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# Blackfriars Bulletin

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## Qualifications

Every year, we are joined by students and staff in August who come to collect their results. On arrival at school, they are presented with an envelope that contains a list of the many different qualifications that we offer here at Blackfriars. Gone are the days of a pass or fail – now we have a whole host of different qualifications with different levels, numbers and names. The next 10 minutes are spent with parents trying to explain what each slip of paper means – and if we are honest, even us mortal teachers find it difficult!! We also find ourselves on Results day bemoaning the fact that in the envelopes there is nothing that says that your child has been a wonderful team player throughout their time with us at Blackfriars; that they have learnt to feed themselves after years of trying; that they have diligently applied themselves to their physio programme etc etc. So, we are moaning no longer – staff have spent time thinking through what it is that we really want to recognise at the end of your child’s journey through school and we have developed a ‘Blackfriars Baccalaureate’ that recognises progress and achievement in all its forms. We were most keen to ensure that ALL students can achieve at any level and that academic as well as social, emotional, communication and physical achievements are recognised. After much discussion, we decided to use PRIDE within the award because that sums up for us what we hope each child, at their level of understanding, can aim towards. PRIDE stands for:

**Pride** in our appearance and in all that we achieve

**Respect** for ourselves, others and our environment

**Independence** skills

**Determination** to succeed

**Enjoyment** of learning and life



The Baccalaureate will be launched with students next week so that they know what they are aiming for, we hope that you will support us by using the idea of aiming for Gold with your child.

### Blackfriars Baccalaureate

Level of Award:-	Cognitive achievements	PRIDE
Bronze	Working towards meeting targets	Working towards embodying PRIDE
Silver	All targets met	PRIDE is evident in behaviours around school
Gold	All targets met and 1 or more exceeded	Fully embodies the spirit of PRIDE

### Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire

First Response :  
0800 1313 126  
Outside office hours:  
0845 6042886

Stoke-on-Trent

Advice and Referral Team:  
01782 235100  
Outside office hours:  
01782 234234

Cheshire East

Referral Team :  
0300 123 5012 Option 2  
Outside office hours:

Shropshire

Referral Team:  
01743 254 259  
Initial Contact Team:  
0345 678 9021  
Outside office hours:

### Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response –  
0845 604 2719  
Stoke on Trent: Adult Social Care –  
0800 561 0015

Blackfriarsacademy.org.uk  
Blackfriarsfeacademy.org.uk

Individual Photographs—Thursday 11th October

Special Persons' Lunch – Wednesday 24 October – 12:00pm

October half term – Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November

Progress Review Evening for Wedgwood, Moorcroft, and Portmeirion - Wednesday 21 November 6-8pm

Christmas Fayre—Friday 14th December 1:45pm

Christmas Holiday – close at 2pm on Thursday 20 December to Friday 4 January

# DATES TO REMEMBER



I have been asked by a parent to highlight that the Teaching Awards are open for parents to make nominations if they wish. The website states:



We've all had a great teacher. They show a real interest in who we are, listen to our thoughts,

inspire us to learn and encourage us to achieve our best, no matter what our goals are. The influence of a good teacher lasts a lifetime. We want to raise the profile of the teaching profession, highlight the positive impact teachers and school leaders have in our society – with pupils, parents and the wider community, and show teachers how much they are valued.

<https://www.teachingawards.com/thank-a-teacher/>



Thank you to Bridgewater class for organising our Macmillan coffee morning, we raised a grand total of £105.18 and the students

learnt valuable lessons in communicating with customers, well done Bridgewater and thanks to Mrs Ansell and Mrs Emmens



*Thank you*

Clubs are getting underway, we are delighted to be able to offer the following lunch-time activities:

Day	Club
Monday	Thomas the Tank Engine railway club for the novice train driver Lego Club
Thursday	Flying Scotsman club for the more experienced train driver Mixed Sports club
Friday	'Thank God it's Friday' – music, make up and friends!

### Our Scholars of the Week are:

**Daniel** (Moorcroft) for his brilliant sentence writing and joining in with the lesson  
Portmeirion's **Owen** who has been nominated for the great strides he has taken in his personal independence

**Alexander** (Portmeirion) has been nominated for trying really hard.

### Train to Teach:



Do you have a degree? Wondering what to do next as your child is now in secondary school? Have you thought about teaching as a career? Do you have a son or daughter graduating this year who thinks it is too late to apply – If so, please give Larah at the Blackfriars Teaching School a ring – 01782 987161 – she will talk you through the possibilities.

Get in touch today