



Blanche Nevile Secondary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children,

We have made another great start to our new school year.

We've welcomed the new Year 7 students and they've all settled in really well.

I have been really impressed by the students' focus in lessons and know that you will see this for yourselves when you have conversations with teachers at Parents' Evening on Tuesday 9th November 2021.

There's been lots of exciting events this term - and plenty more to come after the half term break!

Remember you can keep up to date with our latest news through our social media pages.

Wishing you all a lovely and enjoyable break.

We look forward to seeing the students again on Tuesday 2nd November!

Laila Doobeh
Deputy Head (Secondary)

Ms Daly writes:

Year 7 Textiles

Year 7 have really enjoyed learning about what textile lessons are. Most of them have already completed two cushions. They are learning to use the iron, a lightbox and how to handle a sewing machine.

I am very impressed with their enthusiasm, skills and hard work.

These photographs show some of their finished work.



Mrs Christian writes:

The **BNS Student Council** met with Deputy Headteacher Ms Doobeh on Friday 15th October.



Presidents Faiza and Asiya, and representatives from year 7, 8, 9 and 10, discussed their school and what improvements they would like to help to develop.

Everyone had excellent suggestions and the discussion was very mature and helpful. Thank you Student Council - everyone appreciates your hard work!

Mrs Demirci writes:



In **Humanities**, 7A have been learning about Medieval castles.

We learned the different parts of the castles and how they made a strong fortress!

The students worked together to make their own castle!

Ms Worthington writes:

Home Cookery

The students have been busy in the kitchen making a variety of delicious dishes. For those parents who have not yet paid, a reminder that to receive the full year discount payment must be made by October 23rd. Alternatively, you can continue to pay fortnightly through the year.

Drama

In drama, students have been working on Shape and how to create images using their bodies. Year 7s explored tableaux by using levels and shapes in their bodies.

PSD

Year 7s have been discussing their feelings about transitioning from primary to secondary school. Year 8s are learning about the risks of online social media and how to be safe online.

Year 9s have been exploring managing difficult feelings like anger, disappointment and embarrassment. Year 10s have started engaging in debates about stereotypes, discrimination and the fight for equality. Year 11s are learning how to manage stress, especially as they look forward towards their exams this year!

			
Tofu & mushroom ramen	Orange biscuits	Strawberry cheesecakes	Potato bakes



Mrs Christian & Ms Daly write:

Blanche Nevile in Wonderland!

We all had a really good, fun, afternoon on Thursday 7th October.

Students and staff were involved in the BN in Wonderland event. Students watched BSL film clips that described characters from the Alice in Wonderland story. They then worked in groups to artistically create the characters using art and design materials. Well done everyone, fantastic teamwork and excellent costumes!



Mrs Antoniewicz writes:

Maths Department News

We are delighted to be back in school and the students are working really hard in lessons.

It is especially nice to meet all the lovely new Year 7s. This is some of the work we have been doing:

- Year 7A :** Addition subtraction, multiplication and division
- Year 7B :** Number, Statistics and Symmetry
- Year 8.9:** Decimals, measures ,area and perimeter
- Year 9:** Counting Addition, Subtraction and place value
- Groups 10.11:** Addition, subtraction and sequences
- Year 10:** Negative numbers rounding fractions and decimals
- Year 11:** Fractions, decimals and percentages in preparation for ELC

Year 7 Parents:

At Blanche Nevile we use a fantastic website called IXL both in our classrooms and as homework.

Your child has been given a password and username [in their diaries]. IXL offers Maths practice across all areas of the Maths Curriculum and our students are really enjoy it!

It is a great way for students to master their skills and gain confidence and make progress.

I hope you'll encourage your son or daughter to use IXL regularly.

<https://www.ixl.com>

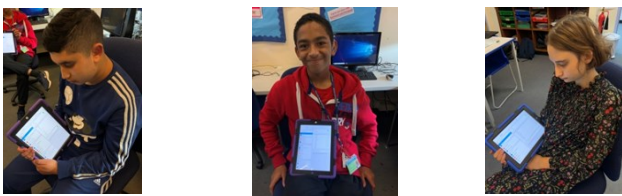


There will be a date announced soon for a **workshop** for you to attend about IXL if you are interested.

Please keep encouraging your child to keep practicing on our fantastic IXL website.

Mr Gathani writes:

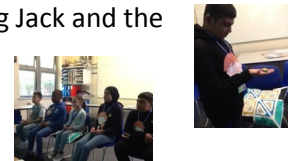
Year 10/11 are now focusing on the topic of **E-safety**, especially passwords and internet safety. They have learned how to connect Wifi using devices and entering passwords. When connecting wifi, they know that Wifi with no password is risky and not secure.



Ms Willis & Ms Doobeh write:

Year 7 English have been learning Jack and the Beanstalk.

Students have acted out scenes from the story to help with sequencing skills.



Students will be re-writing Jack and the Beanstalk as part of their Unit Award Certificate.



Year 8.9 English have been learning about Gothic Horror.



This term they will be studying Dracula, and Functional Skills students will be writing an article based on parts of the story of Dracula. AQA Certificate students will be re-telling the story of Dracula using shape coding.



Year 10 English have been learning the story Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman.



At the end of this unit students will be writing an article based on parts of the story they have read. Themes within this novel address famous people throughout Black History Month.



Year 10.11 English have been learning how to write a book for AQA Certificate.

Students have identified an author, illustrator and title of different books, and they will be producing their own book by the end of this term titled 'Things I like to do at School'.



Students have been using shape coding to help organise their writing.

Year 7b have been reading a variety of short stories and answering comprehension questions. They are working on creating their own short story to complete the unit.

Year 8.9 have been reading a novel called 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo. They have really enjoyed learning what life was like during World War 1.

Autumn Term 2 begins	Monday 1st November 2021
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 9th November 2021
Whole School Staff INSET day	Monday 1st November 2021 (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
End of Autumn Term 2	Friday 17th December 2021 12.30pm closure

Important Dates

