)



To celebrate the Year of Prayer 2024, the year 7's have been learning about the different types of prayer and writing their own prayer intentions for Lent. These will be attached to a cross and displayed in the year 7 form rooms during Lent #yearofprayer



# SHOWTIME

# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

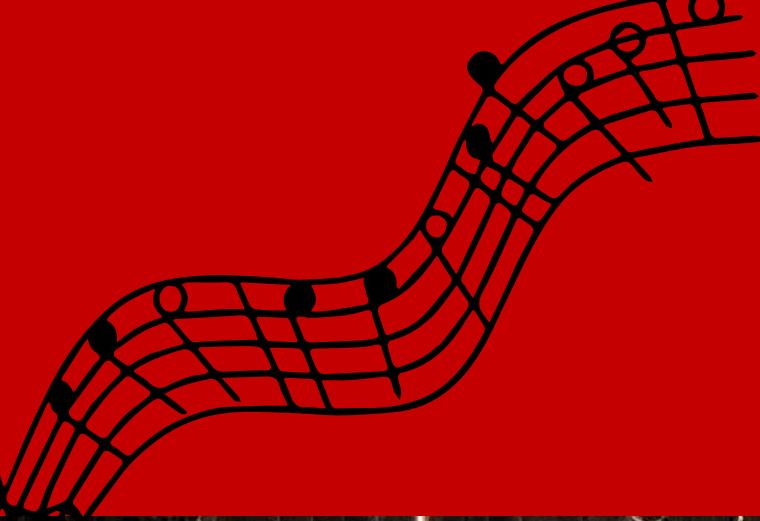


Our first production in over 5 years and WOW what a comeback.

The energy was fantastic, the performers were brilliant and engaging. There was so much talent in the room and we are so proud of all of the effort from the students who put in months of work. Thank you so much to the music department who have dedicated so much time to the production. And a huge thanks to everyone who come out in such miserable to show their support.

We can't wait for next years production already.





# LEARNING IN ACTION

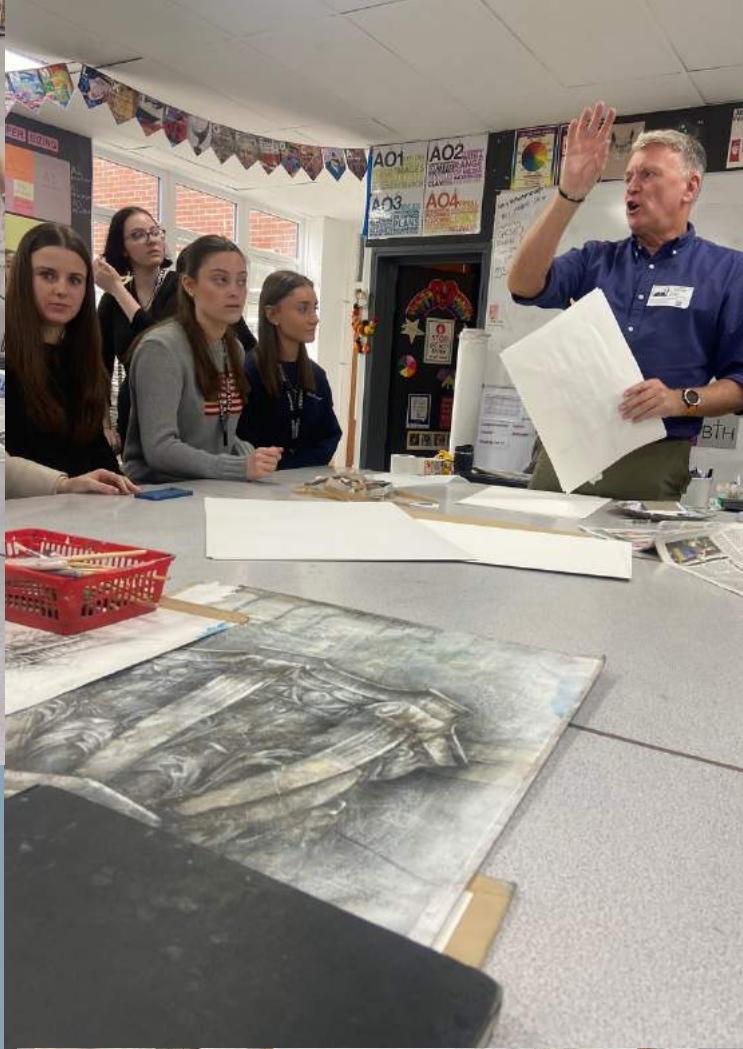
This week we have been going round and visiting lessons to see learning in action, celebrating everything that is fantastic in lessons around our school



# CLASS OF 2023

What a lovely evening for our 'Class of 2023' year 11's who were collecting their GCSE certificates! It was fantastic to catch up with them all and hear what they are up to!





We had a fantastic day on Tuesday in the Art department with a visit from Ian Murphy artist to discuss his work, creative process and techniques to Year 10 and 12 students - and a select number of exceptional Y9 pupils! A very busy but productive day. They are really looking forward to developing these drawing and layering techniques in class even further!



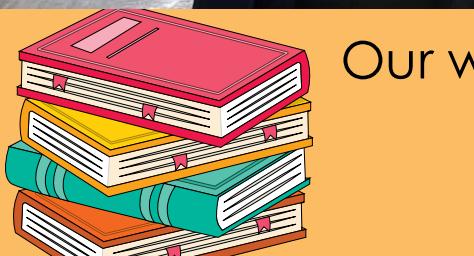


**Wednesday word this week  
was led by Mr Fishwick on the  
transfiguration of our Lord.**

## **WEDNESDAYWORD**

Well done to our year 11 girls during core PE today. The girls delivered their first sporting event to St. Vincent's. Both classes have been excellent over the past 4 weeks planning the event! Today was a huge success! Well done Miss Hodgin's and Miss Rennox class, we are very proud of you all.



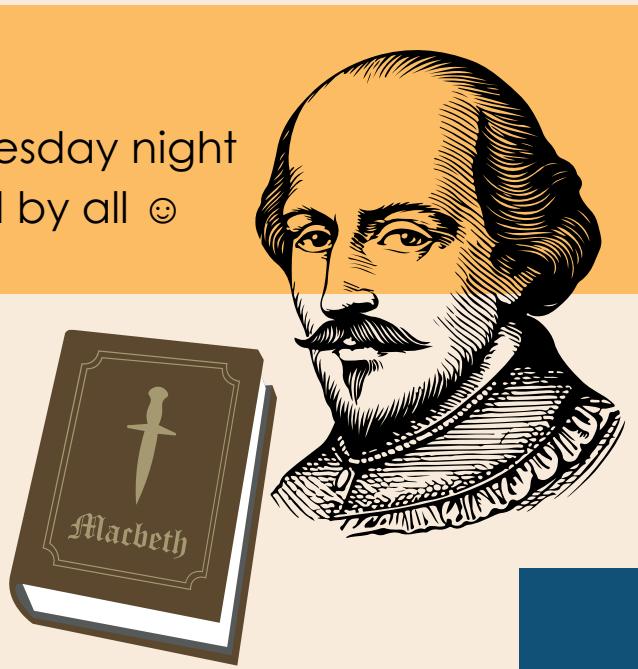


Our winners of Brenda the Vendor this morning!  
Well done to you all #bthccread

# #BTHCCREADS

# MACBETH

50 year 11's went to see Macbeth on Wednesday night  
at the theatre and a great night was had by all ☺



**IMPORTANT**

# ROAD SAFETY

In recent weeks we are receiving lots of reports from drivers and parents about the Oakfield road crossing when students are leaving school at 3pm. In the past week there have been two near misses of pupils and cars. As most of you will know we fought very hard as a school to get a pedestrian crossing after a very serious accident a year ago and this crossing is not being used correctly by a few students. Instead students are choosing to cross just a few metres further down the road. Not only is this causing serious distress to the drivers, it is extremely dangerous. We do not want another incident to happen to our school family so could we please ask that you talk to your children about being sensible when crossing the road, and how when they are wearing their uniform they are representing the school.



**IMPORTANT**



We are working in partnership with our local  
TESCO Extra store in Altrincham.

The local community that use TESCO and  
the staff have experienced some anti-social  
behaviour from young people who attend  
schools in the Altrincham area.

From **Monday 4th March** children in school  
uniform will be denied entry to the store  
unless accompanied by an adult.

**The Parents' Guide to**

# **NCW 2024**

**For National Careers Week**

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Options at 16 and 18
- T Levels and Apprenticeships
- Other vocational routes
- Work experience

Headline Partner: **NatWest Group**

## National Careers Week

It's National Careers Week 4-11 March 2024! Parents can be unsure of their teen's options after GCSE or sixth form so The Parents' Guide to, in partnership with National Careers Week, has created this free guide giving an overview of what's available at 16 and 18 years' old and summarizing different routes teens can take into the workplace.

[\*\*PARENTS GUIDE HERE\*\*](#)

# MISSION CATASTROPHE

## CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

11-18 year-olds will be inspired to write thrilling tales in just 100 words for Mission Catastrophe!

Catastrophe hits.... **Chaos reigns...** Is this the end of the world as we know it?

Please collect a template from Mrs Rowe in the library.