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Dear Parents



I would like to say well done to all of our pupils who have shown such an extra-ordinary amount of resilience through their continued hard-work and positive attitudes to learning. The vast majority of pupils are arriving on time to form each day at 8.45 and following their usual timetable with the same commitment we would ordinarily see from them in school. We will continue contacting home to support the minority that are struggling to engage for any reason. We are very lucky to have such an excellent group of pupils.

It is important to us that we continue to recognise the excellent attitudes of our pupils throughout this time of remote learning and therefore teachers will continue to award merits so our pupils can continue working towards achieving their bronze, silver, gold and platinum badges and certificates, the merit targets have been altered slightly to reflect the current situation. We were delighted to recently send home another set of bronze badges and certificates – Congratulations to those pupils!

In addition to awarding merits, our teachers are currently nominating their 'top pupils' from each class based on those who are most engaged in their remote learning. All nominated pupils will be put into a prize draw for a chance to win gift vouchers.

### **House System**

Each week, there are a number of different competitions taking place within the House System. Merits and attendance competitions run each week, as well as weekly challenges. We now have a new Twitter page specifically for the House System - @BTRCCHouse Please follow this page to see the latest results and to keep up to date with what's taking place.

### **National Apprenticeship Week**

The 14th annual National Apprenticeship Week will take place from 8-12 February 2021. This week aims to provide information to future apprentices and link them to employers, giving the insights they need to make well informed decisions. National Apprenticeship Week will launch on Monday 8 February with the focus being on how an apprenticeship can launch and develop careers. During form time pupils will explore apprenticeships and will be encouraged to research the benefits further. There will also be a series of live events aimed at parents taking place throughout the week, and all the details can be found on the school website [Apprenticeships \(btrcc.lancs.sch.uk\)](https://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/apprenticeships). If you have any questions, then please contact Katie Hart [khart@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:khart@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk)

### **PSHE**

On Tuesday 9 February 2021, it is global Safer Internet Day. Please see below link for more information on this.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/safer-internet-day-2021-top-tips/safer-internet-day-2>

On Wednesday 10 February, we will be replacing lessons 1 & 2 with PSHE lessons on Knife Crime and Child Criminal Exploitation.

As you know, we have collapsed timetable PSHE lessons every half term. This is in addition to the twice weekly PSHE lessons in form time, to enable us to deliver the statutory PSHE Curriculum and equip our pupils with the skills and awareness necessary to succeed in the world they are growing up in. As these are such important issues, Year 11 will also be involved in this.

Following the lessons, the website will contain a link for advice and helplines relating to the issues discussed.

Please see attached wellbeing tips.

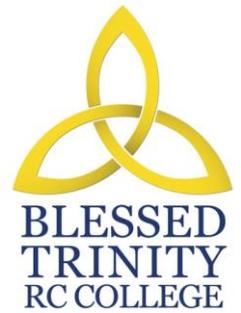
**Burnley Neighbourhood Policing Team**

Burnley Neighbourhood Policing Team have asked us to share some information with parents. This can be found at the end of the letter.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



### **Burnley Neighbourhood Policing Team**

'Lancashire Talking' is a Lancashire Police initiative that asks the public a few online questions about what it is like to live in their area. Our aim is to find out what issues matter most to our communities so we can engage, act and inform people about issues affecting each neighbourhood. It is also an opportunity for us to raise any concerns we have, to give crime prevention advice and send out community messages. It allows us to update the community about positive police action in areas and gives our communities the opportunity to help identify suspects and wanted criminals. We also share details about what is happening in the different areas of Burnley and we provide the details about the many community groups.

It is extremely important to us that we are engaging with our communities during these difficult times. This is our way of giving our communities a voice and a say in what our neighbourhood policing should look like. We want our communities to feel safe and reassured during this pandemic and this is a way that we can tackle issues that matter the most to our communities in Burnley.

This is free to sign up to and can be done by visiting:

[www.stayintheknow.co.uk](http://www.stayintheknow.co.uk)

or by emailing your name, house number, street, postcode and email address to Burnley neighbourhood policing team at:

[burnley.npt@lancashire.police.uk](mailto:burnley.npt@lancashire.police.uk)

You will receive an email from Alert@Neighbourhood and need to follow the link.

Thank you in advance