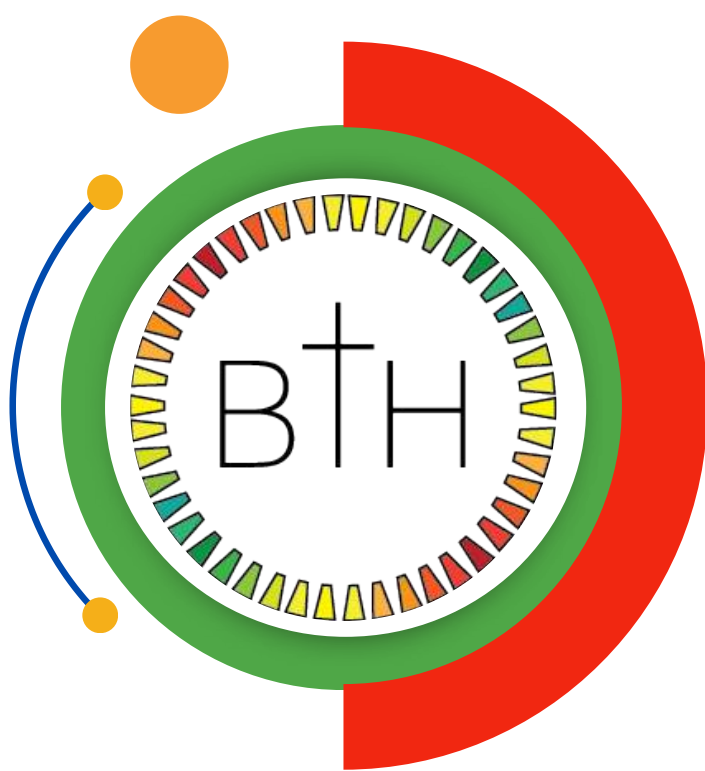




Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College

May God's love be our guide 

Weekly Newsletter



Dear parents/carers

Excitement is building in Catholic schools across England and Wales as we prepare to embark on a journey as “Pilgrims of Hope” for the United Nations’ International Education Day.

Today, Friday 24th January 2025, thousands of children and young people have joined in a host of activities to celebrate Jubilee Launch Day for Schools and Colleges across England and Wales.

A video message, recorded for the launch by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Primate of England and Wales, invites children and young people to “enter deeply” into the Jubilee Year: “2025 is a Holy Year for the Church throughout the world, and I’m delighted that all our schools are preparing for it. Hope is a very important virtue in a world of great uncertainty, trouble and suffering.” Referring to the Jubilee logo, Cardinal Nichols added, “It shows people walking in solidarity together, and reminds us that we are all pilgrims, with Jesus as our guide and with the hope that He gives us as our anchor.”

Pope Francis has spoken throughout his papacy about the importance and potential of young people – encouraging them to have hope, be courageous, and live with joy.

At BTHCC we are striving and working hard, with you, to encourage this and create the best education and experience for your child. Sometimes we succeed and sometimes we get it wrong, but we continue to work together - school, home, and child - to ensure all our students are filled with optimism and flourish at BTHCC.



However, when a small number choose to write unpleasant, personal, or nasty comments about our BTHCC family on Instagram, Parent WhatsApp groups or Facebook groups this causes much upset to our children and the BTHCC family. The college is such a wonderful, vibrant, exciting place where we want your child to grow in confidence knowing they are attending the absolute best school, receiving a first-class education and we want them to feel proud and cherished.

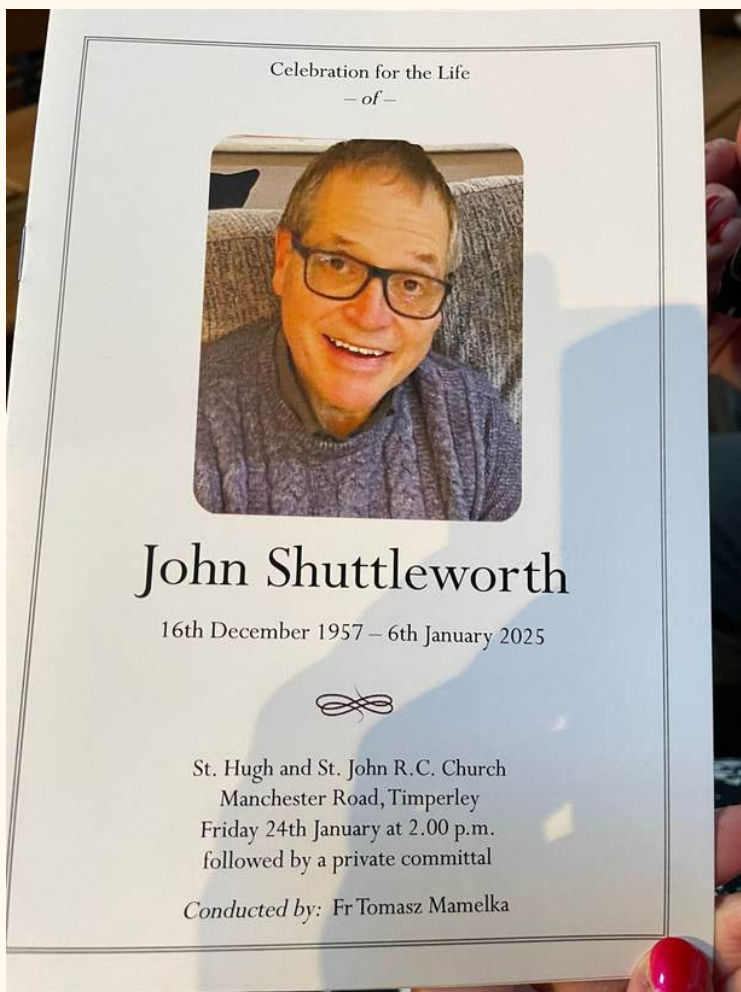
I fully respect that everyone is entitled to their opinion and to share it, but please can I ask that you are mindful of the impact of posting negative comments. Those same comments can give others, outside of our college family, the ammunition and permission to criticise your child on the metro or in shops when they see the BTHCC uniform.

We are all part of the BTHCC family – students, staff, governors, and parents – and we ask everyone to follow our motto may God's love be our guide and our BTH Way to 'Be kind.' Please be kind when posting and if you do have any specific concerns, issues, or feedback, please do contact BTHCC directly.

<https://forms.gle/k29uCYndwxHyKa3t6>

Each day we receive so many positive messages about our wonderful students and the BTH Family so if you feel you can please do complete this quick survey.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



BTHCC is such a special place and that is why you chose the school for your child. Let us be proud of BTHCC together and fill our children with hope, optimism, and positivity. Thank you for your understanding and let us continue to work together.

Today, Mr Fishwick, our governors, student representatives and I will be attending the funeral of Mr John Shuttleworth. John was a governor at BTHCC for many years and was Chair of Governors last year until he became unwell. He was a man with a big heart and totally dedicated to our BTHCC family.

On Friday 14th February at 8.15am at BTHCC there will be a special Family Mass where we give thanks for all John did for BTHCC and we pray that he will always be at the heart of our college family.

C S Hogg

Mrs C S Hogg

Pilgrims of Hope

The Jubilee Year is a landmark moment in the life of the global church. School communities are invited to join together as pilgrims of hope, pledging to work together for God's kingdom of justice, peace and love.

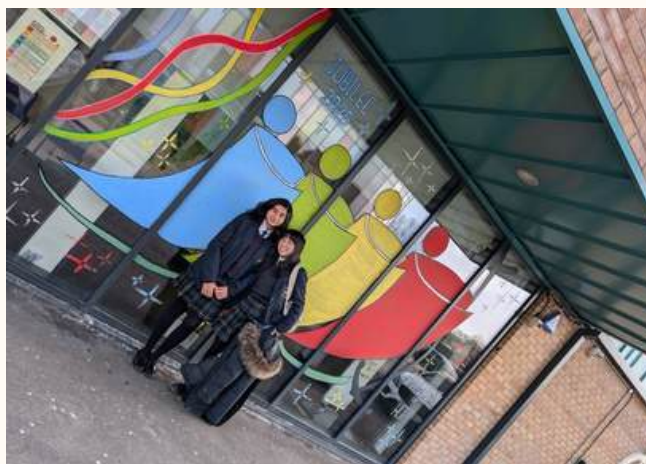
On the jubilee launch day, our students have engaged with celebratory and reflection based videos all focused on the idea of Pilgrims of Hope. During their lessons they have focused on themes such as:

Hope for God
Hope for Humans
Hope for the environment
Hope for everyone
Hope for the poor
Hope for peace

Led by our staff, the videos have allowed our students to focus on our catholic social teachings and their value to their lives. They have focused on their impact in the world how they can too make a massive difference and provide hope to those that need it the most.

The day was a huge success and was enjoyed by all students and staff as a day celebrating our faith, family and hope for a greater future.

We aim to do more jubilee inspired things throughout this year to inspire our own faith and those people around us.





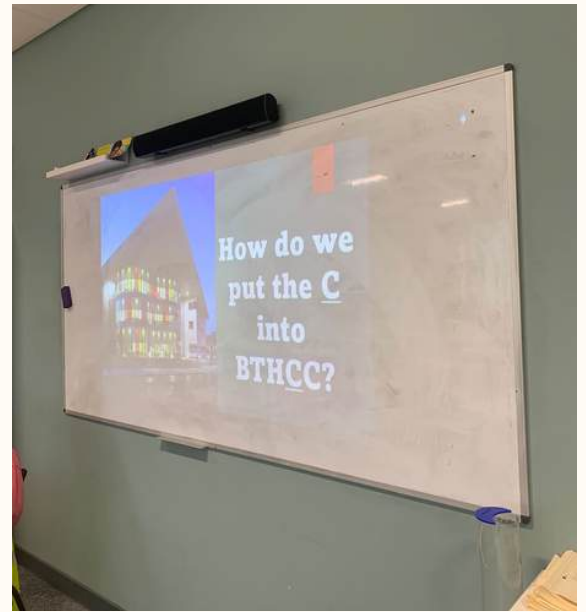
We are so incredibly proud of our students who represented our school and participated in the Trafford Holocaust Memorial Day service on Monday. Our Year 7 and 8 drama students working alongside some of our very best Sixth Form student leaders embodied this years theme which is 'for a better future'. They volunteered to do this, giving up their own time to share the story of Marianne Grant so that we can all learn, remember and reflect on what we can do to be up-standers. With students like these there is most certainly hope for a better future.



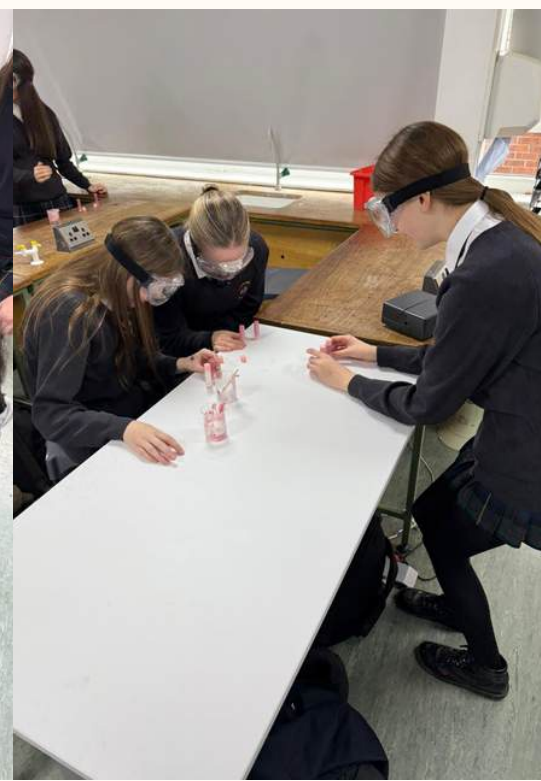
Some of our BTH runners had a memorable parkrun at Longford park on Sunday. Mr Wallbank ran his 50th and Ms Kirby ran her 1st. Getting in that marathon training!



On Tuesday we hosted our half term 3 student council meet for our 6 focus areas: personal development, quality of education, health & well-being, creation & environment, Catholic life & dignity of the human person! Students had to get ideas & were excited for new challenges.



In Science Club this week the girls were making their own lip balms. Definitely a big hit!



Our Year 9s had a fabulous time on Scrancheater food tour of Manchester on Tuesday. They learnt all about how smell affects taste, as well as sampling some of Manchester's finest 'scran'.



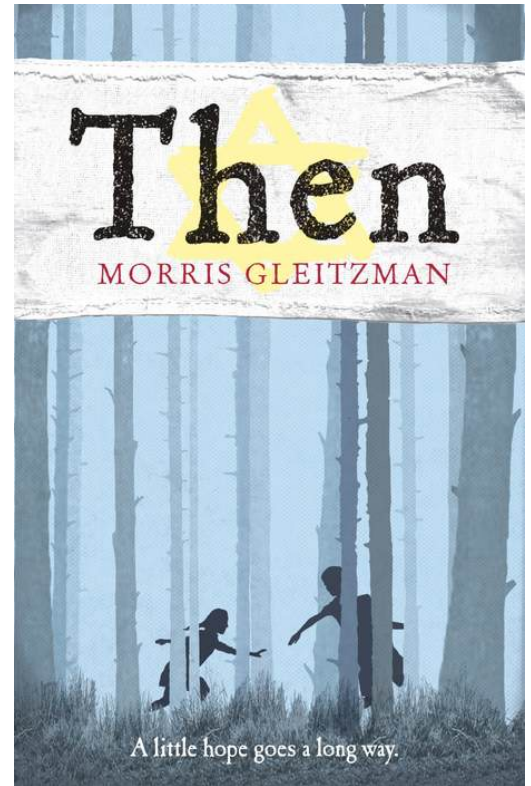
Yesterday we hosted a multi sports event for year 8 SEND students. 6 schools took part, 12 sports leaders and BTH ran the event! Well done to our sports leaders!! You did a wonderful job and represented the college with such pride.





Book of the Week

A little hope goes a long way.
 I had a plan for me and Zelda. Pretend to be someone else. Find new parents, be safe forever. Then the Nazis came.
 My name is Felix. This is my story.
 In *Then* - Morris Gleitzman's heartbreaking children's novel set during the Nazi occupation of Poland during the Second World War - Jewish orphan Felix and his best friend Zelda have been captured and are on the way to a concentration camp, unless they manage to escape . . .



This week's Book of the Week will be displayed in the Library until Friday, but available for the rest of the year.

subsequent
 - adj. following, later, coming after

Music: The key change has an impact on all the subsequent chords.
 History: The Holocaust had an enormous impact on subsequent generations.
 Self Reflection: I became angry and my subsequent choices were not optimal.

subsequent
 subsequence
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 subsequential

sub-sequent

Latin: sub (closely, up to) Latin: sequi (follow)

Who might use this word? historian, journalist, biological researcher

Sp Adobe Spark

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!

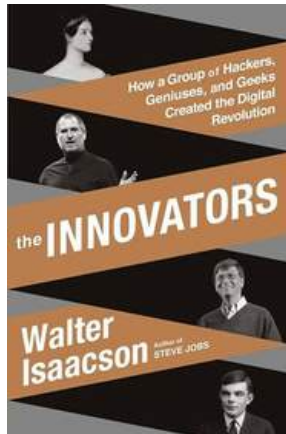
ISSUE 15

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

Former President Trump gave TikTok 75 extra days to comply with US laws requiring a sale or ban. He suggested a partnership between TikTok's Chinese owner, ByteDance, and the US but provided no details. TikTok briefly stopped working in the US due to national security concerns but resumed after Trump's extension. The Biden administration previously flagged TikTok as a security risk, while others argue banning it would limit free speech.

More on the [BBC News Website](#)



What are we currently LEARNING?



Year 7	Year 7 have been going through feedback from their first Summative Assessments!
Year 8	Year 8 have been introduced to databases and why/who uses them in today's world.
Year 9	Year 9 have been having option talks from the Computer Science Department.
Year 10	Year 10 have been tested on their Python Writing skills through progress check 2.
Year 11	Year 11 have been looking at the computer laws and technological innovations as part of Paper 2.
Year 12	Year 12 have been creating Entity Relationship Diagrams.
Year 13	Year 13 have been recapping graph traversal.

Career of the Week

AI Developers create smart systems like chatbots, self-driving cars, and virtual assistants, using cutting-edge artificial intelligence to solve problems and innovate!

WHAT TO WATCH

ABSTRACT: THE ART OF DESIGN (NETFLIX)- HIGHLIGHTS INNOVATIVE DESIGNS, INCLUDING UI/UX DESIGN IN TECHNOLOGY. ENCOURAGES CREATIVE THINKING IN TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN.



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"Quantum Computing": An advanced computing technology using quantum bits (qubits) to perform complex calculations faster than classical computers.

Question Time

What was the name of the artificial intelligence program that defeated world chess champion Garry Kasparov in 1997?

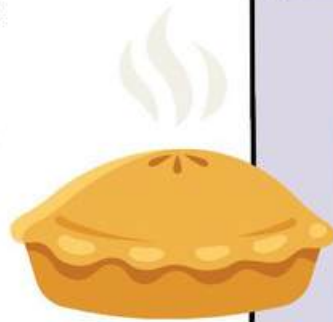
Last weeks answer: The Brain virus

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: Fish Pie
Year 11: NEA2



WHAT TO WATCH

Rick Stein's Cornwall - BBC 2



BOOK OF THE WEEK



We recommend trying out, *The Hundred-Foot Journey*



CHEF OF THE WEEK

JOSH YEAR 9

Josh in year 9 made lasagne

WORD OF THE WEEK

Roux sauce

Definition: A classic French thickening agent made from equal parts fat (usually butter) and flour. It's a base for many sauces, like béchamel, and it's incredibly versatile in cooking.

CAREER OF THE WEEK

FOOD CRITIC



:Writing about food, whether in newspapers, magazines, blogs, or books. Food critics often review restaurants, recipes, or trends, while food writers may write cookbooks or articles.

AVERAGE SALARY - £30,000-£45,000

BUSINESS STUDIES NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Business Studies department newsletter! Here you will be able to find out about what the students are learning in Business Studies at BTHCC, as well as updates of what is going on in the business world.

BREAKING NEWS

BUSINESS IN THE NEWS

Sainsbury's has announced it will cut 3000 jobs as it shuts down its remaining cafes and closes its patisserie and pizza counters. The supermarket says the move will 'simplify the business' as the shoppers 'do not use the cafes regularly'.



CAREER OF THE WEEK

Job Title: Data Scientist

Salary: £32,000 - £82,500

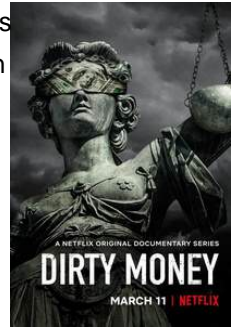
Job Responsibilities:

- Analyse data patterns to form insights and make policy recommendations
- Make sure information management meets data security and quality standards
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WHAT TO WATCH



Dirty Money is a series that documents and examines instances of corporate greed and corruption in some of the world's biggest corporations within the global economy. Some of the scandals include Volkswagen, HSBC, pharmaceutical giants, Donald Trump and pay day loan companies.



Title: Dirty Money

Where: Netflix

KEY TERMS INTRODUCED IN BUSINESS



Sole Trader: When one person owns a business by themselves.

Span of Control: The number of subordinates for whom a manager is directly responsible.

Operations: It's the function that organises, produces and delivers the goods of a business

Persona Culture: When people believe themselves to be superior to the business.

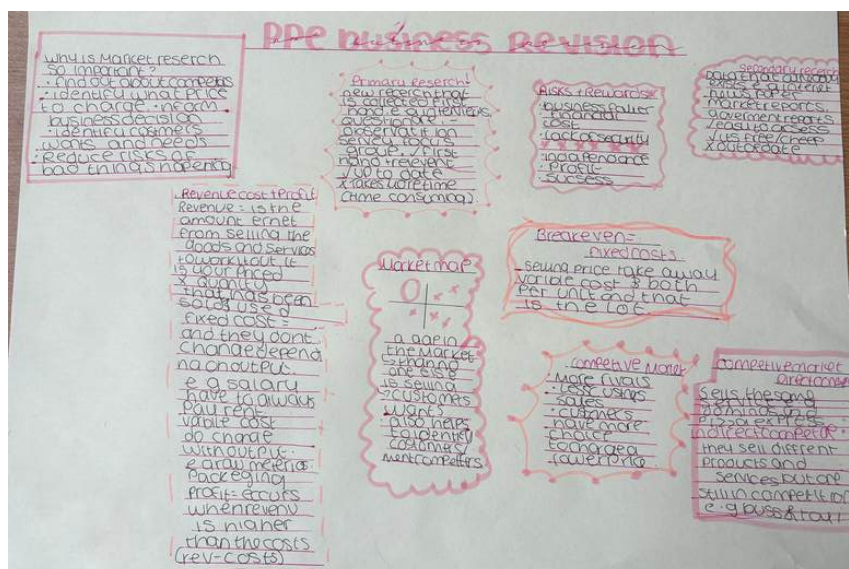
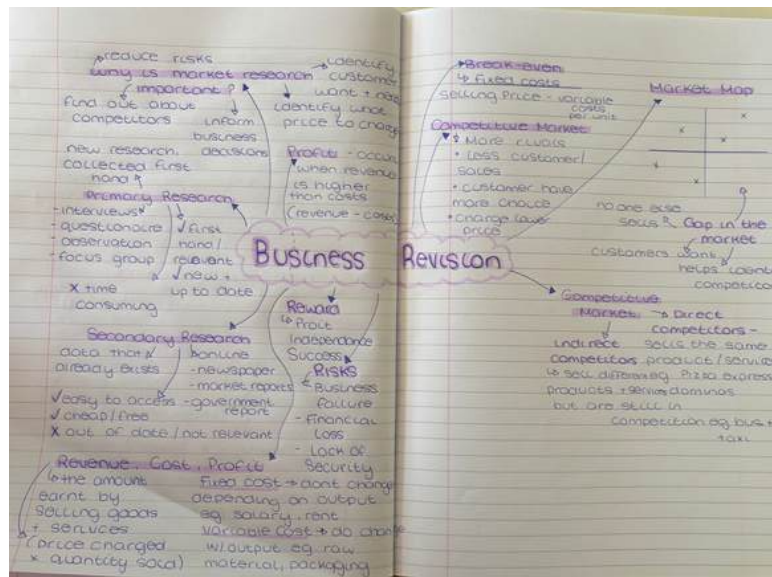
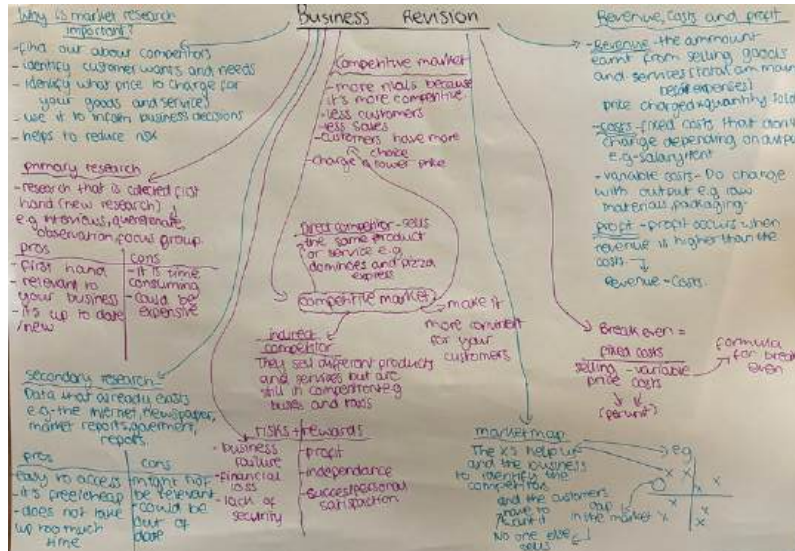
WHAT ARE WE STUDYING IN BUSINESS STUDIES?

Year 10	Year 10 have been preparing for their first mock assessment which they will be sitting next week. Good luck!
Year 11	Year 11 have been introduced to their human resource unit, looking at different organisational structure.
Year 12	Year 12 have started unit 4, looking at the operations department and what objectives they have.
Year 13	Year 13 have been looking at organisational cultures and what may influence culture changes in a business.

WORK OF WONDER IN BUSINESS STUDIES

YEAR 10 - PPE REVISION

Year 10 have been completing their PPE revision in class in the form of mind maps.





Upcoming Trips

- Y13 - World of the Hero lecture day at Manchester University
- Y10 - Linear B Clay Workshop

CLASSICS NEWSLETTER

What are we currently learning...

- Y10 are about to begin their study of the amazing architecture of Greek temples including the Temple of Zeus and the Parthenon.
- Y11 are witnessing Odysseus slaughter the 108 suitors who have besieged his palace trying to marry his wife!
- Y12 have begun their study of architectural sculpture with a close look at the myths and art of Medusa.
- Y13 have been studying the values and expectations of Greek and Roman men and women before embarking upon a study of Plato's views on love and relationships.



Classics in the News

'Once-in-a-century' discovery reveals spectacular luxury of Pompeii

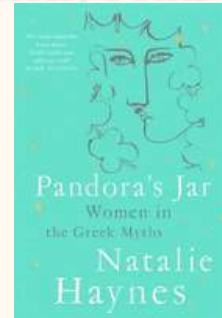


<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c15zgvnkv4do>

What to watch / read



King Leonidas (Gerard Butler) leads 300 Spartans into battle against the Persian God-King Xerxes and his invading army of more than 300,000 soldiers.



The tales of many fascinating Greek women - starting with Pandora, the first woman, created by Zeus as a punishment to man

Lessons lately...

Year 10 demonstrated their knowledge of Mycenaean clothing with some model making... And Year 13 attempted to recreate Ovid's method for sending secret love letters using ashes and milk!





Fundraising EVENT



Our lovely Anna in year 10 will be holding a bake sale on Monday and Tuesday next week. All proceeds will go towards Hannah Quigleys go fund me page. Please bring in cash.





Hannah's Fund




£30,878 raised
from 1205 donors

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

 [qofundme.com](https://www.qofundme.com)


Donate and share
Louise Pye
England



Random Acts of Crafted Kindness!



New name, new group, new day, new room!



Knit and Stitch and Random Acts of Crochet Kindness are joining forces (or wool) to make one brand new lunchtime enrichment group!

We will now meet on **Thursdays**

For the whole of lunch

In Room **Rome 3**

And we are now called **Random Acts of Crafted Kindness** so knitting, crochet and sewing can all come together in one happy group.

Come along and find out about our new projects – hint we will be making things for some very tiny new people!



BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD



CAREERS DAY 2025



DATE

Friday 14th March
2025



TIME

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM



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For more information

please email :

Careers@bthcc.org.uk OR

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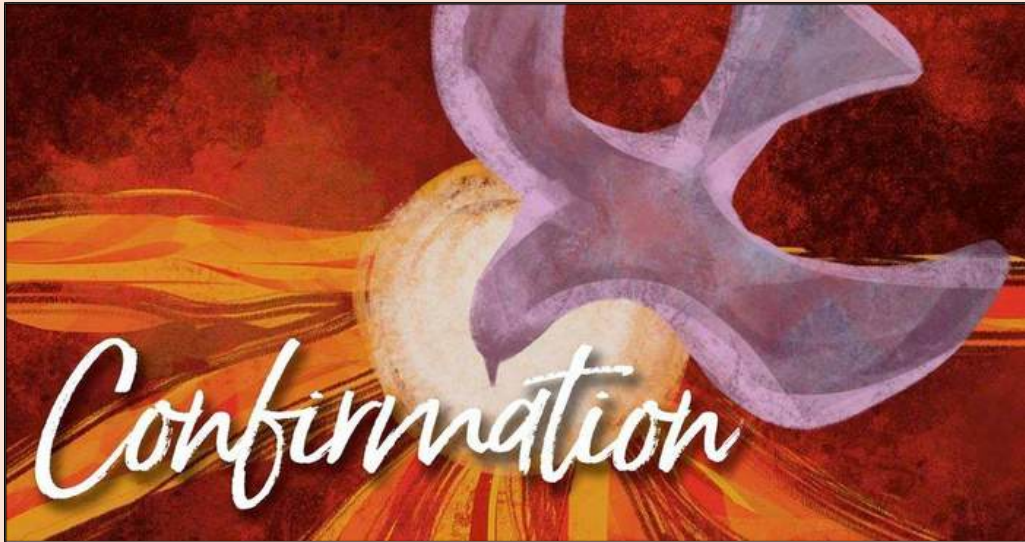


We need you!!!

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



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

Confirmation Date
Wednesday 14th May 2025
Programme Starts in
February 2025

