

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,

As I reach the end of our first five weeks as Co-Head, I can certainly say it has been a busy, but incredibly exciting, start to the term.

Thank you to all parents who have already completed the surveys. Your feedback is invaluable. If you haven't yet had the chance, we kindly ask that you complete them today.

A huge well done to all students for their efforts during the recent exams, you have approached them with maturity and determination.

We are now looking ahead to the Summer term, which promises to be our busiest yet, with exams, transitions, and many more opportunities ahead.

Do make sure to follow us on social media to see all the exciting things happening across the school.

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable break!

Laila Doobeh - Co Headteacher, Secondary

Ms Demirci writes:

Careers and Humanities

In Geography this term Year 7 have been learning about maps. We visited Walthamstow Wetlands with the education team to put our skills to the test!



We used compasses to find our way, and made a map with symbols and a key to help people move around the site.

We really enjoyed our field trip!



From March 9th-13th, Blanche Nevile celebrated Careers Week!

We had several different speakers visit school, including staff from a local college and deaf professionals in a variety of fields.

Students learned about different pathways after school, and asked some great questions about the world of work for deaf people.

We look forward to welcoming more college provisions and employers to BN in the future!

Ms Christian writes:

Art & Design



Year 11 Art and Design students are working very hard preparing for their final coursework and exam hand in.

They are busy completing their folders and books of ideas and final solutions to answer the exam question titles they each chose in January.

Students are working on designs and artwork for exam titles of Movement, Nature, Books and Time.

They have been busy researching, analysing, experimenting and practising; some students have even been working hard at break and at lunchtimes in extra lessons!

You will be able to see the results of all their hard work in June when Blanche Nevile School holds their annual Year 11 Art and Design Exhibition.

Good luck to everyone for your final exam days after the Easter holidays.



Make yourselves proud!
Everyone at BNS believes in you!

Mr Gathani and Ms Antoniewicz write:

Maths

This term students in Year 10 and Year 11 will be taking their real Entry Level Certificate Tests.

They have been practicing past papers in class and will all be given revision key facts to study at home. Good luck Years 10 and 11!

GCSE mock exams have now finished and students know which areas they need to brush up on for their real exams in May.

These are the exam dates:

GCSE Maths

Paper 1: Thursday 14 May 2026 (AM)

Paper 2: Wednesday 3 June 2026 (AM)

Paper 3: Wednesday 10 June 2026 (AM)

Y11 please revise at home using MATHS GENIE.

ONLY 55 DAYS TO GO!

Every hour of revision counts!

KS3 students have worked really well with tricky topics like division and fractions. To boost progress all students will benefit from using IXL at home.



So as usual please keep encouraging your child to say/sign their times tables and keep practicing their skills in Number on our fantastic IXL website on <https://www.ixl.com>

- Break your revision into short, focused chunks, tackling one topic at a time.
- Use past papers to get familiar with exam-style questions, and create summary notes or flashcards for key formulas and concepts.
- Practice problem areas regularly instead of avoiding them, and make use of online platforms like **IXL** and **MyMaths** to reinforce your learning at home.
- Don't forget to take short breaks to stay fresh —small, consistent steps now can make a big difference on exam day.



Ms Willis writes:

English

Year 10B and 11B



This half term, students have continued to write for different purposes. They have continued to produce informal letters, diary entries, blogs, reports, reviews, and

feedback forms. They will all receive a Unit Award for Writing for Different Purposes.

Students have also been discussing social media and how it impacts on everyday life negatively and positively. This has been incorporated into Functional Skills activities. Next term students will start exam preparations for their formal exams.

Keep up the good work 10 and 11b!

Year 10A and 11A



This half term students have been researching Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King and how they changed lives of black people in the 1950s and 1960s.

Students have also practiced Functional Skills activities and have written a letter to their parents to tell them about what they have been learning at school this half term.

Students will complete a Unit Award – Researching an Inspirational Person – Well done Year 10/11a!



Life Skills

This half term, students across Key Stage 3 have begun their independent travel topic work.

- **Year 7** planned and went on a bowling trip and ate at McDonalds
- **Year 8** planned and went on a bowling trip and ate at McDonalds
- **Year 9** are continuing to plan how to travel independently from school to home and from home to school

Students are continuing to develop a wide range of essential life skills, including:

- Navigating routes and researching the best ways to travel
- Understanding travel costs and budgeting
- Reading menus and calculating food prices
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Road safety awareness
- Using timetables and managing time effectively
- Communication strategies – clarification skills

Year 7 students will receive a Unit Award for Introduction to Road Safety and Independent Travel.

IMPORTANT DATES

Easter holidays Students return Tuesday 14th April – normal time

Please note Monday 13th April 26 school is closed to students for a staff training day

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May – school closed

May Half Term finish Friday 22nd May / Return Monday 1st June