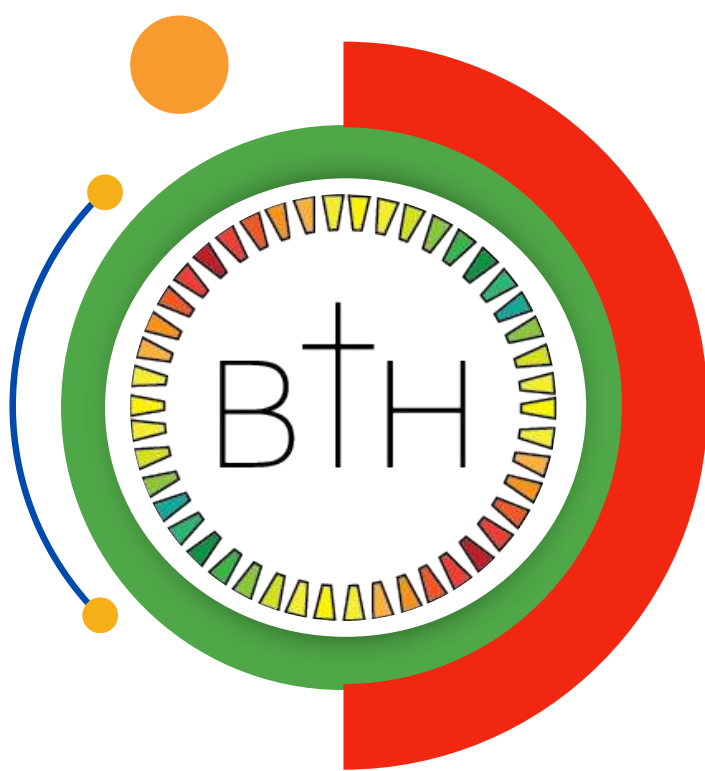




Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College

May God's love be our guide 

Weekly Newsletter



A member of our college family NEEDS US!

Hannah Quigley-McKie, mum of Lola in year 9 has been diagnosed with Ocular Melanoma, a rare and aggressive form of Cancer.



Hannah has been left fighting for her life after a routine eye test revealed a devastating diagnosis.

In January 2024, her world was turned upside down when an eye test revealed a serious health issue. What began as a simple check-up quickly turned into a nightmare when Hannah was diagnosed with ocular melanoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

In February 2024, Hannah underwent surgery to remove the tumour from her eye. Sadly, a biopsy from the tumour revealed the cancer to be a large aggressive tumour, with a high risk of spreading.

Doctors informed Hannah that there was a 40% chance of the cancer spreading within ten years and a 20% chance within five years. Unfortunately, just ten months after her diagnosis, a routine MRI confirmed that the cancer had already metastasised to her liver.

Due to the rarity of Hannah's condition, her doctor has recommended chemo saturation as the best available treatment option. This form of chemotherapy, while offering a potentially better outcome for Hannah, is not covered by the NHS. The treatment is available privately at a cost of £46,000 per round, and Hannah may need up to six rounds.

This treatment could be a game changer, offering a potential to extend Hannah's life and give her more time with her children, her husband, and everyone who loves her.

Hannah's family and friends have launched this fundraising campaign in the hope of raising the necessary funds to cover the cost of this and any other future vital treatment. The doctors have told Hannah her time may be limited, with a prognosis of less than a year, but with your help, we can give her the chance to fight for more time and more memories with her family.

Should other promising treatments become available for Hannah, this fundraising will also help support those opportunities. However, should Hannah's situation change, these funds will be used to support her and her loved ones during this incredibly challenging time.

Every donation, no matter how small, will make a difference and bring hope to Hannah and her loved ones. Your generosity could help change the course of her fight.

Thank you for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

DONATE ❤️



Hannah's Fund

£30,878 raised
from 1205 donors

Donate and share
Louise Pye
England

Hannah's Fund, organized by Louise Pye
Hannah, a kind hearted and fun-loving 39-year-old from Stretford, is a loving mum to Lola (14) and Theo (10)... Louise Pye needs your support for Hannah's Fund

www.funfund.com

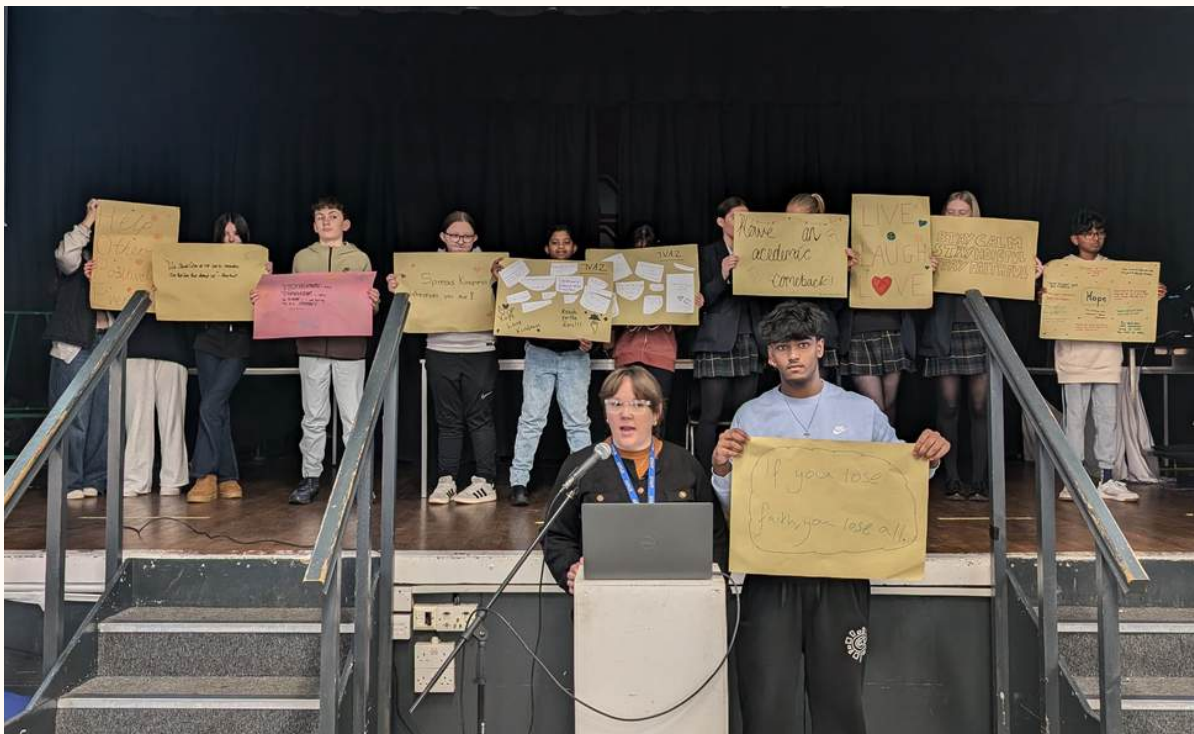


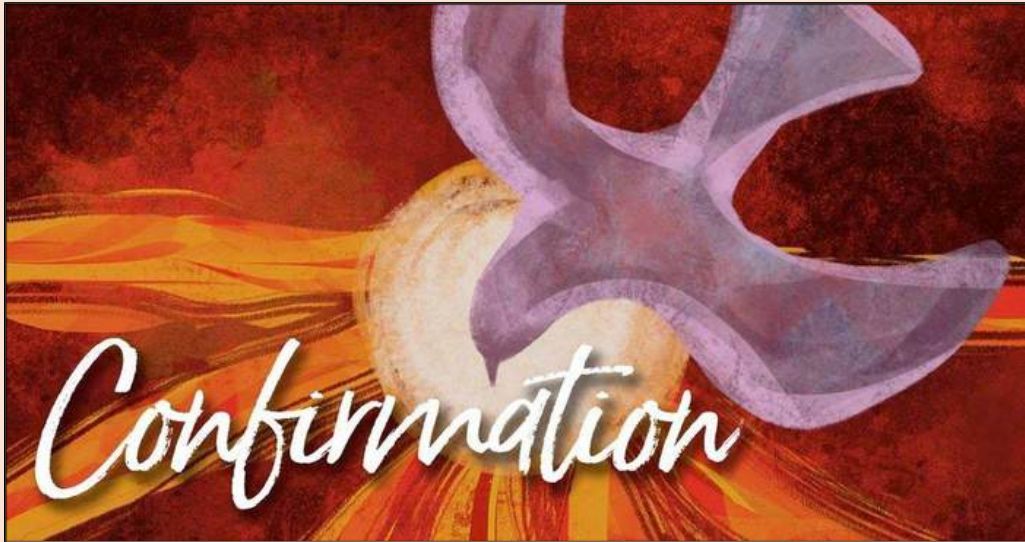
Saint Joseph Vaz, a man who embraced hardship for his faith, gave hope to the hopeless, and shone light in the darkest corners of the world. He's not only an inspiring figure but also a testament to the power of faith.



This week forms in Saint Joseph Vaz celebrated their feast day by allowing students to wear their own clothes, share a celebratory breakfast together and liturgy during together for good.

As Vaz brought a lot of Hope to people during a difficult time for the Catholic church in Sri Lanka, the theme of the week was **hope**. Forms wrote quotes that inspired **hope** into their lives and they shared it with us at the end of the liturgy.





Anyone in Year 8 or above who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation can enrol with local parishes

Anyone who attended
St Joseph's, Sale
Holy Family, Sale Moor
Primary Schools

Email to enrol
info@sjhf.co.uk

Confirmation Date
Friday 9th May 2025
Programme Starts in February
2025

Anyone who attended
All Saints, St Margaret Ward or
Our Lady's of Lourdes Primary
Schools

Email to enrol
our3parishes@gmail.com

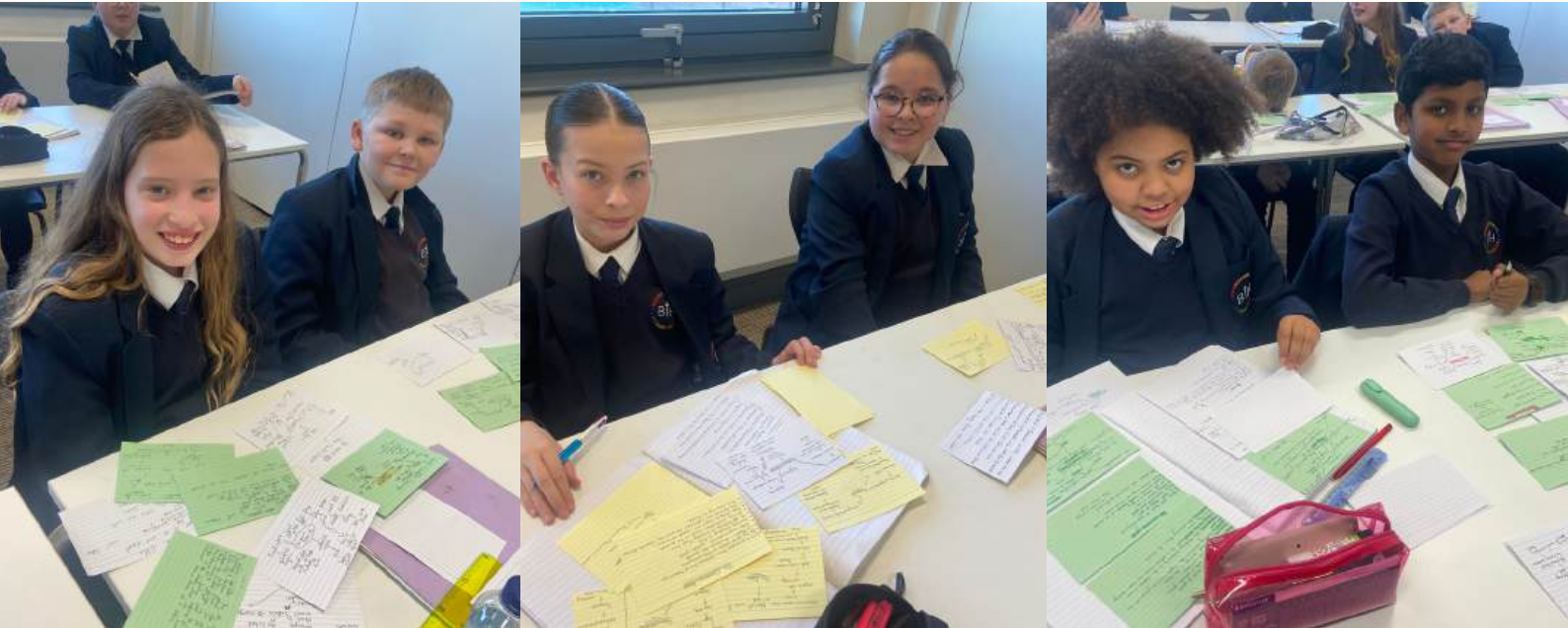
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Year 9 making pewter keyrings in design technology. Year 9 will soon be choosing their options.



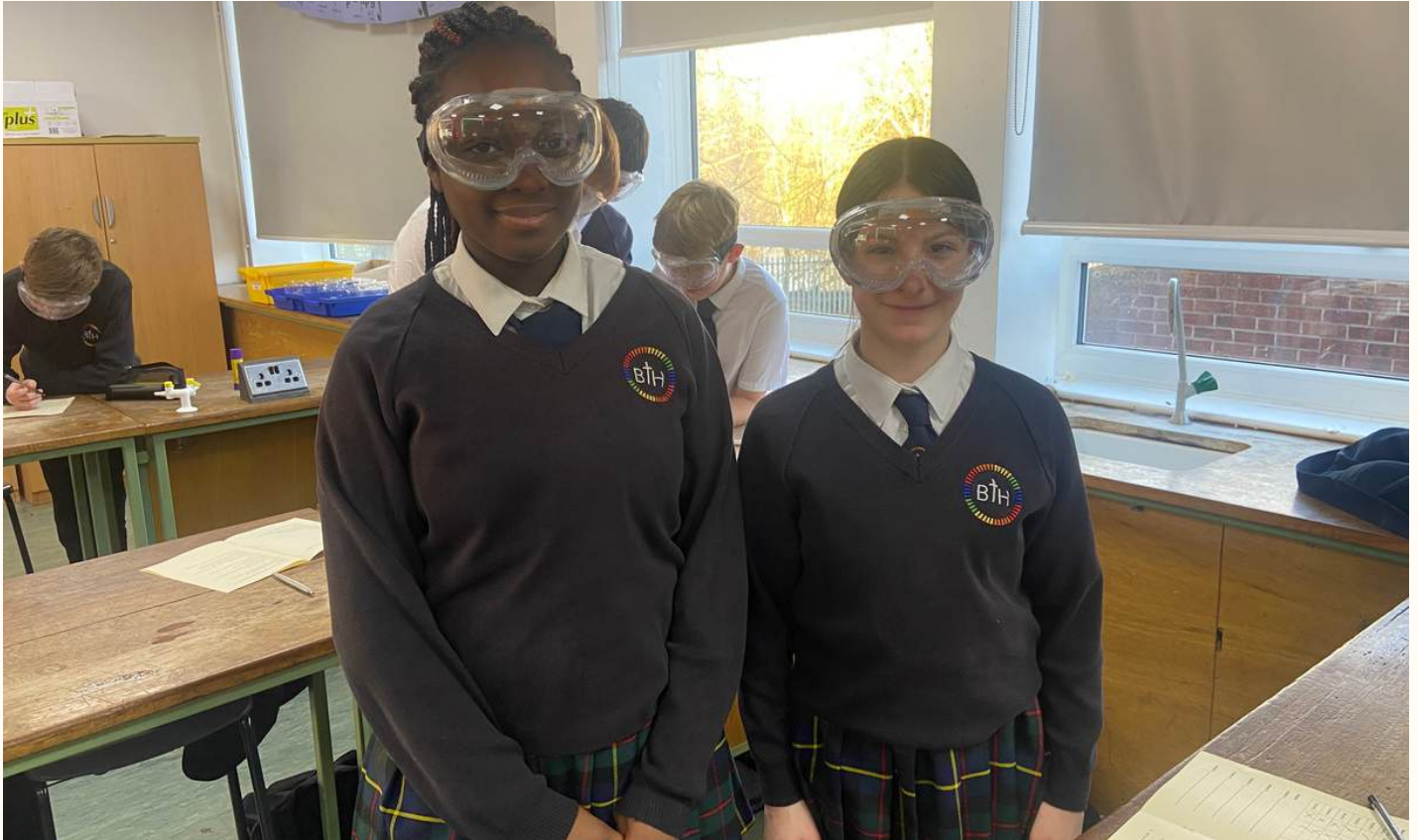
Year 7 in their core RE revision class this week! Students were working very hard on making their revision notes. Good work year 7.



In drama year 7 have been working on their 'freeze frame' expressions.



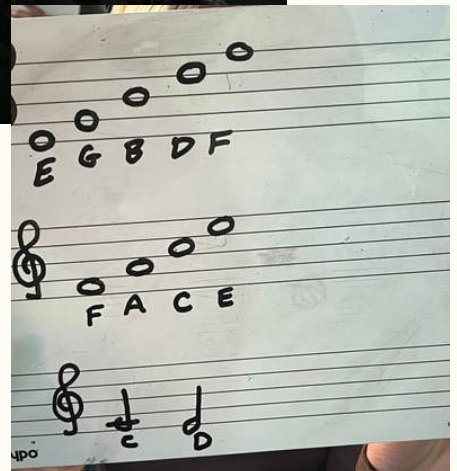
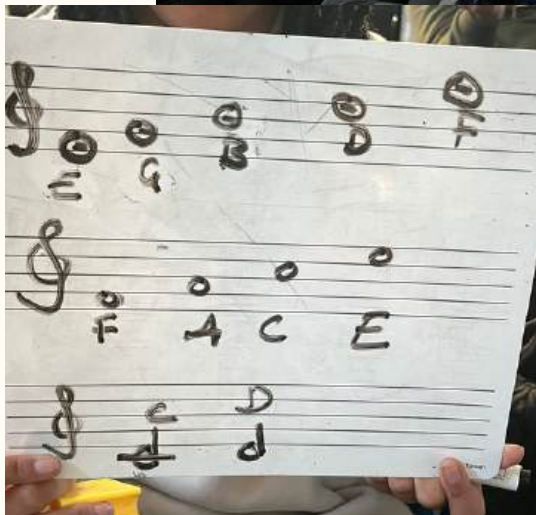
Year 8 have been doing food tests this week, testing for lipids (fat), starch, protein and glucose.



Year 7 have been learning how to code. They have been using a micro:bit, a pocket sized computer that you can code, customise and control to bring their digital ideas, games and apps to life.



Year 7 music students learning to read and write music notation



On Wednesday night 90 Year 11 students went to see the classic thriller 'An Inspector Calls' at the Lowry Theatre. Feedback was that it was amazing, a symbolic confrontation between capitalism and socialism. Students said they "highly recommend".



BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD

CAREERS DAY 2025



DATE

Friday 14th March
2025



TIME

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM



Blessed Thomas
Holford Catholic College



For more information

please email :

Careers@bthcc.org.uk OR

I.hussain@bthcc.org



We need you!!!

We're hosting a Careers Fair on Friday March 14th 2025 for all BTH students in our Sports Hall.

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

If you could help support us and would like more info please email Careers@bthcc.org.uk or I.hussain@bthcc.org

How can we help?

Attendance is everybody's business; we must all strive to instil the importance of attendance and punctuality within our students.

Their futures depend on the adults around them making excellent choices and guiding them towards a successful fulfilling future. Your children are forefront in our minds.

Attending school every day, on time, falls within the category of crucial life skills that must be mastered, isn't it?



What do we hear frequently? And how do we respond?

I don't like that lesson!

How can we help?

I don't like the teacher!

How can we help?

I hate school!

How can we help?

The teacher doesn't like me

How can we help?

I haven't got any PE Kit

How can we help?

I haven't done my home work

How can we help?

I'm tired

How can we help?

I've got a headache

How can we help?

I've missed the bus

How can we help?

I feel anxious

How can we help?

My friends won't talk to me

How can we help?

We have a large, and very active pastoral team within our school.

We are always here to help. If your child has a concern that may be stopping them attending school, please do contact us, we are here to help.

Collectively we have supported young people for a long time, I'm sure we will be able to help.



If your child is not in college, learning is not taking place. If your child is absent, we ask you to either use ParentMail to report your child absent or contact 0161 768 6030 and press option 1 to report your child's absence before 8:30 am.

At Blessed Thomas Holford, we have a dedicated Attendance Team to ensure that poor attendance is not allowed to develop. We want all students to strive for 100% attendance.

If there is something we need to know regarding your child's health which may impact on their attendance, please speak to the attendance team.

We ask you to make every attempt to book non-urgent medical appointments after college or during the college holidays. Students with unavoidable medical and dental appointments during the college day are asked to bring in the appointment card in order to sign out of college at the appropriate time.

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
15 min	1 HOUR & 15 MINUTES	1	8
One day	One week	One month	One year
30 min	2 HOURS & 30 MINUTES	2	16

**COMING UP...
ONLINE PARENT
WORKSHOP**



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

A virtual webinar designed to support parents in keeping their children safe online



DATE

TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2025



TIME

6.00PM

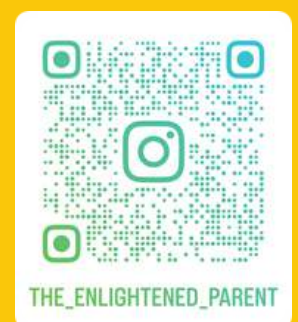





WHERE

ZOOM



Delivered by
The Enlightened Parent



Meet Ms Hellewell who joined us in September. Ms Hellewell teaches English   . Lets get to know her;

1. One of my hidden talents is I am really good at nail art. All of my students know how often I change my nails and I am sure that they look forward to seeing what I have on my nails each week! My nails currently have either hand drawn little ghosts or skeletons for the theme of Halloween.

2. Cheesy beans on toast is my go-to from the school cafeteria!

3. My 'trapped on a desert island' books would have to include: The Handmaid's Tale, The Hunger Games and A House of Leaves. (I find it very hard to narrow it down to just three!)

4. Technology definitely aids my teaching (when it is doing what I want it to do), however I often find it refreshing to not base a lesson around technology and instead spend the time having discussions together and sharing our views on what we are reading. I do love using a visualiser though... Especially when we are analysing and annotating a text together.

5. My students might be surprised to find out that I am a vegetarian and always have been!

6. Many people inspire me, especially some of the teachers in our English department who come in everyday with a smile on their faces and deliver amazing lessons to the children here and never seem to show any signs of stress or tiredness! I aspire to always be this positive, full of energy and on top of everything.



Meet
MS
HELLEWELL

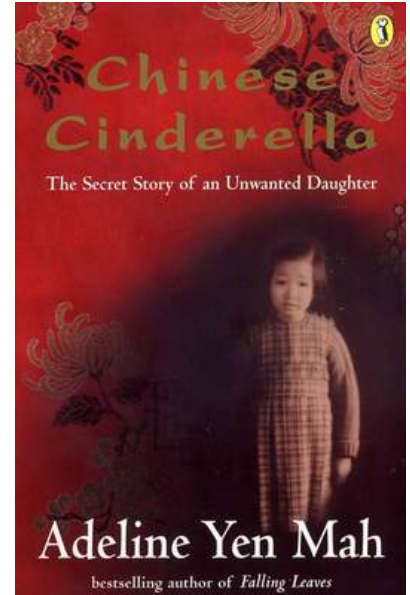
Teacher
of
English

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Book of the Week

In Chinese Cinderella, Adeline Yen Mah returns to her roots to tell the story of her painful childhood and her ultimate triumph and courage in the face of despair. Adeline's affluent, powerful family considers her bad luck after her mother dies giving birth to her. Life does not get any easier when her father remarries. She and her siblings are subjected to the disdain of her stepmother, while her stepbrother and stepsister are spoiled. Although Adeline wins prizes at school, they are not enough to compensate for what she really yearns for -- the love and understanding of her family. This memoir is a moving telling of the classic Cinderella story, with Adeline Yen Mah providing her own courageous voice.



subordinate

- adj. inferior, below, ranked lower than

English: In 'Blood Brothers', Mrs Johnson is Mrs Lyons' subordinate.

French Grammar: A subordinate clause is also known as a dependant clause, or 'une proposition dépendante'.

Employability: It is important to treat subordinates with respect and to empower them to contribute and improve.

subordinate
subordinates
subordinating
subordinated

sub-ordinate

Latin: sub (below)

Latin: ordinare (to put in order)

Who might use this word?

translator, Human Resources officer, project manager

POETRY ESCAPE

Break the silence -
what matters to you?

'When the
whole world
is silent,
even one voice
becomes powerful.'
- Malala Yousafzai,
Teenage Nobel Peace
Prize Winner.

POETRY COMPETITION FOR 11-18 YEAR-OLDS

POETRY ESCAPE

Break the silence,
Tell your truth.

Give your students the opportunity to let the world know what matters to them! **POETRY ESCAPE** has been designed to inspire your students to express themselves through poetry, to provide them with a platform to voice their opinions, thoughts and feelings, to break down barriers, destroy stereotypes and liberate their creativity.

IT'S EASY TO TAKE PART

- Use the enclosed entry forms, photocopy them or request as many as you need by giving us a call, email or request them online at www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/poetry-escape2019
- Ask students to write their poem, ensuring their name, surname and age are included on the entry form. (Students can include a pen name to be published under should they wish to, though we still require their real name too!)
- Send your entries, along with your school entry form (found on the reverse of the letter), to:

FREEPOST RSLY-ALLUA-RAHY
Young Writers SS
Remus House
Coltsfoot Drive
Peterborough
PE2 9BF
- Alternatively, you can upload work at www.youngwriters.co.uk/uploader/

DON'T FORGET ENTRIES NEED TO REACH US BY THE 15TH FEBRUARY 2019!

Entry forms can be collected from the library

January 27th HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY.

- **For a Better Future is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2025.**
- 27th January marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi camp. Every year the Holocaust Memorial Day takes place and encourages remembrance in a world scarred by prejudice. We remember the 6 million Jews murdered during the Holocaust and the many whose lives were changed forever.



January 29th CHINESE NEW YEAR.

- The year of the Snake.
- In Chinese tradition, each year is represented by one of 12 zodiac animals: The rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, ram (or goat), monkey, rooster, dog and pig. In 2025 Chinese New Year begins on January 29th, this marks the change from Year of the Dragon to Year of the Snake.
- Lunar New Year is a celebration of the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. It is the most important holiday in China, and it is also widely celebrated in South Korea, Vietnam, and countries with a significant overseas Chinese population.



COMPUTER SCIENCE NEWSLETTER



Byte into the Future – One Week at a Time!

ISSUE 14

Hello!



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

Book of the Week



IN THE NEWS

The UK's competition watchdog is investigating Google because it controls 90% of online searches. They want to check if Google is making it harder for other companies to compete or giving itself unfair advantages. The investigation could lead to new rules to make things fairer, like sharing data with other businesses. Google says it will cooperate but warns against strict rules. Similar investigations are happening worldwide as governments try to make big tech companies more fair.

More on the [BBC News Website](#)



What are we currently LEARNING?



Year 7	Year 7 have been completing their first Summative Assessments!
Year 8	Year 8 have started the computing crimes database module.
Year 9	Year 9 have been finishing their metaverse websites.
Year 10	Year 10 have been doing rubber duck debugging (a student favourite!).
Year 11	Year 11 have been receiving feedback for their december PPE's for Paper 1 and 2.
Year 12	Year 12 have begun their databases module.
Year 13	Year 13 are recapping data structures.

Career of the Week

Blockchain developers create systems based on blockchain technology, which powers cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin and Ethereum.

WHAT TO WATCH

INSIDE BILL'S BRAIN: DECODING BILL GATES (NETFLIX)- A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT BILL GATES' LIFE, WORK, AND HIS ROLE IN TECH INNOVATION. PROVIDES INSPIRATION FOR THINKING BIG IN THE TECH WORLD.



weekly

"Cryptography": The practice of securing information through encoding, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, and authentication.

Question Time

What was the name of the computer virus, released in 1986, that is considered the first-ever PC virus?

Last weeks answer: Y2K Bug

FOOD AND NUTRITION

THIS WEEK

WHAT IS ON THE MENU?

- Year 7: Eat less sugar
- Year 8: Food labelling
- Year 9: Enzymic browning
- Year 10: Diet through the life stages
- Year 11: NEA2

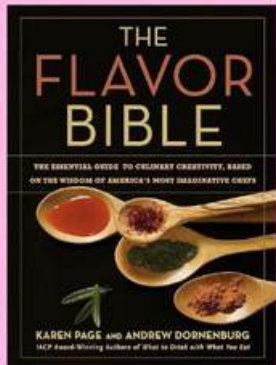


WHAT TO WATCH

Cupcake Wars - Netflix



BOOK OF THE WEEK



We recommend trying out, The Flavor Bible by Karen Page and Andrew Dornenburg



CHEF OF THE WEEK

ETANA YEAR 9

Etana-May year 9 made lasagne

WORD OF THE WEEK

Polysaccharides

Definition: Polysaccharides are complex carbohydrates made up of long chains of monosaccharide units (simple sugars). Examples include starch and glycogen.

CAREER OF THE WEEK

PERSONAL CHEF



Personal chefs prepare meals for individuals or families, often in their own homes. They may create personalised meal plans, grocery shop, and prepare meals on a weekly basis.

AVERAGE SALARY - £30,000-£55,000