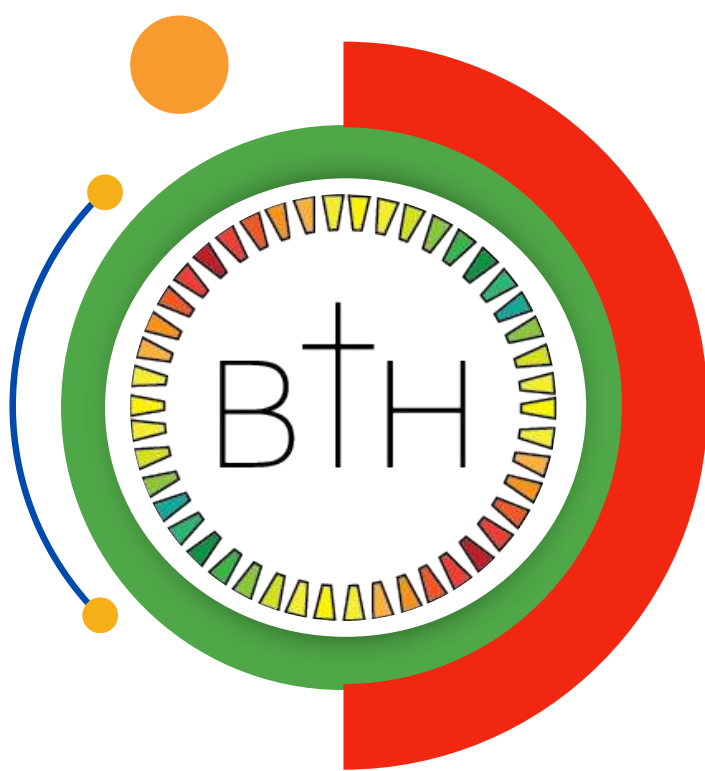




Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College

May God's love be our guide 

Weekly Newsletter



Dear parents and carers,

It has been another eventful week at BTH!

On Monday we came together as a staff for a day of continued professional development and formation focusing on adaptive teaching for all our students especially those with SEND.

During St Patricks Day Ofsted phoned and we were inspected on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you for all your feedback and kind messages of support. During the two days they visited many lessons across all year groups including sixth form. As well as learning walks the inspectors also spoke to students about their learning, enrichment, behaviour, rewards and their personal safety. Welcome, break, lunch and dismissal were also observed.

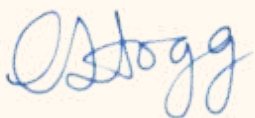
As always BTH shone, and the inspectors praised the students for their kindness, respect and confidence in their conversations and relationships.

The report will be published after Easter with areas to prioritise to ensure BTH continues to offer the very best opportunities, experience and learning for your child.

As a recognition of their wonderful contribution students enjoyed a much-requested non-uniform day on Friday.

I was so proud to represent our BTH family and highlight our wonderful teachers, support staff, governors, students and families. BTH is truly a wonderful place to learn and have fun.

Thank you as always for your support and prayers.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'C S Hogg'.

Mrs C S Hogg



Below are some useful dates for the diary;

Monday 24th March (2 weeks) - Assessment week for Year 9

Tuesday 25th March - Rock climbing GCSE

Wednesday 2nd April - Classics Year 13 trip

Thursday 3rd April - Football trip meeting

Friday 4th April - Big Lent Walk

Friday 4th April - Break up for Easter holidays

Tuesday 22nd April - Return to college

Tuesday 22nd April (2 weeks) - Assessment week for Year 8

Wednesday 23rd April - Fundraising charity evening for Hannah Quigley

Thursday 24th April - GCSE PE moderation

Thursday 24th April - Review evening for Year 8

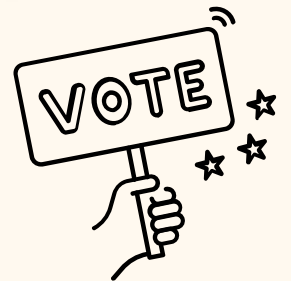
Friday 25th April - Whole college Mass for Easter

Sunday 27th April - Manchester Marathon

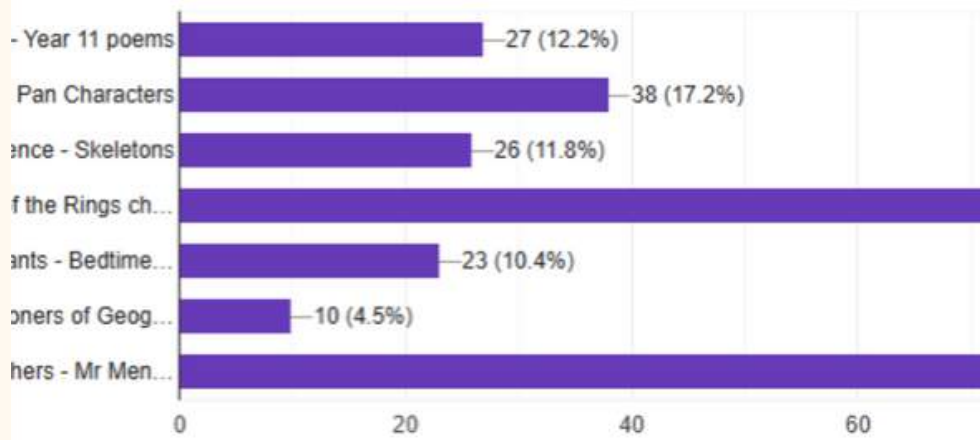




As voted for by our students.



your favourite department below.



What an amazing experience Friday was for the students. A huge thank you to the parents, local businesses and further education providers that came to support us for the day. The students got so much out of speaking to you all.





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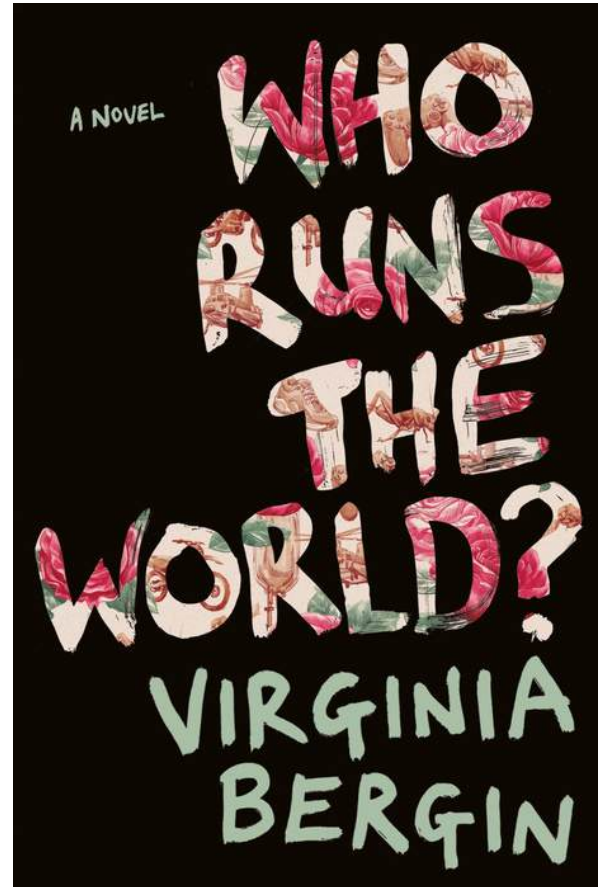




Book of the Week

Sixty years after a virus has wiped out almost all the men on the planet, things are pretty much just as you would imagine a world run by women might be: war has ended; greed is not tolerated; the ecological needs of the planet are always put first. In two generations, the female population has grieved, pulled together and moved on, and life really is pretty good - if you're a girl. It's not so great if you're a boy, but fourteen-year-old River wouldn't know that. Until she met Mason, she thought they were extinct.

A great dystopian novel for anyone interested in politics!



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

translate

-verb. 1. to express the meaning of a word, interpret
-verb. 2. to change or move something

trans-late

translates
translated
translating
translator
translation

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Latin: trans (across, beyond)

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Latin: -latio (to carry)

Languages: Can you translate this into English using a dictionary?

Management: She needs to translate her ideas into action.

Drama: The play translated successfully to the big screen.

Who might use this word? human rights lawyer, translator, travel agent



literacy stars of the week



21st March 2025

At Blessed Thomas Holford we believe that the gateway to wider learning is underpinned through reading, disciplinary literacy and explicit vocabulary teaching and for this reason literacy is at the heart of our curriculum.

The below students have been recognised by one of their teachers for their hard work and efforts in literacy. Please congratulate them again and help us to encourage them to keep up the fabulous work.



Jacob Speakman

Jay Bergin

Sol Shoard

Zac Hartnett

Michael Kemp

Grace Dainty

Jayden Leyland

Emily Cao

David Clarke Ali

Will Linwood

Jerome Varghese



Drawing source material

The BTHCC Art Department would like to make a strange request! Do you have any taxidermy/entomology/skulls anything of interest that you would consider donating to our Art department? Your items would be hugely valued, taken care of and used for years to come.

So if you still do not know what to do with that strange case of butterflies in your loft or a stuffed bird you have no use for, then please consider donating it to us.

In our next year 10 project, students will use insects and as the main visual source for their own artwork. They will be inspired by the artist and scientist Maria Sibylla Merian. Many of our projects contain flora and fauna, in this age of screens it would be lovely if we were able to offer students the chance to draw first hand observational studies of the real things.

Thanks

BTHCC Art Department





Marathon



21st March 2025



In 37 days 16 staff members are going to be doing the Manchester Marathon on the Sunday 27th April 2025 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.

It would be amazing if you could come down and support us on the day -

[See route map here](#)

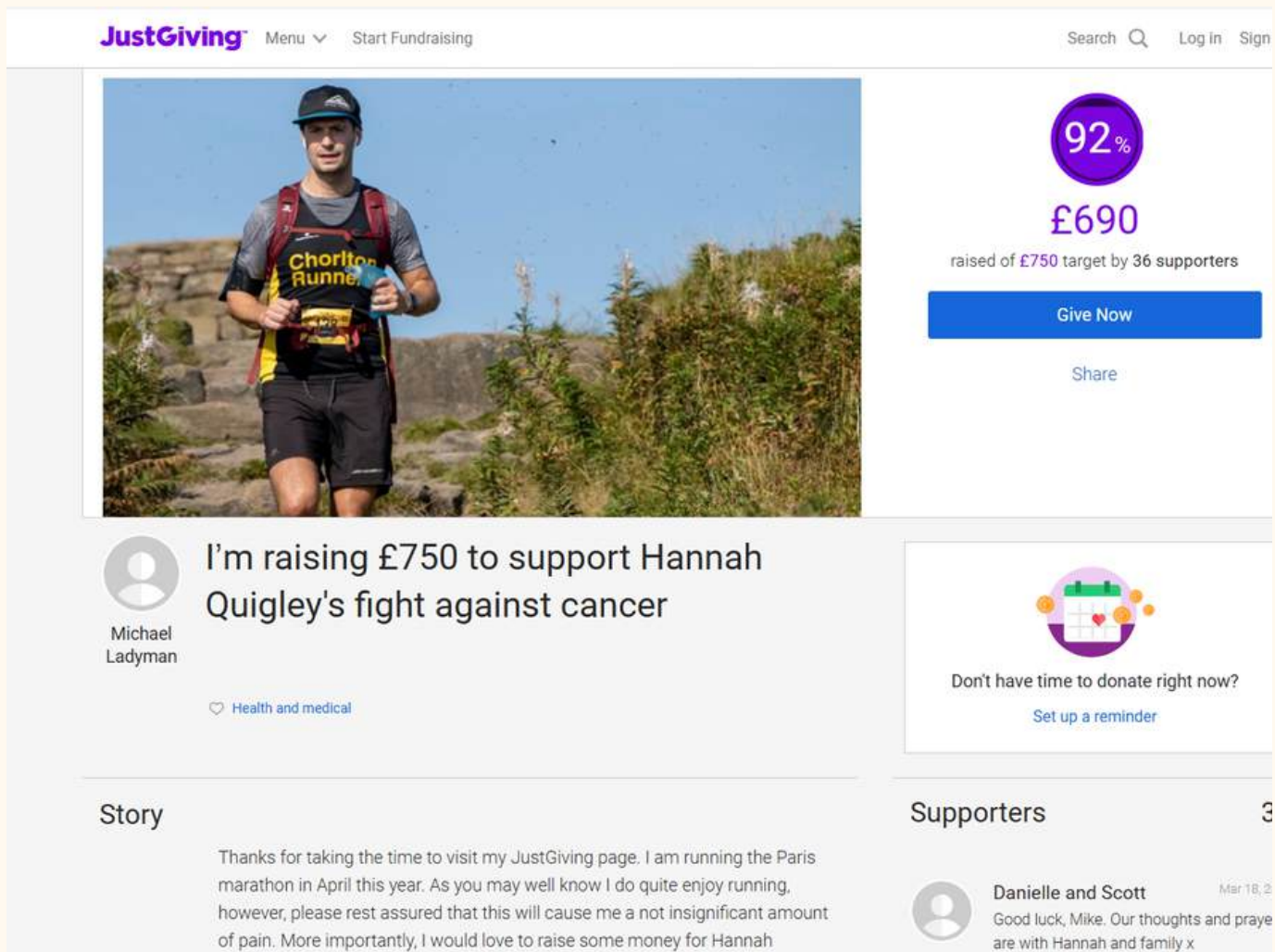
If you could sponsor us we would really appreciate it. Every donation, no matter how small, will help us provide vital resources and care for those in need during these difficult times. If you could take a moment to donate or share the link, it would mean so much to our community.

Thank you!

[Sponsor here](#)

Next month Mr Ladyman is running the Paris marathon. He would like to use the opportunity to raise some money for Hannah Quigley's cancer fund. As you're probably aware Hannah is Lola's (Year 9) mum and is currently in a battle with a rare form of cancer in which she has to raise £46,000 per round for treatment.

If you're willing to add a few pounds to his fundraising efforts it would be really appreciated and the link is here. As you may know Mr Ladyman does quite like running, but he does promise that this will cause some pain.



The screenshot shows a JustGiving fundraising page for Michael Ladyman. At the top, the JustGiving logo is on the left, and 'Menu' and 'Start Fundraising' are in the middle. On the right, there are links for 'Search', 'Log in', and 'Sign up'. Below the navigation is a large photo of Michael Ladyman, a man wearing a cap and a backpack, running on a rocky path. To the right of the photo, a purple circular progress indicator shows '92%' and '£690' raised, with the text 'raised of £750 target by 36 supporters'. Below this is a blue 'Give Now' button and a 'Share' link. Under the photo, the text reads 'I'm raising £750 to support Hannah Quigley's fight against cancer' and 'Michael Ladyman'. Below the name is a category tag 'Health and medical'. To the right of the main content is a box with a calendar icon and the text 'Don't have time to donate right now? Set up a reminder'. At the bottom left, under the heading 'Story', there is a paragraph: 'Thanks for taking the time to visit my JustGiving page. I am running the Paris marathon in April this year. As you may well know I do quite enjoy running, however, please rest assured that this will cause me a not insignificant amount of pain. More importantly, I would love to raise some money for Hannah'. At the bottom right, under the heading 'Supporters', there is a list of supporters, with the first one being 'Danielle and Scott' with a comment: 'Good luck, Mike. Our thoughts and prayers are with Hannah and family x' and a date 'Mar 18, 2025'.

[Crowdfunding to support Hannah Quigley's fight against cancer on JustGiving](#)

COMPUTER SCIENCE NEWSLETTER



Byte into the Future – One Week at a Time!

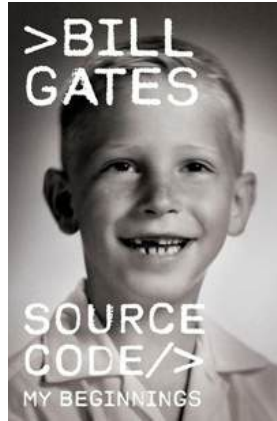
ISSUE 17

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

Global smartwatch sales fell 7% in 2024, mainly due to a 19% drop in Apple Watch shipments, blamed on minimal upgrades and US sales bans. Meanwhile, Chinese brands like Xiaomi and Imoo grew, especially in children's smartwatches. India's market also declined due to fading demand for ultra-cheap models. A slight recovery is expected in 2025, driven by AI and advanced health tracking.



More on the [BBC News Website](#)

What are we currently **LEARNING?**



Year 7	Year 7 have been looking at units of measurement.
Year 8	Year 8 have been using real world database to find criminals!
Year 9	Year 9 have been programming using Python!
Year 10	Year 10 have been looking at the CPU and Embedded Systems.
Year 11	Year 11 have been completing their final ever PPE's with Mr O'Neill!
Year 12	Year 12 have been looking at Big Data and Functional Programming.
Year 13	Year 13 are recapping their paper 2 theory knowledge.

Career of the Week

Bioinformatics Engineer – They use computer science to analyse biological data, helping in medical research, genetics, and drug discovery!

WHAT TO WATCH

JAMES MAY: THE REASSEMBLER – THE COMPUTER (PRIME)– JAMES MAY TAKES APART AND REBUILDS AN OLD BBC MICROCOMPUTER, EXPLAINING ITS COMPONENTS. IT DEMONSTRATES COMPUTER HARDWARE IN AN ENGAGING WAY.



weekly

"Neural Network": A computing system inspired by the human brain, used in AI to recognise patterns and make decisions.

Question Time

What does the "E" stand for in E-mail?

Last weeks answer: LOGIN

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.



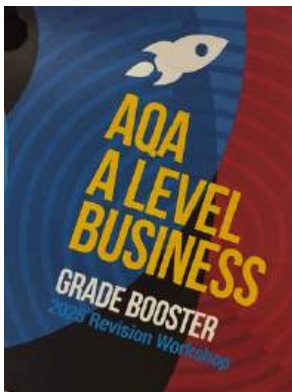
BUSINESS IN THE NEWS

Trump has imposed tariffs of 25% on imports of steel and aluminium, which will escalate tensions with some of America's largest trading partners. The AISI, welcomes the tariffs saying they will create jobs and boost domestic steel manufacturing.



TUTOR2U TRIP

A group of year 13 students attended a trip at the Trafford Centre this week to help with revising some tricky topics ready for their upcoming exams



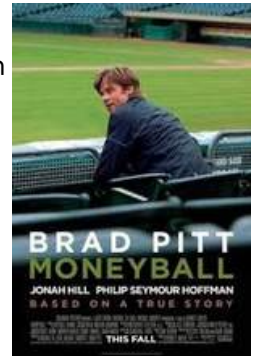
WHAT ARE WE STUDYING IN BUSINESS STUDIES?

Year 10	Year 10 have been having a look at how businesses can use the marketing mix to encourage customers to buy their products.
Year 11	Year 11 have been sitting their final PPE exams in preparation for their real exams in May. Good luck!
Year 12	Year 12 have been looking at setting budgets for businesses and how to analyse these budgets.
Year 13	Year 13 have been sitting their final PPE exams in preparation for their real exams in May. Good luck!

WHAT TO WATCH



This film focuses on how the Oakland Athletics baseball team used data and analytics to build a competitive team with a limited budget. It's a great example of using data-driven decision-making in business and can be a useful reference for understanding operations and strategic planning.



Title: Moneyball

KEY TERMS INTRODUCED IN BUSINESS



Product Life Cycle: Shows the different stages through which a product passes over time.

Quality Assurance: Checking quality at every stage of the production process.

Variance Analysis: Monitoring and reviewing the actual outcomes in comparison with the budgeted figure.

Income Statement: Describes the income and expenditure of a business over a given period of time, usually a year.