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As we head into the Christmas break, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the Broadoak community for the continuing support you give to us and our young people as we work together to make sure they are very successful.

Looking back over the Autumn term, there have been many highlights but I would like to share a few with you.

In October I received a letter from a member of the public which began with this line *'It is about the behaviour of your pupils.'* I was dreading what might come next so imagine my delight when I read the following:

'Many of your students on the bus, girls and boys, showed impeccable behaviour...all looked proud of their school and, in general, were a complete credit to you all.'

How incredibly thoughtful of that individual to take the time to write and to remind us all that young people are incredible and

deserving of our faith in them. It is sometimes too easy to focus on the negative and not see how responsible, considerate and kind the overwhelming majority of young people are.

This was further reinforced by the feedback we received just last week about our Year 10 Health & Social Care students who visited a local dementia care home – Heathwood (Fig Tree Dementia Care). They were kind, considerate, thoughtful and empathetic – young citizens our community should be proud of!

So over the next few weeks look out for your child being awesome – catch them being fabulous and tell them so!

Miss McGillicuddy - Principal



Successful Start for Lower School Students

It has been a successful term for students in Years 7 and 8. Our Year 7 students are, by and large, very settled now and rising to the challenge of secondary school expectations. They have been working hard towards end of term tests and many of their results have been very pleasing indeed! Our Year 8 students have really blossomed and are building a reputation as being an excellent year group.

Congratulations to 7W who have won the achievement point trophy for the second term in a row and to 7S who have taken over from 7K this term as being the tutor group with the highest attendance!

In Year 8, the tutor group of the term are definitely 8S who have won both the achievement point and attendance point trophy. Congratulations!

We are very much looking forward to a highly successful 2020.

Merry Christmas!

Mr Knight and Mrs Hambley



Celebrations

Congratulations to the Lower School students chosen as stars of the week by their tutors this term.

They all joined Mr Knight for some hot chocolate and biscuits to celebrate!

Well done all!

Inspiring Athletes: The Invictus Games

On Friday 6th December, Lower School students enjoyed an inspiring assembly led by some of the athletes who will be taking part in the 2020 Invictus Games in the Netherlands.

Julian Allen, father of Alfie in year 8, has been chosen in a team of 65 athletes to represent the United Kingdom. He and three of his team mates came in to talk about their journeys and answer questions from the students.

They also demonstrated some of their wheelchair rugby and basketball skills and some lucky students were able to give it a try too! It was a fantastic afternoon and thanks to Mr Allen and his team for coming in to talk.

We wish you every success next year!





Lower School Halloween Disco

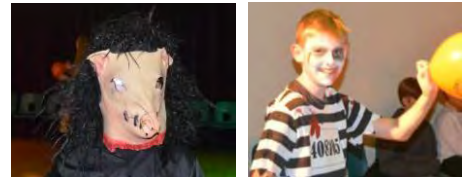
For Halloween, as a fundraiser, the prefect team hosted a disco for the lower school. We had an excellent time organising it and had lots of fun whilst helping fundraise for our prom.

In total, we made just over £100 to put towards the Year 11 prom.

Many of the lower school students got to have loads of fun and make new friends and the event gave them a little treat for such a long term.

Charlie – Year 11 Prefect

Thank you to the Prefects for arranging a fantastic event!



Oh no she isn't!

Evie, in Year 8, is this year performing on the stage at the Playhouse Theatre, Weston-super-Mare with stars of the stage and screen including Linda Lusardi, Brookside and Emmerdale star Sam Kane, Channel 5 Milkshake's Amy Thompson, Joe Rowntree and Stewart Briggs. Evie is not only performing as a dancer, but has also been selected from the cast to sing solo.

The Performing Arts team and Head of Year 8 Mr Knight are incredibly proud of Evie's selection for this prestigious honour and hope that many of you will be able to get along to the Playhouse to support her in this venture. We're sure to see more of her on stage in the future!



Into University Year 7 Workshop

A number of students in Year 7 took part in a workshop with the Into-University group.

The workshop was called

Choosing Success:
Understanding the skills required to make the most of secondary school and setting personal development targets.

It proved to be a very successful event and our Year 7 students benefited greatly from the experience.





Exciting Events for Year 9

Read all about what's happening in Year 9 from charity fundraising to our very own skating on ice!

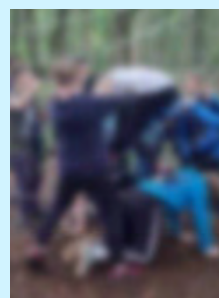
In Year 9 we like to make the most of every day and get involved in a wide range of events.

Back in November, Children In Need was a highlight for us. The ever popular chocolate tombola was a great success and raised £200 for an excellent cause. Mrs Downes would like to thank the team who really got behind this fund raising event and to everyone who donated their chocolate.

The Insight into Apprenticeship Course has been a great success. A group of 15 students have had diverse experiences from team building, to public speaking and just this week they had a trip around Wessex Water. (Apparently it was quite a smelly experience at times!) Many thanks go to Mrs. Hambley and Mr. Oakwood for accompanying students on these trips. The course is designed to give students an insight into the world of work and for them to experience different work settings as well as acquiring valuable work place skills. The group have bonded well and are great ambassadors for the school.

Parents' evening was extremely well attended and we thank everyone who turned out to support their children and teachers. We really value the time spent discussing our students' progress.

In the last week of term we had a brilliant ice-skating trip at the Tropicana. As a way of rewarding great behaviour and attendance, it was an opportunity for tutors to spend time with their tutees away from the classroom and to have some fun before Christmas. Thank you to Mrs. Odiangu for organising the trip and to the Tropicana for subsidising us! I was very glad that everyone had a great time and got home in one piece!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs Downes, Head of Year 9

Looking ahead

About a year ago Mrs McGillycuddy challenged us to make the school a plastic free zone. A dedicated team of Eco Warriors have committed themselves to this task and are currently looking ahead to 2020. Plans are afoot to involve everyone in earning their eco badge to show that we are determined to do all we can for the future of the planet. Watch this space!

Next term we will be starting the process of choosing preferences for GCSE. We hope to see you all on Preferences evening on Wednesday 12th February and look forward to guiding our students towards some great learning opportunities as we go forward into GCSEs.



#GCSEOptions

“Choose subjects which engage you and make you eager to learn more”



Year 10 Update

Celebrations of recent happenings and information on what is coming up for the year group next year...

What is a PPE? PPE stands for Pre-Public Exam. This means any exam that is sat internally, as opposed to the Public Exams, which are sat in the summer of Year 11.

Students spent the week beginning the 2nd of December experiencing what it is like to sit GCSE exams. In what will be the first of several opportunities throughout their GCSE courses to taste how to successfully turn the information and skills they have learnt into exam answers, students handled the process exceptionally well. Heads of subject ran pre-exam briefings, with last minute top tips, before the students headed down to locate their seats in the sports hall. This was an eye-opening process for all of them, having not done this before. Exams were sat in English, Maths and Science in the sports hall, with other subjects delivering exam conditions work in lessons. The outcomes of these will be being discussed with your child in lessons and the feedback will inform their next work.

Information will be shared with you in due course in the form of reports, but in the meantime, please continue to discuss how your child found the exams process and encourage them to reflect both on the process itself and their outcomes which, although early in their course, will be an excellent indicator for their teachers moving forward into the new year.

Mrs Harvey, Head of Year 10



Year 10 Key Dates and Events Coming Up in 2020

Important Dates for your diary:

6th January 2020- Inset day, students return on **7th January 2020**. This will be week B.

10th March 2020- Year 10 parents evening- please make sure to book your appointments with class teachers to discuss their progress, attainment and next steps.

Week beginning 15th June and 22nd June 2020- Year 10 Pre-Public Exams 2. Students will sit some exam papers in all of their GCSE subjects in exam conditions.

Week beginning 29th June 2020- Work Experience week. If your child has organised their work experience then great! If this is not confirmed as yet, please encourage them to discuss this with their tutor.

Year 10 public exams- there are some public exams occurring in year 10. If this affects your child, they will have plenty of notice and they will occur in the summer exam series. Information on exact details, dates and courses affected will follow in the new year.

Revision Guides continue to be available via Parentpay, if you have paid for revision guides, encourage your child to go to collect this from their class teacher or faculty office.



A WESTON COLLEGE ENRICHMENT PROJECT

Hospitality and Catering


A four week project for Year 9 and Year 10 students

TUESDAY 25TH FEB | 3.30PM - 5.00PM
 TUESDAY 3RD MARCH | 3.30PM - 5.00PM
 TUESDAY 10TH MARCH | 3.30PM - 5.00PM
 TUESDAY 17TH MARCH | 3.30PM - 5.00PM

KNIGHTSTONE CAMPUS
 TRANSPORT TO COLLEGE AND BACK TO SCHOOL PROVIDED



Limited places available. To reserve your space, contact your personal tutor or school Careers Advisor.



WESTON COLLEGE ENRICHMENT PROJECT

Exclusively for Years 9 and 10

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Do you aspire to work in the medical sector or social work?

Monday 1st June 2020	3.30pm - 5.00pm
Monday 8th June 2020	3.30pm - 5.00pm
Monday 15th June 2020	3.30pm - 5.00pm
Monday 22nd June 2020	3.30pm - 5.00pm

Transport from school to the college and back again, totally free!

Health and Active Living Skills Centre @ Lorton Campus

To reserve your place, please speak to your Personal Tutor or School Careers Advisor

A Weston College Enrichment Project in Computing

A TASTE OF PROGRAMMING

A 4 WEEK PROJECT FOR YEAR 9 & 10

WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2020
 WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2020
 WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2020
 WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2020

SOUTH WEST SKILLS CAMPUS,
 LOCKING ROAD
 3.30PM - 5.00PM

FREE TRANSPORT TO COLLEGE AND BACK TO SCHOOL PROVIDED

To reserve yourself a place please speak to your personal tutor or your school careers advisor

Weston College Enrichment 2020

Weston College are offering a brilliant opportunity to Year 9 and 10 students to take part in one of three projects;

- Computing and Programming
- Hospitality and Catering
- Health and Social Care

Students are expected to attend the taster courses for all 4 weeks and transport between Broadoak and the College campuses will be provided by Weston College.

If you are interested in attending, please speak to Mrs Dash as soon as you can.





Year 11 Q&A with HMI Matt Parr

Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary and HM Inspector of Fire & Rescue Services Matt Parr visited Broadoak Academy to talk to students about his life in the Navy and his current role.

Matt spoke to over 160 students from Year 11 in a special assembly about joining the Royal Navy straight from Durham University, where his ambition to be a submarine commander was realised. Matt was also a captain of a Royal Navy frigate above the waves, during his illustrious career and had plenty of anecdotes to share with students about his time at sea.

Matt then engaged in a question and answer session with students about his career. When this session ended Matt thanked Broadoak students and commented that it was one of the best question and answer sessions he had ever been involved in, in a school.

Matt then went into a smaller question and answer session with a smaller group of students where he discussed the skills and attributes of successful leaders in the workplace.



Ms Kathleen McGillycuddy, Principal of Broadoak Academy said, "I was very proud of our young people and the way they engaged with Mr Parr. His key message of hard work and effort that gives you choices later in life really resonated with the students. He inspired many with his tales of the wider world and life as a submariner and for others he galvanised them with his own personal story of school life. The event was made possible through the work of Speakers for Schools and we are most grateful to them for making it happen."

Moving On Interviews

November 28th saw the annual Year 11 Moving On Day, an opportunity for our Year 11 students to put their interview skills to the test. We had a number of different representatives from the local business community come in and interview students on their career aspirations and personal achievements.

The Year 11 students really stepped up to the challenge and ensured that they were well prepared. It was a privilege to walk through the Centre of Excellence and see how calmly and professionally the students were conducting themselves and we had some fantastic feedback from the interviewers. The students were a credit to the Academy and to themselves.



Year 11 Update

It has been an incredibly busy two terms for our Year 11 students since they returned in September. They have worked through PPE's, Moving On Day interviews, workshops with Into University, HMI Matt Parr's guest talk and some even found time to head over to Uphill Primary School to read to students which was a hugely positive experience for all involved.

Year 11 continue to work hard in the classroom in the lead up to their final examinations and have certainly earned their Christmas holiday!

Key dates for the diary next year are parents evening on the 14th January and PPE's which begin on the 3rd February for two weeks.

Mr Perham – Head of Year 11





Head Prefects at Broadoak Academy

We are delighted to introduce our Head Prefects for 2019-20 who, as part of a team of 26 Year 11 prefects, are dedicated to serving the school community - introducing new ideas and leading events for younger students.

The Prefects have begun undertaking their duties this term around the school, supporting and leading tutor sessions for Year 7, taking up break and lunchtime duties in the Year 7 and 8 wings, holding their weekly meetings and leading a very successful lower school disco.

They have an important year ahead supporting themselves and their fellow peers, supporting the younger year groups, as well as balancing their own GCSE studies and they have made an impressive start this term with regards to managing their workload.

We are certainly very proud of them and very much look forward to working with them throughout the year ahead.

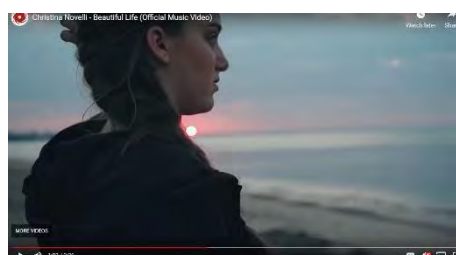
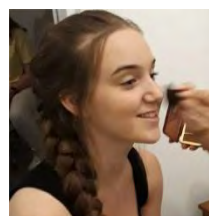


Year 11 Student Ellie works with Christina Novelli

Ellie in Year 11 is a great example of what can be achieved when a student finds their passion. We are very proud to announce the release of Christina Novelli's 'Beautiful life' video for which Ellie has the starring role. [Watch the video here](#)

Dancing since she was 3yrs old at the Carlea School of Dance, training in a wide range of dance styles and Musical Theatre, Ellie is a focused and well driven student training most evenings alongside her studies. Recognising that drama and performance is an integral part of her dancing she achieved the Summer Scholarship for Masters Performing Arts in Rayleigh Essex this summer, which played a key role in gaining her this fantastic opportunity via her agency 'Starnow'.

Filmed in Bournemouth Ellie had to arrive by 3.45am for hair and makeup, to be ready on the beach for the dramatic final scene at 5.30am. Forever the professional she had to walk into the freezing cold water 5 times and dunk herself underneath 12 times before the final scene was completed. The video is a very emotional storyline demonstrating the impact of peer pressure on teenage mental health. Without complaint and after a cold start Ellie was filming until 11pm and embraced all the experiences offered. She is still in contact with Christina and hoping to work with her again so what this space for this up and coming star!



Ellie has recently received offers of Scholarship from Bath Dance College and Wilkes Academy of Performing Arts in Swindon – Congratulations!



One World Week

14-18 October 2019

Broadoak Academy spent a week raising the profile of diversity in our community, in our country and around the world. This year we focused on the theme of unity in a time where divisions seem everywhere.

Students made pledges on paper leaves creating a rainbow tree of ideas on different topics including food, our local community and Brexit. Students were amazing at investigating the theme through a writing competition, looking at the positives of diversity in PSHE and learning about the wider cultural settings in MFL.

This culminated in Show Racism the Red Card on Friday where students reflected on how to challenge discrimination in football and beyond at tutor time - creating their own red cards. Thank you to all for their contributions.



Health & Social Care Visits to Local Care Home

In the month of December, two year ten Health and Social Care classes visited Heathwood, a local dementia home.

The aim of this visit was to spread a little festive cheer. It was also an opportunity for students to see the realities of what they have been studying and put into practice the theories they have been learning.

Students spoke to patients, made them a hot drink and undertook a variety of games and activities. The students were a credit to themselves and the school. They even wrote Christmas cards to the residents post visit which were gratefully received.

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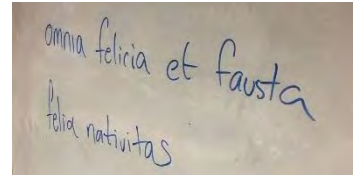


Latin Scholars

Thanks to the support of Classics for All and the University of Bristol, Latin scholars meet every Thursday at lunchtime here at Broadoak Academy.

Aimed at students in Years 7, 8 & 9, the club is part of our developing 'Grow Your Talent' programme. Students are learning about life in Pompeii, the Latin language and its links to modern English. In January, members of the club will be taking part in the Olympus Challenge – an extended classics based enrichment programme - which will culminate in a ceremony at Bristol University in the summer.

If any students want to get involved then please come along to G11 on Thursdays or see Miss McGillicuddy.



Science Trip for Year 10 Triple Scientists

We have a very special science trip that is available to all Year 10 triple science students. This is an opportunity to see and hear five of Britain's top scientists all at the cutting edge of their specialisms. Pupils will also be given tips to improve examination success from an experienced science examiner in preparation for their GCSEs. The event is held at The Forum in Bath on the 4th February 2020.

Please see Mr Thorp-Greenwood for more details.



Careers Focus

We have had a fantastic start to this year's careers programme here at Broadoak. We have had our Year 7 Into-University day where some of our students have had the chance take part in learning techniques workshop. Year 10 students have had the opportunity to get stuck into our Army Careers day.

We have had visits from a variety of education and training providers to deliver vital information to Year 11 students in preparation for life beyond school.

Well done to our year 10 students who have already organised themselves with their work experience placements. Please keep an eye out for lots more up and coming opportunities this year!



Mandarin Club

Broadoak Academy's new Mandarin Club has been running since September. It is run by Mrs McDermott, a Mathematics teacher who is learning Mandarin herself, with a view to attendees and teacher learning the language together.

Luckily two students who speak fluent Mandarin are regular attendees, and are helping us all progress at a good pace! All attendees are practicing outside lessons, and their hard work is really paying off.

Next term Mrs McDermott will be on maternity leave, and the prefects will be running the club in her absence. Anyone who fancies having a go at learning the language is very welcome to join us. We meet Monday lunchtimes in B1.





World War Two veteran inspires pupils with secondary school visit

Students from a Weston school were treated to a visit from a World War Two veteran as part of their history studies.

Vera Hay, who was a junior nurse in the Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service, visited Broadoak Academy to talk about her time in France, which involved treating up to 200 casualties a day.

Vera and her unit landed on Gold Beach during the first week of the D-Day landings and within hours of arriving, she was busy treating the wounded soldiers including prisoners of war.

Students were given the chance to ask her questions about her service to our country.

Principal Kathleen McGillicuddy said Vera is an inspiration to her and the students.

She said: "I was humbled to



Students with World War Two veteran Vera Hay.

Picture: BROADOAK ACADEMY

meet Vera.

"From landing on the beaches of Normandy under enemy fire, working until 'she dropped' to stop

soldiers from haemorrhaging to death and receiving France's Legion d'honneur, she is an absolute inspiration."

Remembrance

Broadoak students showed a mark of Remembrance on Monday 11th November when all lessons came to a halt for a minute silence. Students who are members of organisations such as Guides, Scouts or Cadets wore their uniform to school for the day and joined student representatives and staff in the centre of the college to mark the occasion. Many Broadoak students also took part in the local Remembrance Day parade in the town centre.



Children in Need 2019

On Pudsey Day, Broadoak Academy staff and students raised £254.89 from activities which were set up by students in different year groups.

Students in KS3 set up a Chocolate Tombola at break and lunchtime which was hugely popular and gathered a lot of attention for Children in Need.

At break time, there was also 'Pie the Pudsey' where our Deputy Head Girl Poppy was crazy enough to dress up as Pudsey and have pies made from shaving foam!

We hope to have raised enough money for Children in Need as it was a very successful day!





Broadoak Election Results Are In!

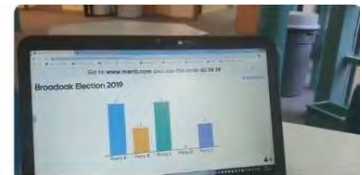
We had a very exciting day at Broadoak on 11th December as we ran our very own Broadoak election!

Students were furnished with information (anonymised as far as possible) about the main parties under headings such as education and Brexit. After time to consider and discuss, students chose their party according to the policy decisions they felt chimed with their values. In a realistic vote, students used their ballot paper to exercise their democratic voice.

Many students could not believe that in their tutor group the majority vote counted, despite their individual party choice being different; that's democracy folks! Students were able to watch the results to come in live using a website which allows for live polling. This created a real buzz of excitement as tutor groups and other groups in the school declared their results one by one.

Our runaway winner was Party C! Broadoak students felt the policies chimed best with their own views. Despite bitter disappointment from students who voted for the other parties, everyone expressed how much fun this dabble with democracy was.

The Big Vote



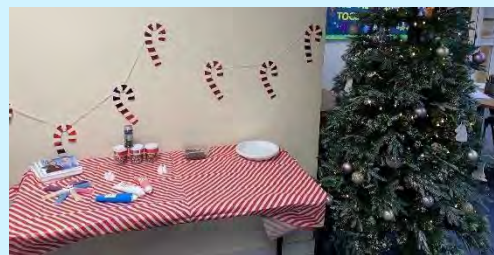
Activities in the PLB

This term we have been focusing on celebrating successes in the SEND Department and meeting the parents and carers of our young people. I have been astounded by the support from parents and how eager Broadoak students are to get it right. It has been lovely ending a Friday with hot chocolate, baking and craft making.

The students have been a pleasure to have in the PLB and have worked hard to engage with staff. I am very excited about what the future holds for our young people and can't wait to welcome them back in 2020.

Miss Wilson - SENCO

*Merry
Christmas*

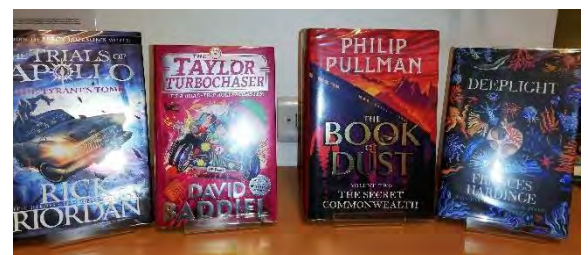




Year 7 Reading Challenge

The winners of this year's challenge are 7D and the trophy and prize will be presented to the tutor group at the beginning of next term – Congratulations!

In term 2 we have been running an inter-tutor group reading challenge. The aim is to encourage students to read more and build strong reading habits which will help them develop the skills to benefit their ongoing learning. The tutor group which reads the most books during term 2 will be crowned Year 7 Reading Champions and will win a trophy and some sweet treats to share. It has been a tightly fought competition between 3 tutor groups with some very keen readers.



New Books at Broadoak

This term we have had a big delivery of some amazing new books. We try really hard to make sure our library is always stocked with up-to-date young adult fiction so students have access to all the latest books free of charge.

Whether you like mystery adventures or dark thrillers, magical worlds or teenage romance – there is something from everyone.

Students can pop into the LRC and check out all our new books on display.



LRC welcomes New Year 7s

It is great to see so many year 7 students regularly using the LRC during their break and lunch times. The computers are busier than ever and we have also seen an increase in students enjoying the library area, checking out books or just chilling out on the comfortable seating. This year we have again had lots of requests from year 7 students to volunteer in the LRC at lunchtime and now have a large team brilliant team of student librarians.

All year 7 students have now completed their LRC inductions and have each been shown how they can get the most out of the fantastic college library which holds a massive collection of over 13,000 books!

Reading for pleasure is a key focus of our work in the LRC, each student has been issued with a Reading Passport which they will complete each time they finish a book. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible. We recommend that all students should read for at least 20 minutes every day. The best time to do this is just before bed as it will also help with relaxation, helping your child settle down for a good night's sleep.



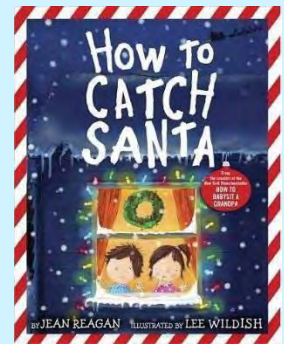
Christmas Reading at Uphill

Broadoak Prefects shared an afternoon at Uphill Primary School surprising the youngest children by delivering and reading Christmas stories.

“Spending the afternoon at Uphill Primary School reading to the Reception children, was so lovely! I was lucky enough to read a Christmas story about ‘How to catch Santa’. The children were so sweet and chatty, engaging with the story and telling me about their Christmas with their families.

I especially enjoyed the sign language to ‘We Wish you a Merry Christmas’. I really enjoyed this special activity.”

Grace 11M



Christmas in the LRC

To help get students in a Christmassy mood we ran a ‘Secret Santa’ Christmas promotion in the LRC.

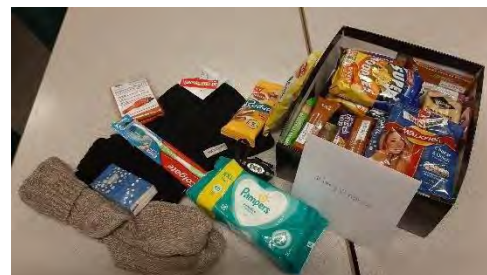
Students could borrow a mystery book from under the tree, with no idea what was inside the wrapping paper we hoped students would enjoy a good book that they might not normally have chosen themselves.



Shoebboxes for the Homeless

This year students from all tutor groups have been donating items to make up shoeboxes for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Students were asked to bring in something which could be included in their tutor group’s box such as toiletries, dried snack foods and non-perishable goods or warming clothing, and we were kindly donated the shoeboxes from a number of stores at Clarks Village.

We were inundated with items to support those in need during the festive period and were able to make up eighteen boxes to support the wider community of Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset. Every shoebox had a range of the suggested items and a Christmas message from the students here at Broadoak Academy.





Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Our last week of term has been very festive at Broadoak with Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunches enjoyed by staff and students.

Students and staff wore a variety of festive jumpers on Thursday in aid of the homeless charity 'Shelter'.

Christmas lunches were also enjoyed by many students in the Dining Hall with delicious roast turkey and chocolate cake for dessert!



Christmas Hamper Winners

Here in the academy we are always very keen to see our young people attend school as much as possible because as you know attendance is directly linked to academic outcomes.

Mr Tipler launched the 12 Days of Christmas as a seasonal incentive to keep on coming in – students who had 100% attendance in the 12 days leading up to the Christmas holiday had their names entered into a raffle on behalf of their family.

The winning prizes were delicious hampers packed with festive foodstuff – all donated by the staff of the academy. Our winning students were presented selection packs and an Amazon voucher in assembly and happy parents came in to collect their hampers.

So, congratulations to Elise and her family as well as Lucas and his family.

Well done on that superb attendance and we hope you enjoy all the goodies!



Sports News **KS3 Boys Rugby**

In Term 1, Broadoak hosted local schools including Hans Price and Priory in a series of rugby matches between Years 7, 8 and 9.

Broadoak v Hans Price (Years 7, 8, 9) – 26th September 2019

For the Year 7's, this was their first taste of competitive rugby as a team and despite losing the game 30 points to 10 the second half display was a huge improvement and the boys commitment stayed consistent throughout.

Year 8 put in a dominant display and won the game comfortably by a 40 point margin. There were a number of positive individual performances and this season promises to be very successful for the team.

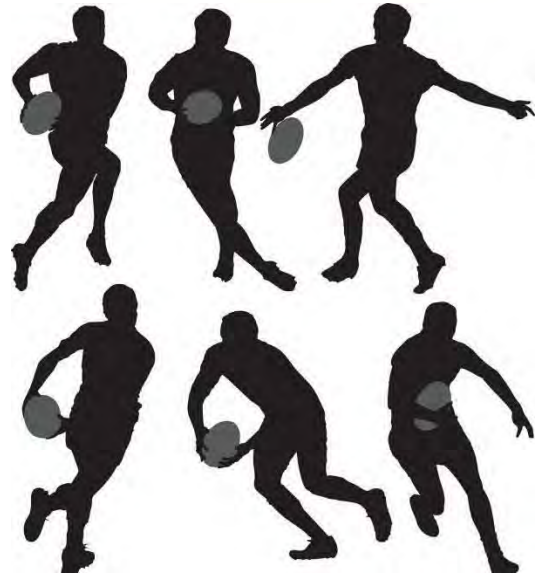
Year 9 also secured victory with a 15 to 10 point win. Their game was much closer than the other two and a very competitive and hard fought match was played out. Both teams played some aggressive rugby but the quality which saw the boys achieve a great deal of success last year shone through once again and they were able to close the game out.

Broadoak v Priory (Years 7, 8, 9) – 10th October 2019

The year 7 team showed a great deal of improvement in their play when compared to the previous match against HPA. The tackling and passing was much sharper with fewer individual errors. The boys showed a lot of promise in their attacking play and were unfortunate to lose 30 points to 20 to a very strong Priory team.

Year 8 continued their dominant run with an emphatic 50 points to 5 victory. As with the previous match against HPA they dominated play from the first whistle to the last. They were impressive in all aspects of their play and at the moment look an unstoppable force. We will see how they fare in their upcoming festival.

Year 9 also turned in a dominant display of their own winning 49 points to 10. As with the year 8's they controlled all aspects of the game and played some impressive rugby. There was a lot of praise for the team from Mr Combes (Priory) who refereed the game. What was more impressive was the fact that prior to kick off we only had 11 players. Thanks goes again to Ilias who stepped in at the very last second, put on spare kit and got stuck in to bring us up to the full 12 players required.



Year 7 North Somerset Festival

On October 15th the Year 7 Rugby Team were taken down to Weston Rugby Club for the second of the North Somerset Festivals aimed at developing young players in the county. This was a big step up for the squad as the games included rucking and scrummaging which they previously hadn't encountered but they took to the challenge well and our gameplay improved game on game.

After back to back defeats to Worle and Churchill where we struggled at first to adjust to the new rules the boys got back to basics and put in impressive performances against Sidcot and Hans Price, drawing both games. This was pleasing to see given the previous result against Hans Price and, a clear sign of the development the boys are showing week on week. Their final game was a very competitive match up against Priory where the boys were unfortunate to lose by two tries. Overall it was a very positive experience for the boys who all enjoyed the afternoon and will hopefully look to take up the game outside of school.

What a Fantastic Season!

*The important thing in life is not to triumph but to compete.
The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well.*

Baron Pierre de Coubertin

Year 7 have had a lovely netball season which has seen our squad grow in terms of numbers and confidence. The girls have competed in a range of fixtures this term which has allowed them to gain a variety of game situations and has allowed a great many of our Year 7 squad members an opportunity to represent Broadoak Academy.

Year 8 & 9 Netball

A very committed group of Year 8 & 9 girls have been attending training sessions since the beginning of this academic year. They have all been fantastic and dedicated to the game. We have played matches against the following schools; Worle, Nailsea, Hans Price and Sidcot. All of the games have been well fought and have had some mixed results. I am very proud of the level of commitment that the girls have shown, especially as the majority of the training has happened in the rain!!

Sports News

North Somerset Netball Tournament

On Monday 18th November, 9 of the Year 9 Netball team took part in the North Somerset Netball tournament held at Backwell School. I am extremely proud to report that we finished third in our group after winning our games against Hans Price, Gordano, Backwell and Churchill. Unfortunately we lost to Priory and Clevedon. The girls played fantastically well and played a very fast, well thought out game that the opposition struggled to keep up with!

Well done to; Kara, Jess, Riley, Ella, Erin, Kiran, Ruby, Danni and Evie!



The year 7 girls attended the North Somerset Netball Tournament on Tuesday 3rd December

All 10 students who represented Broadoak Academy were an absolute credit to the school. They worked hard, demonstrated resilience and supported each other through each challenge that they faced. I look forward to seeing the squad develop over the coming years!



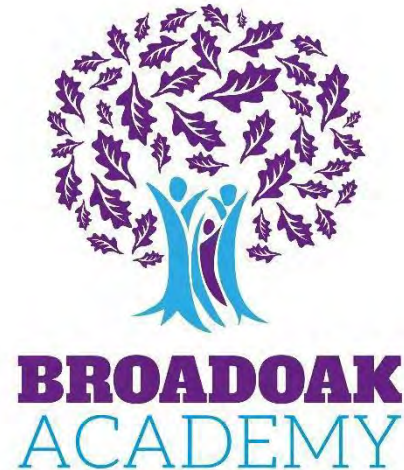
*Well done to all players
and keep up the good work.*



Introducing our Broadoak Academy Councillors

We have welcomed some new Academy Councillors to Broadoak this term. Our Academy Councillors are:

- Kathleen McGillicuddy – Principal
- Tony Searle – Senior Principal (CLF)
- Sue Marshall – Academy Council Chair
- Pat Horrigan – Academy Councillor
- Mike Lawford – Academy Councillor
- Becky Frise – Academy Councillor
- Clare Pearce – Academy Councillor
- James Wilmott – Academy Councillor (Parent)
- Miranda Pincott – Academy Councillor (Parent)
- Cath Back – Academy Councillor (Staff)
- Jackie Vernon – Academy Councillor (Student Advocate)



Key Dates for Terms 3 and 4

- Monday 6th January – INSET Day
- Tuesday 7th January – Students return to Broadoak
- Tuesday 14th January – Year 11 Parents Evening
- Thursday 30th January – Year 8 Parents Evening
- Monday 3rd February – Year 11 PPE Week
- Wednesday 5th February – Early finish for students 2.30pm
- Wednesday 12th February – Year 9 Preferences Evening
- Friday 14th February – End of Term 3
- Monday 24th February – Start of Term 4
- Tuesday 10th March – Year 10 Parents Evening
- Wednesday 18th March - Early finish for students 2.30pm
- Thursday 2nd April – End of Term 4
- Friday 3rd April – INSET Day

New Parent Email Address

We have a new email address for parents to contact Broadoak Academy:

parents@broadoakacademy.clf.uk

We ask that you no longer use our generic 'enquiries' email address to contact the school.

Parents/Carers can continue to contact us via School Gateway, phoning Reception on 01934 422000 or emailing the new email address.

Thank you.