

Weekly Newsletter



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Dear parents/carers,

This year has been filled with research exploring new ideas to ensure that BTHCC flourishes and grows.

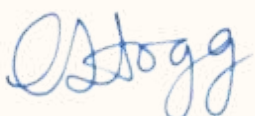
We have reflected on all areas of college life, listening to our students, our families, staff, governors and clergy. We have shadowed students to appreciate their lived experience and see where we can improve this.

For September, we have invested in more specialised teachers so that we can create more classes with smaller numbers ensuring that each child has an individualised learning pathway.

We have invested in the very best educationalists to work with us developing our curriculum, our class groups, our reporting to parents, our assessments and our ambitions for BTHCC.

In September we will have a new structure of the day allowing our students to have more opportunities for enrichment and extra-curricular activities. We are very excited about how this time of enrichment and personal growth will enhance the experience of our students.

Please do enjoy reading our newsletter, sharing all the wonderful successes and new from our talented and inspirational students



Mrs C S Hogg



New Structure of the College Day

Time of Day	Students
8.45 a.m. – 9.00 a.m	<p>Ready to Learn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time for breakfast • Toilet Stop • Visit Locker • Be in perfect uniform
9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m	Together for Good
9.30 a.m. – 10.25 a.m	Lesson 1
10.25 a.m. – 11.35 a.m	<p>Lesson 2</p> <p>Break (Year 13,11 & 10) - 10.25am-10.40am</p> <p>Break (Year 12, 7, 8 & 9) - 11.20am-11.35am</p>
11.35 a.m. – 12.30 p.m	Lesson 3
12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m	<p>Lunch for all students</p> <p>Extra-Curricular Activities</p> <p>12.30 p.m. Lunch (Year 11 and 10) lunch hall entry</p> <p>12.45 p.m. Lunch (Year 7) lunch hall entry</p> <p>1.00 p.m. Lunch (Year 8 & 9) lunch hall entry</p>
1.30 p.m. – 2.25 p.m	Lesson 4
2.25 p.m. – 3.20 p.m	Lesson 5

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event	Time	Location
19th June – Wednesday	Year 11 Leavers Mass	6pm–7.30pm	Gym
24th June – Monday	Year 13 Leavers Mass	4pm–6pm	G3/4
26th June – Wednesday	Year 13 Prom	7pm–11.30pm	Hilton – Manchester
29th June – Saturday	Year 11 Prom	6.45pm–11.30pm	AJ Bell Stadium
3rd July – Wednesday	Year 7 Induction evening parents	6pm–8pm	Sports Hall
9th July – Tuesday	Key Stage 3 Awards Evening (year 7 & 8)	6pm–7.30pm	Sports Hall
10th July – Wednesday	Key Stage 4 Awards Evening (year 9 & 10)	6pm–7.30pm	Sports Hall
15th July – Monday	End of year trips	All day	Year 7 – Nerf (arrival back to school approx. 3.30pm) Year 8 – Blackpool Zoo (arrival back to school approx. 4.30pm) Year 9 & 10 – Blackpool Pleasure Beach (arrival back to school approx. 4.30pm)
16th July – Tuesday	Key stage 3 Sports Awards (year 7,8 & 9)	6pm–7.30pm	Sports Hall
19th July – Friday	Sports Day	All day	3G



END OF YEAR REWARDS TRIP

MONDAY 15TH JULY 2024



Year 7

Nerf
Experience



Year 8

Blackpool
Zoo



Year 9 & 10

Blackpool
Pleasure Beach

MINIMUM WEEKLY
AVERAGE
85 POINTS



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SPORT

Year 7 Boys A team are Greater Manchester Catholic Cup Champions and have won the treble already (Trafford League and Greater Manchester Futsal) – they still have 2 competitions remaining. Well done!



SPORT



Well done to our Year 7 cricketers who won their match against Wellington High School on Thursday.



STUDENT SHOUTOUT

Isabelle played in a cup final on Saturday and scored in the last 5 mins to take the win 2-1!! Isabelle also spent Sunday playing netball at Wright Robbie! Sounds like a busy weekend but well done Isabelle.



Isla and Emily won their cup final on Sunday for Sale United U12s. Emily kept a clean sheet & Isla was player of the match and goal scorer! They've both had a fantastic weekend of football as they also ran out at Old Trafford on Saturday as mascots for Man U WSL!



Some of our students at the Trafford Spring Open swim meet. Alex y7, Matthew y8, Finn y7 and Xander y7. Well done!!



STUDENT SHOUTOUT

Charlie in Year 10 rode his first international race for GB in Track Sprinting 3 weeks ago now.

He qualified as the second GB rider and finished 6th out of 30 international riders in a category that riders can almost be 18 and he's still 15.

This is an absolutely amazing achievement Charlie!



Shout out to the following Year 11 boys;
Alfie
Yohann
Callum
Tom S
Tommy V
Finley

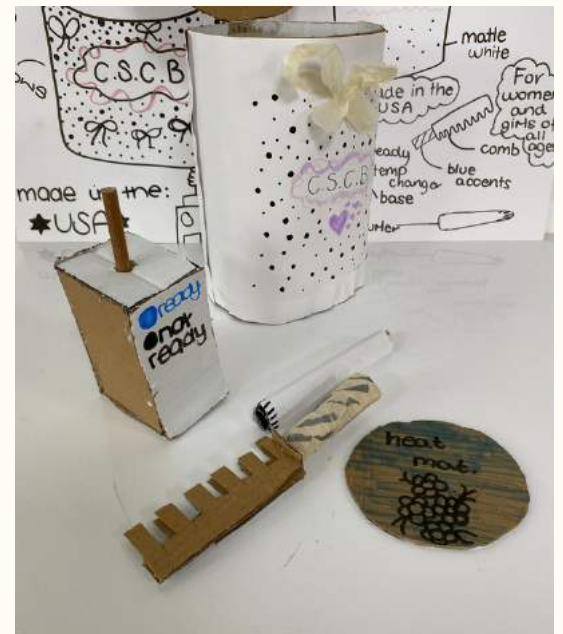
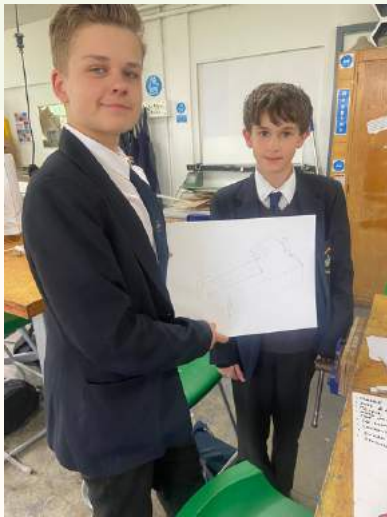
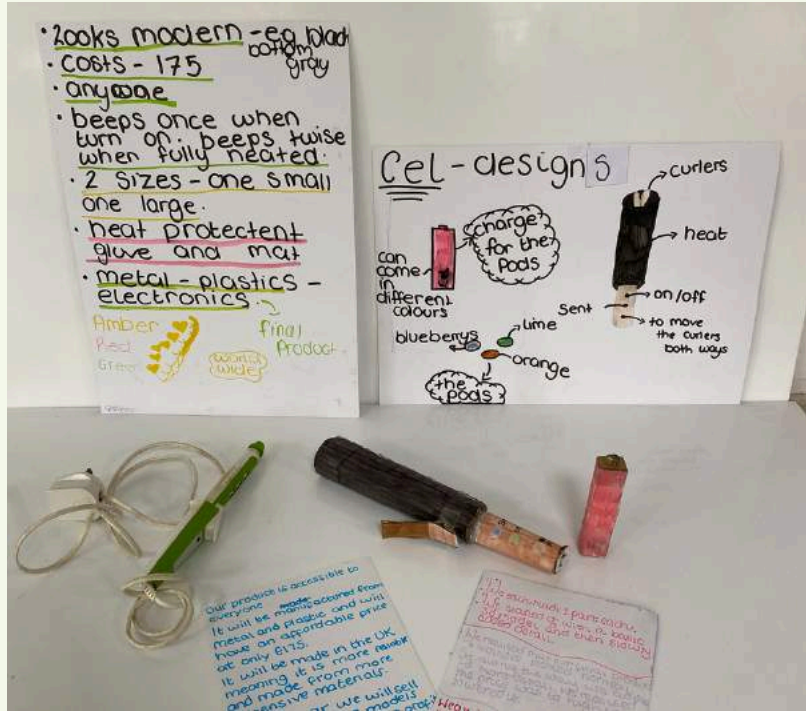


These boys got to a Cup final but the district organised it during their GCSE exams and the district would not rearrange so the lads have prioritised their GCSE's over the final – such mature thinking!

DYSON DESIGN & CAREERS DAY

A group of Year 8 pupils were invited to take part in a day of design innovation, taking inspiration from design engineer James Dyson. Pupils were set the challenge to reengineer an existing product and were pushed to think outside the box! Only with perseverance and teamwork would their designs succeed. Here are some of their amazing creations.

The winning design was scented curlers- Evie Rough, Lily Brady and Caoimhe Cunniffe.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Mental Health Awareness Week 2024 took place from 13 to 19 May and focused on the benefits of moving more for our mental health.

We had a great week with the students and staff, getting everyone moving!

On Monday and Tuesday our Mental Health Ambassadors and a few students from different year groups were invited to Nerf Action Experience at the Trafford Centre. It was a great experience and the students had a blast!

On Tuesday and Thursday we had the amazing ladies in from Trafford Thrive to support the students with their Mental Health. We had drop in sessions, a stand at lunchtimes to offer support and advice and some mindfulness colouring.

On Wednesday, staff and students went out running round the King George V pond and on Thursday the staff wore green.



LOVE OF LEARNING

Our Year 9 students, Dylan, Urszula and Gareth receiving multiple awards for excellent performance in their classes in assembly this morning! Well done keep up the good work



We had Year 7 cooking up a storm with their pasta salads this week which looked delicious.



LOVE OF LEARNING

As part of our Recycling lesson in Science, combining a mental health week walk, the students from 8X3 went on a litter pick to see how much plastic and aluminium around the site could be recycled. A great way to look after our BTH community and raise awareness of recycling with younger year groups. The class loved getting outside the classroom in the sunshine!



The following pupils submitted their extra-curricular reward cards, and were drawn out of the hat as winners for this half term. Well done to Eithan, Dara, Hayley, Bailey and Mark. We look forward to seeing you attend lots of extra-curricular PE clubs next half term!



Design a Dish for....



The winning entry will be recreated by our catering team and served in the canteen during Healthy Eating Week (10th – 14th June)

Prize: Free lunch for you and two friends!

Your dish must...

- include at least 3 of the food groups from the Eatwell Guide
- be appealing to teenagers.

To enter, fill in the google form (emailed to you) or collect an entry form from the Food & Nutrition Department.

Closing date Monday 3rd June.



OPEN EVENING 2024

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Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College
The God closer to our goals

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

A collage of images from the Open Evening 2024. It includes a student in a school uniform, a student playing a guitar, and a student playing a basketball. Text overlays provide details about the event and school achievements.

"The pastoral provision is highly valued by the pupils as are the rich and varied opportunities it provides for reflection, worship and celebration on an individual, small group, year group and whole school basis."
Denominational Inspection, 2019

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

Our Grades and Achievements 2022
83% of students achieved 4+ in English & Maths

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](#)

BTHCC TURNS 60

We are planning to celebrate our 60 years of excellence with a series of events that will start in September 2024 to commemorate the first day at Blessed Thomas Holford.

We will begin with a 'BTHCC Ultimate Challenge' where over 30 members of staff are going to take part in the Manchester Half and Full Marathon 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.



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TESCO'S

Thank you all so much for your support for BTH Food! Keep going with the blue coins if you can! We're inching ahead but still a long way to go until the end of June. (Tesco Altrincham, Hale and Timperley)



GEOGRAPHY NEWSLETTER

Hello!



Welcome to the Geography department's newsletter! In every issue we will keep you up to date with everything going on in Geography at BTHCC as well as things you can watch/listen/read and see that are all brimming with geography!

What to Watch!

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Judi Dench sets out on a trip of a lifetime to Malaysian Borneo - in this first episode, she learns how orangutans help prevent global warming.

What are we currently learning?!

YEAR 7	Year 7 have started finished their fieldwork! They have been drawing conclusions from their results.
YEAR 8	Year 8 have been completing their summative assessment next week, which will include content all the way from when they were in year 7! Year 9 have been looking at the Battle for
YEAR 9	the Arctic from a variety of different viewpoints.
YEAR 10	Year 10 have begun their new topic 'The UK's physical landscape' and focussing on different rock types.
YEAR 11	Year 11 are working hard and have completed their first Geography exam, keep going!
YEAR 12	Year 12 have been consolidating their learning on regeneration and are preparing for revision mode.
YEAR 13	Year 13 have completed their first Geography exam, keep up the hard work!

Geography in the News



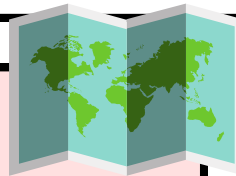
Most animals aren't cute! Conservationists who are working to preserve those animals perceived as frightening or unattractive have an even harder battle. "Most people just know about Jaws," says shark biologist and National Geographic Young Explorer Deborah Santos de Azevedo. They are working hard to change beliefs—and reminding people that sharks are a vital part of our oceans

Career of the week

As a **marine biologist**, you could:

- test and monitor sea creatures exposed to pollutants
- collect samples through coring techniques, water collection, physical organism collection, and visual recording of organisms analyse and interpret data using
- statistical software to answer research questions, monitor populations, or recommend new conservation methods map and analyse spatial data using Geographic Information
- Systems (GIS) software analyse biological and water chemistry samples in a lab and develop new research theories from them

Reaching the peak



Identify the flags of these 6 countries. Put your answers in the Geography Challenge box in Room 43 for the chance to win a prize! Make sure you put your name and form on your answers!

Geography phrasebook

Metamorphic rock: rocks that have been changed in shape and form by intense heat and pressure

Neo-colonialism: new economic control and resource plundering by developed countries

Orographic rainfall: precipitation caused by hills or mountains

Population: the number of people living within a certain area



GEOGRAPHY NEWSLETTER

We are so impressed with the entries for the plastic bottle project from our Year 7s! They found, through their fieldwork, that there are a lot of plastic bottles used within school, so they were tasked with creating an alternative use for it! The projects were viewed by other teachers and the top ones have won a place on a trip to sea life for the day!





Support for parent/carers on social media

#So.Me Webinar: Is social media affecting young people's mental health? Online presentation & discussion: Tuesday 11th June 2024, 7:00-8:00pm

The University of Manchester's [#So.Me](#) research team are hosting a webinar to discuss the latest research on social media and mental health, bust some myths, and learn about how to be part of the project. This is an online presentation (Zoom) aimed at parent/carers, teachers and those working directly with young people - do feel free to share this with your parent/carer community. You can register for the event [here](#).

[CLICK HERE](#)



Manchester 10k

Rachael in Year 10 is competing in this year's Manchester 10K on Sunday 26th May to raise funds for a family friend who was diagnosed with MND last year. If you could sponsor her, she would really appreciate it! Good luck Rachael!

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I'm a Parent Get Me Out of Here courses

I'm a Parent Get Me Out of Here courses - a fully funded 6 week course for parents and carers who have children aged 11+ in Trafford schools.

Availability for the following date
12th June 2024 - 17th July 2024 11am - 1pm

To be held at:
The Counselling & Family Centre
40 Mayors Road
Altrincham
WA15 9R

To book a place visit:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Trafford Live

Trafford LIVE is returning this year on Sunday 7th July and we would like to invite you!

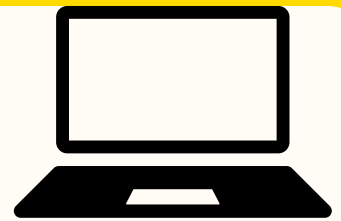
Trafford LIVE celebrates everything that is great about Trafford. The event is held in partnership with Lancashire Cricket Club, who are hosting a T20 cricket match against Worcestershire rapids on the same day as an extra incentive for people and families to attend. The event is based at Trafford Town Hall and is a free community event to attend that builds on the community spirit in the borough.

Come along and enjoy the family fun with helpful community stalls, local entertainment, sports activities to join in with as well as face painting, bouncy castles, crafts and games!

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Tech4All



SUMMARY:

Trafford Council and Community Computers are opening a series of Trafford Tech4All pop-up shops providing:

- **Heavily discounted, high-spec laptops for £60**
- **Free data SIM cards**
- **Low-cost broadband plans**
- **Online safety support from Greater Manchester Police**

The pop-ups will have devices available for residents to purchase at the following locations:

- **St John's Centre, Wednesday 29 May, 1 – 4pm**
- **Lostock Library, Wednesday 12 June, 3.30 – 6pm**
- **Altrincham Library, Thursday 27 June, 2 – 5pm**
- **Sale Waterside, Wednesday 3 July, 2 – 5pm**

People will be eligible to purchase an item from one of the pop-ups if they are in receipt of a form of financial support or are a low-income household. A full list of criteria is at: [Eligibility | Community Computers Shop](#). Proof of eligibility and Trafford address is required to purchase.

If you don't want to purchase a device, you can still come along to find out about digital skills training, how to keep your kids safe online and support with the costs of getting or staying connected at home.

ARE YOU IN YEAR 9, 10, 11 OR 12 AND INTERESTED IN
DESIGN, ARCHITECTURE AND PLACES?

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our FREE award-winning creative programme

WHEN: JULY 2024 – MARCH 2025

JULY 2024

4 DAY SUMMER SCHOOL:

Monday 24th -
Thursday 27th July

SEPTEMBER - MARCH

MONTHLY CREATIVE DESIGN DAYS:

One Saturday a month

MONTHLY SKILLS WORKSHOPS:

One evening a month

JULY 2025

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN AND WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY 16TH JUNE

The PLACED Academy is open to everyone in year 9, 10, 11 and 12, and we welcome people of all abilities and backgrounds. Supported by our Partner Liverpool City Council & funded by companies from across the built environment sector. Your travel cost to sessions can be covered.