



The Burton Borough School

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**Heads Newsletter
October 2014**

Lies, Damned Lies and Statistics?

As a teacher of Mathematics, who has actually taught 'A' Level Statistics in the past, I have always held a healthy scepticism for any statistic that has been presented to me. Statistics help to frame good questions, but they are not a conclusion in themselves. GCSE results are a classic example.

Last academic year I taught Maths to six students who achieved 'D' grade in their November exam and a C in June. They were all rightly delighted, and I was thrilled for them. They have moved on to various courses, where a Grade C in Maths was a requirement. Good news. We are now approaching the time when the Government publishes the national averages and its 'league tables' of school performance. Each student's results count, so should these six students' results be D's or C's?? Personally, I think the C should be included however the reality is that it will be the six D grades. That is how the tables will be calculated, as the 'D' was their "first entry" rather than their "best result".

In previous years, the national averages and 'league tables' have always been based on "best results". There is a considerable difference between the two figures. At Burton Borough our "first entry" figure for 5 (or more) A*-C including English and Maths is 46%, whilst the figure for 'best results' is 61%. In addition to this issue, there are many other changes to exams this year that mean it is accepted by all that results cannot be compared to previous years.

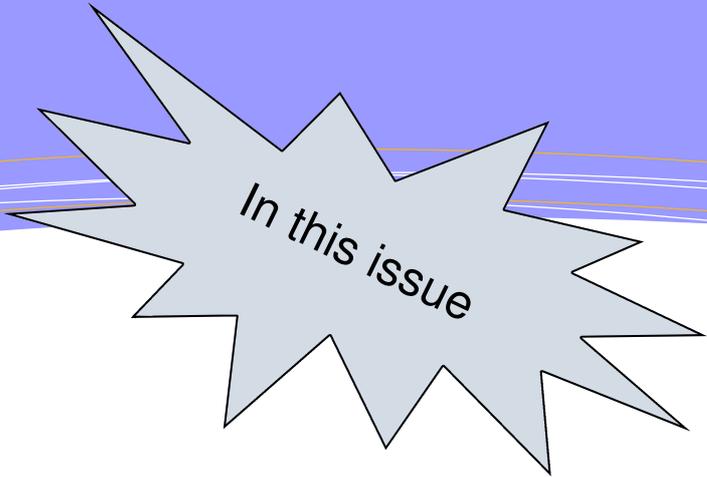
I hope this background will help to interpret our results as the national figures are released during the next few weeks and months. If you would like a more detailed explanation, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

This year already seems to be going very fast. Year 11 have only 110 school days left before GCSE's are in full swing. There are also 120 days before we move into our new building. Exciting times lie ahead.

Have a good half term.

David Hill

Headteacher



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CELEBRATING SUCCESS, OVERCOMING CHALLENGE, SUPPORTING OTHERS!



What a great start to the year! Our new House Captains have immediately taken responsibility for their duties and are proving to be the outstanding role models that we knew they would be! Pictured above are the Junior Male House Captain, Dillon Finnegan and Senior Female Captain, Abbie Lovatt, standing in front of our newly-decorated notice board. A variety of students across the House are celebrated on the board, including Toby Adams, Year 10 and Emily Rodwell, Year 8. The students have written short 'stories' about how they have celebrated success, overcome challenge and supported others throughout last year. My personal favourite, which I know I should not have, is the success that Toby Adams had when he overcame the challenge of The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge and supported others by raising over £500 for the House charity! He was the youngest person on his team and it so reminds me of many of my wet, dark, damp and challenging army days!

The team did a marvellous job for open evening. Imogen Kelly baked a cake that we raffled for Alder Hey. Charlie Conquest and Jacob Simmons shone as 'two buskers' for the evening and entertained us with some wonderful music. Many of the Year 6s were keen to become part of our Lennon Family and we hope to welcome them all next September.

Coming up...Keep your eyes peeled for Lennon's Got Talent!!!!!!

Volunteers needed!!!



Homework : October 2014 Update

Can I say a big thank you to all of our parents who have contacted me about Show My Homework, whether that be queries, password issues or all the lovely comments that just say 'thank you!' Show My Homework is an online homework calendar that we launched last year to make our setting of homework more transparent to parents and students - and also to help our young people plan and prioritise the tasks that they have. It is clear from your feedback that this has been a very popular initiative.

Parental login details have been passed out during CLL to students, but if this information has not found its way to you then please drop into reception where Mrs Webster has paper copies of these for every student.

Our approach this year has been to ensure that the homework set on the calendar is comprehensive and up to date. We have not as yet adopted the 'online mark-book'. We will continue to use the PSD as the main mode of communication with parents and tutors regarding lost or incomplete homework. Our policy is that all students should receive a written sanction for failing to hand in a piece of homework on time. Please do keep a check on your child's PSD.

We still have a number of students who have not as yet logged on. Please encourage your son/ daughter to log on using the password that they have on a sticker in their PSD. Students in Year 8-11 have been issued with temporary passwords – these expire after 30 days, so students do need to log in before then. Once logged on each student is prompted to then change the password to a more memorable one. If you have any further queries about Show My Homework please address your queries to:

For setting up passwords and logons please contact
burton.borough@taw.org.uk :

General queries and feedback about homework please contact myself,
Stephen Richards: stephen.richards@taw.org.uk

The link to Show My Homework , please copy and paste this into your favourites: <https://theburtonborough.showmyhomework.co.uk/school/homeworks/calendar> -

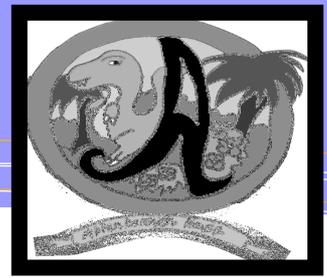
Once again can I say a huge thank you for all your marvellous support.

Stephen Richards

Deputy Headteacher



Attenborough House



Hello our names are Ruby Wilson and Ben Johnson (from NPR and PEV) and we are this year's Senior House Captains. Since we joined the school in year 7, Attenborough House has gone from strength to strength. This year we hope we can do our great House justice, ensure everyone realises that Attenborough is definitely the best House and to make sure we succeed in everything we do! Over the past couple of years our House has tried its hardest to be the house with the most House points, and this year we can do it, along with raising as much money for charity as we possibly can.

Every year we have raised more and more money for Cancer Research UK and this year we hope to make an even bigger grand total even bigger. We have reorganised our House Captain structure to make sure we are all focused on our roles which will definitely help greatly when we organise events.

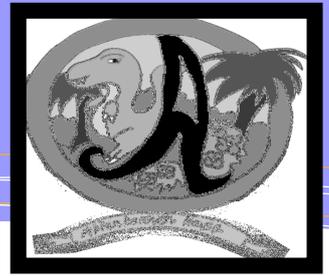
One of the ways is to re-launch our Cook Book. All of the shops in town, who have kindly sold it for us, have now sold out. We are currently running an art competition open to all students in Attenborough which involves redesigning the front cover. All entries will be greatly welcomed and we cannot wait to look at all the fabulous new designs, and help choose a very deserving winner. Any new recipes from students, especially our new year 7's would be welcomed, as it will improve our cook book making it even better.

Our aim this year is to raise at least £2000 for our House charity as well as prove we are the best house and have been all along! We can do it Attenborough!





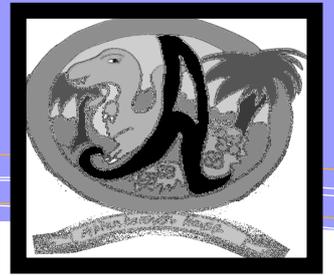
Attenborough House



Hi my name is Sophie Mckevitt I'm 13 and I'm a charity captain. A year ago I was diagnosed with blood cancer, since I have met lots of children with different cancers and sadly some didn't survive. This has made me realise just how important raising money for research is to get a cure for everyone. We will be coming up with lots of different ways to raise lots of money for Cancer Research UK.



Hello my name is Mary Strickland and this year I am one of Attenborough's Charity Captains. We have been discussing possible charity events for our house. We should still have the donut and cake sales because they always work well, but we also thought of a fashion show, pizza sale, sweet sale and some fun sporting events. We will hopefully be able to do all of these throughout the year, and with your help we will be able to raise lots of money for Cancer Research, our charity.



I'm James and as House Point Captain, a new role to our school, my role is to monitor the flow of House points and encourage the collection of them. Every week in assembly we display the results on a dinosaur and it gets quite a response! To encourage form tutors to collect them I have created a 'forfeit' for the lowest achieving form each week! Good luck, and collect those house points.



I'm Tom and my role this year is Junior Technician. Along with Ben I will help with IT in our assemblies, ensuring they run smoothly.

Hi our names are Molly Franklin and Luke Burton (from VLC and NPR) and we are this year's Junior House Captains.

Our role this year is to promote and run our very popular inter-House competitions.

We have got loads of ideas to encourage students to take part from every form, and our first competition takes place this half term. Our basketball shoot out will suit both boys and girls, as strength is not an issue, but skill most definitely is!

Results will be fed back to form tutors during our weekly assemblies, and we will inform you in the next newsletter who the deserved winners were.





The School Heat of the National Future Chef Competition took place on Monday 13th October.

Students were asked to plan, cost and make two identical main course dishes within a budget of £5

The following students took part, from Years 8-10

- Aiden Maddox. LBU
- Euan Manning SIR
- Oliver Miles JNI
- Jess Whitfield. SIR
- Georgia Hardy JGL
- Toby Adams JGL
- Thomas Ollivier AAD
- Harry Butters HNE
- Edward Scott SRU
- Ben Downward CJO

The standard of cooking was fantastic and ALL competitors are to be congratulated on the quality of their finished dishes.

Unfortunately not everyone can go through to the next round.

Two highly commended – Thomas Ollivier – Spaghetti Carbonara
Edward Scott- Mushroom and pancetta risotto

2nd place = Aiden Maddox – Thai fish curry with mango

1st place = Toby Adams – Prawn and mango curry

Both Toby and Aiden go through to the next round on 8th January at Ludlow. They have to create two portions of a traditional Bakewell Tart, with a twist.

I look forward to sampling their creations.

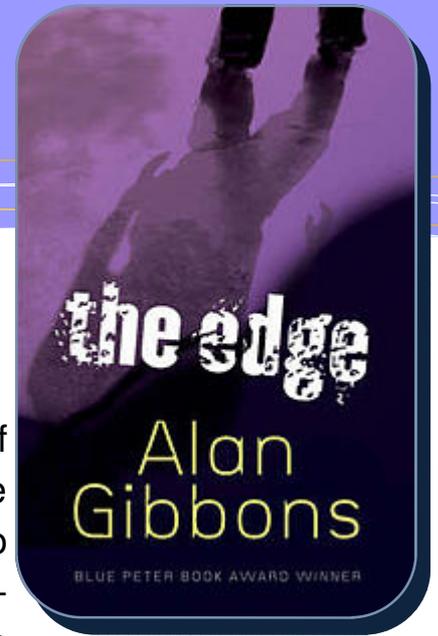
Well done everyone, I am very proud of you all!

Mrs Goodridge



FUTURE CHEF 2015





At our weekly meeting of Book Club, we read lots of books and really enjoy discussing what we have been reading and recommending our favourites to others. One book that really stood out for me recently is 'The Edge' by Alan Gibbons. Danny is a boy running with his mother for his life to escape his abusive step-father, Chris. Thinking he owns them, he pursues them in this dramatic novel. The answer is ... will they get away scratch-free?

By Becky Chilcott

Other books we have been discussing at Book Club have included War of the Worlds, Great Expectations, Catcher in the Rye, Assassin and some self-published online books one of our members alerted us to. If anyone is interested in joining Book Club, we meet every week in Miss Owen's office – Tuesday lunchtimes.

The Role of a Form Tutor

- The role of form tutor is vital to the efficient running of our school, successful pastoral care and the delivery of the CLL programme.
- Tutors are proactive in supporting a student.
- The tutor is the first person to whom a student must turn to for help or advice and the first person that will contact home if there is a concern, although it may be necessary for the Head of House or Student Support Manager to contact home on occasions.



Design Technology Donation



A huge thank you to Ralph Humphries and the Pendleford's for their very generous donation of £470 worth of pans and bake ware for our Food Technology classes. Ralph kindly delivered them personally at the end of the summer term. They have already made a big difference to the students.

If there are any other lovely parents out there who are able to support us in this way; we would love to hear from you!!

Kay Goodridge
Design Technology



Burton Borough Website.....

What do you think?



It's been a few months now since we launched our new website (www.burtonborough.org.uk) and we've been posting as much news onto the site as fast as we can gather it!

We conducted a survey at the year 7 transition and there were some very positive comments about the site. However, we're not going to be sitting on our laurels! There are a number of things that we want to improve, which include things such as better information about upcoming events, more detailed information about teaching areas and letters to parents.

However we can't do this without your feedback, which is why we would appreciate you taking a few minutes to fill in an electronic survey for us. It's completely anonymous and won't take any longer than a few minutes to complete. If you would like to point your web browser at the following address:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GXMX2V7>

We would really appreciate your feedback and will use it to help improve the website for the benefit of all our visitors. Thank you!

School Twitter and News Feeds

There are few ways to get the latest news from the school website; the simplest way is to go to the website homepage and click on the 'Latest News' link, which displays all the news articles as they are posted. The website can be viewed not just on a traditional PC, but it works perfectly on a mobile device such as a tablet computer (such as an iPad) or any smartphone. The display reformats itself to make the best of the type of device you're using.

Another way to get the news is by using an RSS feed; these programs get the news as it is published and download it to your device. You can subscribe to the RSS feed by clicking on the icon (next to 'Latest News') and subscribe to it using your favourite RSS reader app.

Finally, we're also starting to post news and event information from the school Twitter account, which will link into more detailed information on the school website. You can follow us by searching for our account name:

@BurtonBorough

Hopefully these services will help parents, students and visitors keep in touch with what is going on here at Burton Borough!

Mr Attwood
ICT Department



Tolkien House



It has been an exciting half term in Tolkien. We are promoting the idea of team and have selected our Captains who are already working hard.

This year we have also introduced a group of students to work alongside our Captains; they make up our Tolkien Task Force. These are people that have been nominated by their tutors as people that work hard, set an excellent example to other students and deserve to be recognised.

Well done to both those groups of students. They are making a difference they are making within our house already.

Another exciting development has been the change in House Charity. After a vote within tutor groups we have decided to raise money for "The Telford and Wrekin Young Carers" this year.

On the 8th of October two of their representatives, Kate and Caroline, came into school and took our assembly. They let us know the sort of services Telford and Wrekin Young Carers provide and the ways they would be spending the money we raise. This was really interesting and gave us an extra incentive to raise funds

We had a successful stall at the Open Evening and were very lucky to have a chocolate hamper donated by MHE and a chocolate bouquet donated by a generous parent for us to raffle. We sold tickets at Open Evening and sold selling them at our Charity Day too.





The biggest even this half term though was our Charity Day on 17th October. This ran alongside the whole school Mufti day and all the proceeds went to our new Charity “Telford and Wrekin Young Carers”. We are hoping to raise over £1000 with the proceeds of the Mufti day and the activities we are ran alongside it.

Thank you to all the Tolkien parents who have donated things for our Charity Day and have baked cakes for our cake stall. Without your support we couldn't do some of the exciting things we have planned.

Message from our Senior House Captains

Hi Matthew and Amy here, we are your new Senior House Captains. It has been a busy first few weeks for the House Captain Team. Along with the Tolkien Task force, we have been busy organising Tolkien's Charity day on Friday 17th October.

It is one of our aims this year to raise the profile of Tolkien within the school whilst simultaneously helping our new house charity Telford and Wrekin Young Carers through as many fund raising events as possible. We want to promote the concept of team work as much as we can within Team Tolkien and we will be working together on many more events over the school year, so watch this space...





Parents beware: Holidays in term time may cost you more than you think

Most people will be aware that a local family was recently fined roughly £1000 for refusing to pay the fines for taking their children out of local schools during term time. They also now have a criminal conviction.

Government Guidance on leave during term time changed on 1st September 2013. Any unauthorised leave of 5 or more days will lead to a fine. Head teachers now have extremely limited discretion, and their decision is final. Full details of recent changes to the law are available on our website, as well as our own guidance.

We do not want any of our families to face a fine or even worse a court case. Any request for leave during term time will almost certainly be refused, and could prove very costly.

Dave Hill
Headteacher

Trina Elliot
Education Welfare Officer

Looking to Plan a Holiday in 2014/15?

Term dates are available on our website.

Please remember — Holidays taken during term times will almost certainly **NOT** be authorised. Any holiday requests **MUST** be made on our 'Leave of Absence' form which needs to be returned to school at least three weeks prior to your leaving date.



PD Days

Please check our school website for details of our PD days. These may differ from the ones posted on the Telford & Wrekin website. If in any doubt, please contact school directly.



MOORE HOUSE



Welcome to our first pages for this year and a special welcome to the new year seven students who have joined our House. We look forward to the year ahead and all the events and activities we will be involved in over the coming months. I would like to say a personal thank you to our House Captains who have been busy in their different roles. Their most recent event has been to organise the Moore's Got Talent competition with the finals due to take place in assembly on the 24th of November.



MOORE HOUSE



House Captains	Michaela Garrow SBE Haydn Sayce MWY
Junior House	Eloise Heins RJG
Dance Captain:	Daniel Nicholson JNE
Drama Captain:	Michaela Garrow SBE Robyn Husselbee JPR
Music Captain:	Eleanor Jackson SSD Amy White MWY
Sports Captains:	Jamie Edwards KPR Jacob Leonard KBO Jack Griffiths JNE
Publicity / Events Captain:	Katie-Mae Davidson SRU Alice Owen-Jones RJG
Moore House Photographers:	Lily Murphy JNI
Student Council / House Captains Link	Hayden Ravenscroft ACO
Charity Captain	Erin Boardman SBE Jake Easter SBE
House Technicians:	Liam Easter SRU Sam Jones JPR



Charity News:

Since our last newsletter, Moore House won the charity cup last year for the House that raised the most money for charity. We are very proud of our effort last year, and we were delighted to welcome Tom Keay, a representative from Marie Curie Cancer Care to collect a cheque for £1342. This is a fantastic amount and is the target for us to beat this year. Particular thanks to those Moore House students and parents who helped at and supported our Blooming Great big Tea Party. This event alone raised over £500.



Notes from our House Captains:

This year within Moore House, we now have new House Captains. Our aim is to create more activities for the students of not only Moore but the school as a whole and to make a better environment for which communication between students and teachers can occur. Working together to make a more fun and happy place for students.





“Who do I contact if I have a query?”

As you know, all children from each family have been placed in the same House in order to make this as easy as possible. The first point of contact should be with your child’s tutor (perhaps via their planner). After this, please use the House structure as follows:

To contact any of these staff, please use the Helpdesk number on **01952 386559** or email the **helpdesk.bbs@taw.org.uk**. All calls via the Helpdesk are logged so that we can ensure that each issue resolved.

House	Head of House	Student Support Manager
Lennon	Mrs Alecock	Ms Dakin
Moore	Mr Mainwaring	Mrs Pickering
Tolkien	Mrs Heins	Mrs Richards
Attenborough	Miss Loughborough (covering Mrs Tomlinson)	Mr Garbett (covering Mrs Jones)

Contact Details

Please remember to let us know if your contact details change. It is vital that we are able to contact parents and carers in the event of an emergency.

We now have email details for 95% of parents and carers, but would like one for every parent.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you have not already given us your email address.



Coming Up Soon

Dates for your Diary

- 24th October 2014 End of first half term
School finishes at 3.15pm
- 3rd November 2014 Students return after half term
8.50am start
- 4th and 5th November 2014 EEL Days
- 14th November 2014 Children in Need Mufti Day
- 8th November 2014 Remembrance Concert at BBS
- 11th November 2014 Remembrance Day
- 19th November 2014 GCSE Presentation Evening
- 4th December 2014 Year 11 Parents' Evening
- 10th December 2014 EEL Day
- 10th December 2014 KS3 Drama Club Christmas Show (Create)
Evening performance
- 12th December 2014 Moore House Charity Day—Mufti Day
- 15th December 2014 BBS Carol Concert Trinity Church
- 17th December 2014 Christmas Lunch
- 17th December 2014 Christmas Concert
- 19th December 2014 End of Term—1.35pm finish

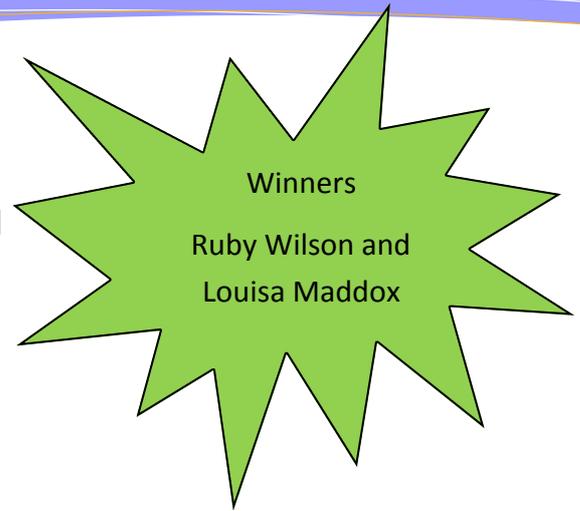


Student of the Month

September 2014

Attenborough Nominations

- PVI Charlie Gamble, Jay Moore, Rachael Colbert
- KST Noah Sowcroft, Thomas Davies, Jake Barrows
- AAD Kathy Eme
- PEV Charlotte Vince, Sophie McKevitt, Ben Johnson
- HNE Lucy Barton, Billy Ward
- VLC Louisa Maddocks, Iwan Armstrong, Natasha Cole
- RBA Mary Strickland , Harry Johnson



Lennon Nominations

- TBI Sarah Gee, Oliver Vickers, Charlie Fisher
- JGL Callum Silakowski, Jack Till
- JGR Dillon Finnegan, Ellie Baughan, Imogen Kelly
- CCO Jack Banks , Eliot Hill, Daisy Adams
- KGO Nichole Haseley, Adam Phizacklea
- KLP Josh Bradley, Ethan Rodwell
- CJO Brendan Pitchford, Abdu Ozcan, Milly Glasgow





Student of the Month

September 2014

Moore Nominations

- JWY Ashley Trower, Becky Harris, Maria Benjamin
- SBE Alex Swindlehurst, Jake Easter, Leah Bate
- KPR Sian Lloyd Richards , Elliott Das-Gupta, Oliver Davis
- SRU Liam Easter, Elliot Lawley-Robinson, Elizabeth Phillips
- JNI Jay Styles, Lily Murphy , Sophie Henry
- SSD Ellie Jackson, Connor Stevens, Chloe Thomas



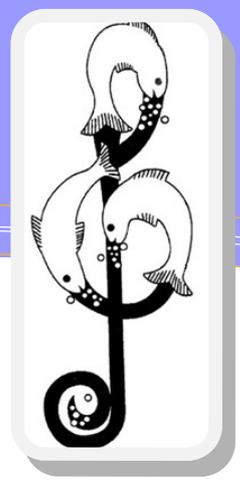
Tolkien Nominations

- KBA Ben Chilcott, Molly Jackman , Harvey Evetts
- ELO Connor Marley, Grace Padkin
- EHE Kaytlan Morris
- MPF Olivia Roberts, Jacob Campbell
- ABE Charlie Ensor, Dayna Brown
- MHE Katie Roberts , Grace Suffle
- ARU Annabel hill, Joseph Stokes
- SIR Rhys Harray , Erin Faulkner

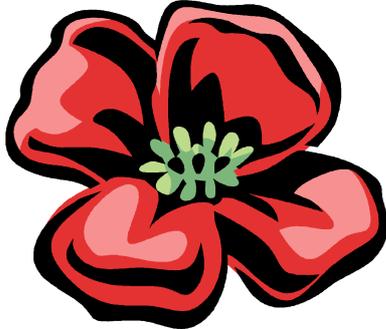




Burton Borough School Band Events



The BBS Bands have a number of events coming up this term.



Remembrance Concert

On Saturday 8th November the Burton Borough School Bands will be holding a Remembrance Concert.

The school Concert Band, Big Band and Harmony Choir- along with local choir "A Choired Taste", will be performing a range music to honour and celebrate those who have given and continue to give their lives to protect our freedom.

This will also be the first opportunity to hear the new school bands after our senior students left in July.

The concert starts at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm) and takes place in the School hall. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for concessions and can be bought from the Music Department at the school.

Carol Concert

This years Carol Concert will be on Monday 15th December at Trinity Church, Newport. We hope you will be able to join us for an evening of traditional Christmas Carols and readings as well as other festive music and poems from students and staff. The Carol Concert will start at 7.00pm.

Tickets are free and can be collected from the Music Department.



BBS Band Christmas Concert

To finish the term the BBS Bands will hold their Christmas Concert on Wednesday 17th December at 7.00pm in the School hall.

All the school bands and ensembles will perform including Concert Band, Big Band, Harmony Choir and Junior Choir.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see all our hardworking musicians perform including hearing Concert Band and Big Bands NCBF competition pieces.

Tickets cost £4 for adults and £3 for concessions and can be bought from the Music Department.



ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE – some reminders:

If your child is ill you must contact the school as soon as possible, giving us the following information:

- **Your child's name, year and form group;**
- **Reason for absence and nature of illness;**
- **Likely length of absence if known.**

You can inform us by one of the following methods:

By contacting the Attendance Office on 01952 386554
(answer phone in

operation so please leave a message),

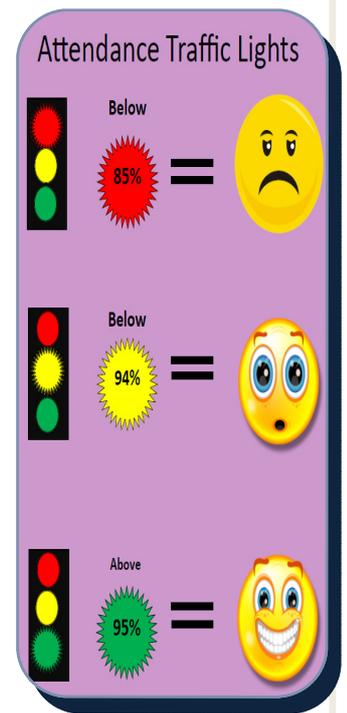
E-mail: attendance.bbs@taw.org.uk

Phone **Reception** 01952 386500.

Please do not be alarmed if we call to check on your absent child's progress for our records.

If you need to inform us of future medical or other appointments you can do so by:

- using the same contact details,
- sending in a letter,
- writing a note in their PSD,
- E-mailing your child's tutor (their address can be found on the school web site).





NEW Basic Equipment List

Please make sure your son/daughter brings the correct equipment to school every day

This includes **A PENCIL CASE, A RED PEN, A READING BOOK AND THEIR PSD**

Miss Brown (Deputy Headteacher)

Be prepared to LEARN



BASIC EQUIPMENT

A pencil case with

BLACK PEN

RED PEN

PENCIL

RULER

ERASER

SHARPENER



COLOURING PENCILS

PROTRACTOR

COMPASS

CALCULATOR

READING BOOK



The West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) of Newport will now be using the facilities at Burton Borough School, which they will use as a Community Policing Post (CPP).

A CPP is already established within the local area. The CPP in Newport, although not accessible to the public, will allow police officers to use the facilities, which will enable them to be more visible within the community.



PC Tonks

Dave Hill, Head Teacher at the school said “We welcome West Mercia Police to use the facilities in the school whilst on duty to maintain police presence within the area. This will help us further develop our close working relationship in future years”

Chief Inspector Sarah Chaloner said, “We are delighted that we have been able to make use of the school facilities. This will ensure we will become more accessible to our young people and partners in education and the location will help us strengthen our links with the people of Newport.”

Bill Longmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, said “It is important that our Safer Neighbourhood Teams are as visible and accessible as possible, therefore I am pleased that they will continue to have a presence in the local area.”

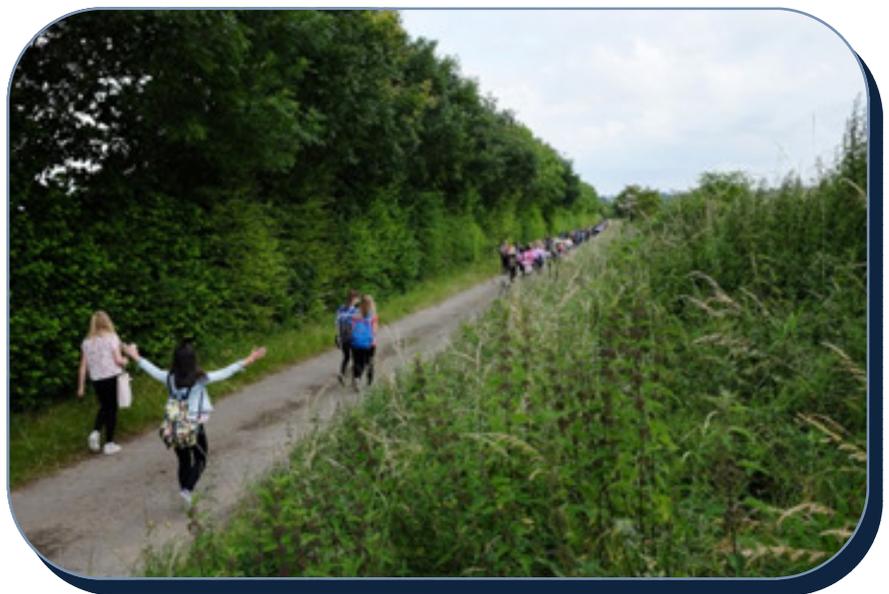
Newport Police Station where the SNT was previously based, will now officially close.

Ways of contacting West Mercia Police:

- In an emergency call 999
- To report a crime or talk to your local team call 101
- Visit www.westmercia.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods/
- Follow police for this area on Twitter www.twitter.com/NewportCops
- Email your local team newport.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk



Since our last news, our students have completed the Sponsored Walk. The weather was just perfect and although there were some sore feet, we all had a fantastic day. A big thank you to all who took part and raised sponsorship. We raised a total of £4572.40. Tutor group CJO won the competition to get their sponsorship money in first and were awarded with bacon baps during CLL.



If you would like more information on BBS PTA, please check out our page on the school website.

<http://www.burtonborough.org.uk/PTA>



Mark Shaw visits Burton Borough



Mark Shaw who won a bronze medal for Judo at this year's Commonwealth games in Glasgow, visited the Burton Borough school. Lt Cdr Shaw, who is an ex -Burton Borough student is currently serving in the Royal Navy as a mine clearance diver. The Navy released Mark for six months to allow him to training full time to represent Wales in the build up to Glasgow.

At the age of 6, his Dad took him to a judo class in the school gym at The Burton Borough school and this is how he got started.

Mark spent his day at the school offering the students valuable advice on the importance of education and how sport has offered him lots of opportunities. He even took part in a GCSE Science lesson, passing on his knowledge of the subject.



EEL Rocket Day

During the EEL Day in September students were tasked with designing and developing water-powered rockets. The challenge was to propel the rocket as far as possible but the sting in the tail was that the rocket had to carry and protect a raw egg! The success of a mission was based on the aesthetics of the rocket, how far it travelled and most importantly, if the egg remained intact.

All year 8 students took part in the project split over two groups in the morning and afternoon. Fortunately, the weather was kind to them and allowed them to experience the full fun of launching their designs and calculating the distance. The whole day involved students working in teams and communicating the design ideas through sketching and problem solving along with manufacturing streamlined, aerodynamic payload carriers (rockets) that would protect the valuable cargo and fly as far as possible.

Everyone had a really enjoyable day and all students worked brilliantly in their respective teams and produced some amazing design ideas. Out of 36 launches only 9 eggs cracked on impact. An amazing result given that some of the eggs were propelled, over 100 feet into the air!

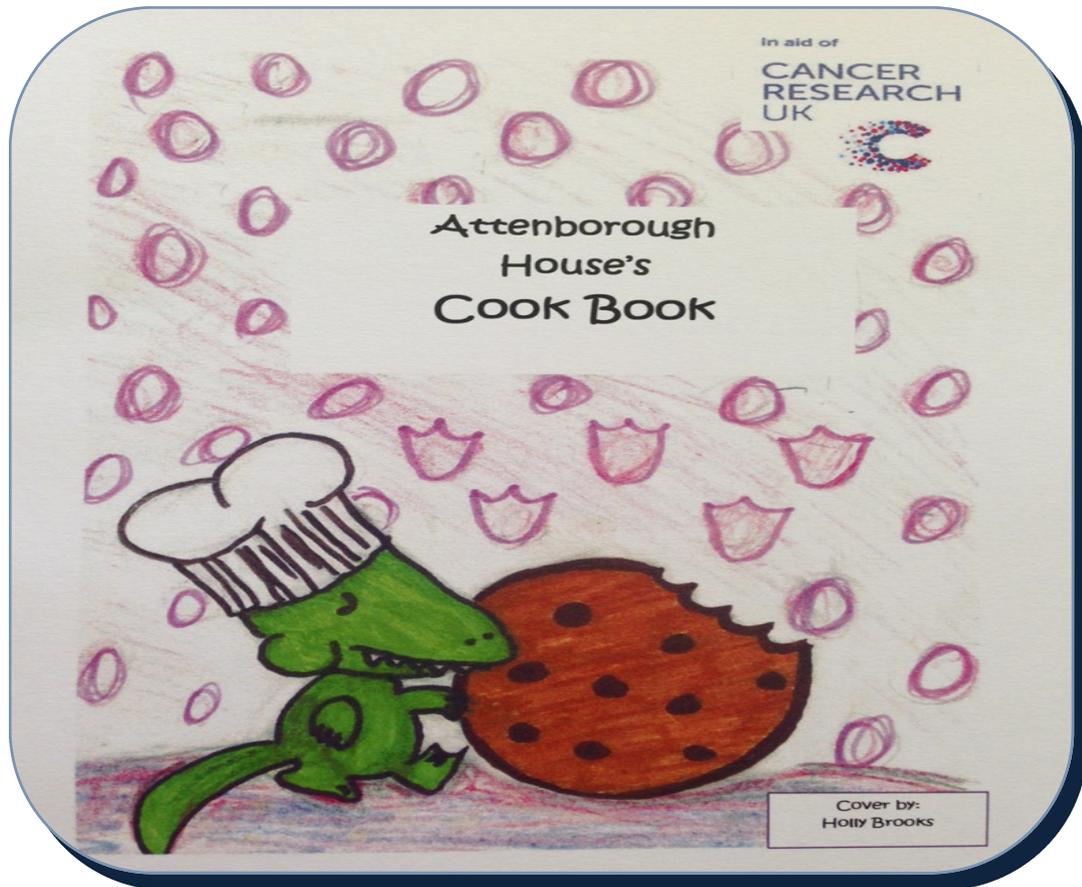
This activity gave the students a real insight into the varied and diverse roles that designers have in industry and hopefully has opened their minds to consider the subject as a real and fun career path.

Mr Bishop





Cookery Book for Attenborough House



We have sold out of our Attenborough Cook Book!

So we need to have more printed
BUT ..

first we want to have a newly
designed colourful front cover.

SO

To all you budding artists out
there getting drawing!

Remember to make it appropriate
to Attenborough House, use clear
designs, bright colours and all
entries will be up for a house vote
in an upcoming assembly.

Closing Date: November 7th
(Remember to include your full
name and form tutor!)



Has your child grown out of their uniform?

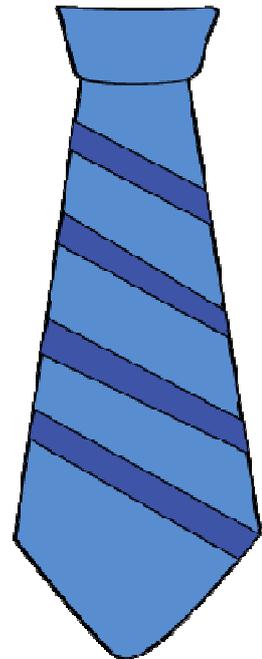
The Pastoral Team are very grateful for the uniform that is donated to them, once your child has grown out of it.

If you have any uniform that you are not able to use, please can you bring it in to school for the team to use when necessary.

Clean , undamaged uniform would be gratefully received

Many thanks

Mrs Pickering
Senior Student Support Manager





Mobile Device Consequences & Agreement

Mobile devices can be brought into school, but must not be used on site. If they are used, they will be confiscated. There is a “ratchet” of consequences which are:

- 1st confiscation: handed back to student at the end of the day. Letter sent home to parents/carer and a lunchtime Behaviour Intervention given.
- 2nd confiscation: available for parent/carer to collect from Helpdesk at the end of the following day after confiscation. Parent/carer to sign the confiscation form to confirm they understand the implications of further confiscations. SLT Community Service (one hour) given.
- 3rd confiscation: mobile device confiscated for up to 3 weeks. Parent/carer to sign the confiscation form to confirm that they understand the implications of further confiscations. SLT Community Service (one hour) given.
- 4th confiscation: mobile device confiscated for a period specified by the Headteacher. Parent/carer to sign the confiscation form to confirm that they understand these implications. SLT Community Service (1 hour) given.

Furthermore, should the device be confiscated again, there may be additional consequences as deemed by the Headteacher.

Please note: We do not wish to confiscate mobile devices for any length of time, but have no choice if the policy is being flaunted. We recognise the difficulties this creates at home, but will not make exceptions. If a student cannot be trusted, then simply don't bring the device to school.

We are very fortunate that we have (almost) universal support from parents/carers regarding such issues. This is vital if we are to send clear messages to the students.



Whitsun 2015

As you will be aware, our new building will be completed at this time. We will, therefore, need to move into our new accommodation. However, we will also have to temporarily vacate almost all of our current buildings so that they can be refurbished prior to September 2015.

This reorganisation is going to be unavoidably disruptive. It will not have an impact on students in Year 11 who will be either sitting exams or continuing with their lessons. We will bring forward the "Work Experience" fortnight for students in Year 10 so that this will run from Monday 1st June until Friday 12th June, which means that there will be no overall impact on students in either Year 10 or Year 11 during their GCSEs.

Given the challenges of moving into our building, the Governors requested a closure for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 which was agreed by Telford and Wrekin. This means that we will be closed to all students on Friday 22nd May (the day before half term) and for the week Monday 1st June until Friday 5th June. We will reopen in our new building at the normal time on Monday 8th June

Moving an entire school during a school year is far from ideal, and has forced us into this additional closure. All schools in Telford and Wrekin with similar (or larger) building projects have also been forced into making equivalent decisions.

We recognise that this situation will create some challenges, which is why we hope that giving you this information a year in advance will help with your planning.

We would also like to remind you that this partial closure only applies to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 at Burton Borough. All of our local infant/Junior/Primary schools will be fully open during this week.

Whilst this disruption is unwelcome, it is a sign that our new building will soon be used by our students. After nine years of planning, we are nearly there.

D.M.Hill
Headteacher

P.Broomhead
Chair of Governors



Burton Borough School Frames



Made From 6mm Thick Bevelled Glass

There is a huge difference between a normal Photo Frame and a Burton Borough School Frame made from thick glass. Only by physically seeing and holding this magnificent product in your hands, will you actually understand this.

School days are some of the most important days of your child's life. All photos capture a special moment but as the years pass-by it's easy to forget exactly when and where our loved ones were at the time. The Burton Borough School Frames create a lasting memory of the highest quality that will last a life time.

All customers are totally amazed when they receive this product. Just seeing this on a computer screen simply cannot convey how fantastic these frames are. We promise you that you will not be disappointed.

Burton Borough School Frames are hand crafted to create a lasting memory of the highest quality that will last a life time.

Why not show off their achievements in the best possible way with these fantastic official personalised engraved photo frames.

Type your message and see the text as you are writing it in real-time (e.g. the text appears as you type it).

To upload your photo press **"Start My Frame"** link above and see how simple it is to create your own personal message!

With a choice of sizes offered these frames are available in portrait and landscape to suit your photo. These frames can be wall mounted or used with the fitted stand on a desk or table.

See How It Looks With Your Photo & Personal Message

✓ **Free Engraved Message**

✓ **High Quality Glass Frames**

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Personalised Frame...

Your Personal message can be engraved next to the school logo. Try it out now to see how it looks with your photo and personal message in real time..

[More Info](#)



Premium Logo Frame...

Our premium photo frames have the school logo engraved into the front of the frame. Available in various sizes to suit your photo.

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Personalise Photo Frames...

You Can Personalise our Photo Frames in real time and see how the Photo Frame will look with your photo and personal message. Try it now

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We Can Print Your Photo...

We can print and fit your photo into your chosen Personalised Photo Frame and send it to the recipient.

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See How It Works...

It's simple to personalise Photo Frames, on the website in real time so you can see exactly how it will look before you buy. For more info and to see how it works click below.

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PE Clubs Autumn 2014

PE Clubs Timetable Autumn 14

Lunch	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Create			Dance Club (ZG)		
Gym				SSCo Events & leadership (ZG)	
Sports Hall	Badminton Boys & girls Yrs 7 & 8	Basketball boys Yrs 7 & 8 (KMA)	Badminton Boys & Girls 9 & 10	Basketball Yrs 9 & 10 (KMA)	PE use for selected students

After School	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Create					Grease Show rehearsals (LB & HB)
Sports Hall	Basketball All (SHA)	Boys Football	Badminton ALL (SJG)	Netball	
Field		Football boys Years 7 & 8			
Netball Courts				Netball Yrs 9, 10 & 11 (ANO)	Netball Yrs 7 & 8 (Ms Woodman)
Fixtures			Cross Country (ZG & SBE)	Netball	





SPEAK OUT

Speak: To your tutor, your teacher, your Head of House, your Student Support Manager, your family or your friends - don't worry alone!

Email: speakout.bbs@taw.org.uk - we will email back and listen, help and support you.

Websites and Blogs: www.youngminds.org.uk, www.childline.org.uk, www.recoveryyourlife.com.

Call: Childline 0800 1111.



Too much on your plate?





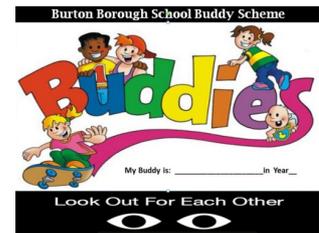
Safeguarding

We take safeguarding extremely seriously at Burton Borough. We have three designated officers (Ms Brwon, Mr Hill (Assistant Head) and Ms Owen), and all staff are trained annually.

Further details can be found via our school website <http://www.burtonborough.org.uk/School-Policies>

Buddies

All students now have a specific “buddy” who looks out for them and provides support for them. This is an important part of our support for each student as an individual



This is a new service for parents to improve communication

From September, at every evening event there will be an opportunity for you to attend a ‘Parent Q&A’. This is an open session for 30 minutes where you can share any concerns, thoughts or even feedback things that we are doing well. This will usually be held before the event starts but we will let you know where the session will be held and at what time on the letters that are sent home.

Miss Brown (Deputy Headteacher)



This is a new service for parents and students to improve communication

On the school website in the parents section and on the posters around school is the new ‘Speak Out’ email address: speakout.bbs@taw.org.uk

Please remember that we have the Helpdesk, Tutors, Heads of House and Students Support Managers for all the pastoral day to day issues and concerns and class teachers and Heads of Learning Area for any academic or progress issues or concerns However, if you feel you need to speak out about something more general or are frustrated by an issue or concerns please use this email address and you will receive a reply within 24 hrs. Miss Brown (Deputy Headteacher)



Parking on Audley Avenue

Since school has started back in September, the number of parents dropping off and picking up students directly outside school has increased considerably. This obviously causes concern for the safety of all students around the school main entrance and in Audley Avenue. It also causes a number of knock on issues with our resident neighbours, deliveries to school and other businesses in Audley Avenue.

Can we politely ask, if you bring your child to school to drop them a little way away from school and encourage them to walk some of the way to school.

CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE



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**IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999**



As part of an initiative to increase pedestrian safety outside local schools, Safer Neighbourhood policing teams are to take a preventative course of action in the hope of raising awareness to drivers, parents or guardians to the well being of children, thereby promoting road safety to reduce road casualties.

We would like to remind you of the following to prevent unnecessary obstruction of the road or entrance to your son/daughter's school which benefits all parties:-

You must keep the 'School keep Clear' Zigzags free from vehicles. These markings mean that YOU MUST NOT STOP, even to drop off or pick up.

Park so that you do not cause any inconvenience to anyone else.

Do not park illegally – fines start at £30.

Do not drive or park on the pavement – children are taught the pavement is a safe place to be.

Do not park on single yellow lines if restrictions are in place which will be clearly visible on street furniture such as lamp posts.

Do not park on double yellow lines, these protect the junctions and allow motorists the visibility they need.

Do not park in designated Bus Stop Bays where it is marked on the road in yellow and signed.

Park away from road features such as traffic islands so that other road users including large vehicles, lorries, fire engines, coaches can get through

Dropped kerbs are there to assist pushchair and wheelchair users to cross the road, do not park so that you block them.

Never park so as to stop a resident or trader from getting on or off their property and if you are doing this you must move by law when asked to do so.

Do not park on verges, as you may damage them, or any utilities underneath. The local authority can charge you for the cost of the repair.

Drive slowly at school times, children may suddenly step out into the road, this allows you time to stop safely.

Vehicles identified causing any of the above offences may be subject to prosecution



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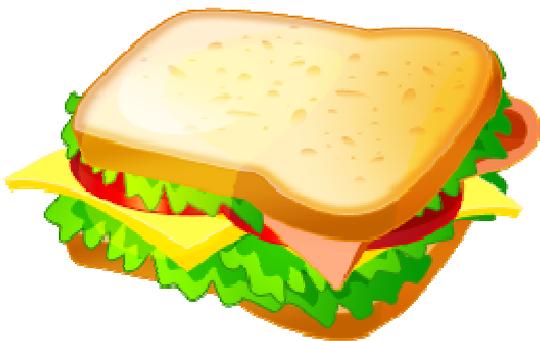
food to go!

Food At Burton Borough

As you may know, this will be the second year that we have run our own catering service. This has enabled us to improve the quality of our food, whilst also keeping prices fixed for the second year running.

A full meal costs just £2.20, which is also the cost of the “deli offer”. There is also a new range of sandwiches available this year.

Give it a try.....



2014 - 2015 School Calendar

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 School Closed/Holidays

 Public Holidays

 PD Day

 In-Lieu PD Day
CLOSED TO STUDENTS

 Period of School Closure - BSF Pack/Move
 Y10 Work Experience 1st to 12th June 2015

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Money raised for

Young Carers

£1307

Thank you to everyone

who contributed

Mrs Heins and Mrs Richards