

newsletter

The voice of Broadoak Academy

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The voice of Broadoak Academy

The rhythm of school life is a powerful beat!

What a fabulous term it has been – students have been getting back into the rhythm of school life and it has been an overwhelmingly positive full return to school. We are incredibly proud of how resilient and sensible Broadoak students are.

World Book Day was great fun with The BA Masked Reader creating excitement and laughter. From Mrs Meager's Motorcycle rider to Mr Knight's Penguin and right through to Mrs Godby's horse, staff threw themselves into ensuring students had fun and reengaged with the power of reading.

Year 11 have been impressive in their attitude towards GCSE course completion and their next steps. It has been really heartening to talk with parents and students over these past weeks and hear about the exciting post-16 courses students have now got confirmed and the ambition of where that may lead them. All power to our Year 11s – a great group!

Ms K McGillicuddy
Principal

News is coming in from Broadoak alumni all the time and we were really delighted to hear that Lottie Dadds (Year 11 in 2019) has been selected for the England Women's Under 18 Talent Development Group Rugby squad.

Congratulations to Lottie – what a role model for Broadoakers!

All students can look out for opportunities to influence across the academy via the Student Parliament in the coming term including student led responses to equality, diversity and the positive empowerment of young people.

Finally, a tremendous thank you to our team here at Broadoak and to our families in ensuring the delivery of lateral flow tests and the wearing of masks to help keep us safe. It has made a difference!



Lower School (Years 7 and 8)

Year Group Updates

Happy to be back!

I must say what a pleasure it has been to see all Year 7 and Year 8 students back in the building again. They have really embraced the 'new start' and not only are they happy to be with their friends again, they are also highly motivated and seem to be really enjoying their learning.

Mr Knight & Mrs Hambley
Head of Assistant Head
Lower School of Lower School

School Routines

It has been great to see the vast majority of students fitting back into our school routines.

- High standards of uniform
- Punctuality
- 100% attendance
- Excellent behaviour for learning

**Well done to our
Year 7 and Year 8 students!**

Core Curriculum

Year 7 students have been studying the novel 'Trash' in English whilst getting to grips with ratio and proportion in Maths. They have been learning about microbes and disease, energy stores and transfers and reproduction in Science.

Year 8 students have been studying Romeo and Juliet in English, fractions, decimals and percentages in Maths and metals and reactivity and evolution in Science.

Stars of the Week

The following students have all been chosen as 'Stars of the Week' by their tutors. They have been rewarded with a certificate and chocolate!

Lucy W, Monty R, Amelia D, Ben H, Harrison J, Charlie T, Sydney A, Ella B, Liam W, Will S, Dillan A, Ethan B, Fred S, Excellent I, Joseph R, Alex C, Leah I and Sacha M.



100% Attendance

The following students were all winners in their tutor groups in a raffle for students with 100% attendance in a week:

Demi B, Anna D, Lewis P, Jessica C, Ruby P, Alicia C, Neo B, Stan B, Josh A, Lincoln H, Hannah M, Toby P, Maisie P, Harry B, Vajra V, Jamie W, Tommy Z, Louie H, Myesha U, Livvy H, Theo H, Finley S





Year 9 Update

The Year 9 pod staff will never forget the crisp Spring day when we finally welcomed our students back after such a long and challenging lockdown. So much has happened since then. We could not be prouder of our young people who have been through Covid testing in such a mature and helpful way, worn their masks without complaint, sanitised their hands willingly and received their education in one classroom all day with stoicism. They have certainly gained in community spirit and consideration for others, in resilience and kindness over these weeks.

Life for year 9 is always varied and we would like to thank the Science Faculty for marking science week with us and the Maths Faculty for Pi day. World Book Day was celebrated by the Masked Reader – teachers reading extracts from their favourite books – in disguise! Good fun was had by all.

We are all happy to be looking ahead to exciting times. The Year 9 pod team are looking forward to welcoming everyone back for the Summer term. Have a good break.

*Mrs Downes
Head of Year 9*

DofE for Year 9 - The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) scheme is now well underway. It has been wonderful to see so many Year 9 students sign up for this demanding and prestigious award. The DofE team are really pleased with the students' enthusiasm and determination. Sessions will continue on a Tuesday at 3pm after Easter.

GCSE Dance - This week a Dance taster session went ahead after school for students who have opted to do dance GCSE and those who are interested in finding out more about the subject. Already 18 students have signed up – all girls so far – so come on boys... Get your dancing shoes on!

GCSE Preferences - All of Year 9 have now chosen their preferences for GCSE. This is always a rewarding time of year as we discuss futures and opportunities for post-16. Please be assured that we will do everything we can to give our students the best options for them. We are now starting work on modelling the timetable for next year. Please be patient as this takes some time and we will not be in a position to confirm choices until later in the Summer Term.

Vaccinations have been in the news headlines for some time now and we have been looking into the history of vaccinations and talking about the vaccinations which Year 9 received this week. Students have been interested to find out about how vaccinations impact our lives and the protection they will be receiving.

Making Healthy Choices

PSHE this term has been on the theme of making healthy choices. In spite of the images of teenagers portrayed in the media, the statistics show that the current generation are making healthier choices than ever. We regularly discuss mental health issues and coping strategies in a mature and honest way which is a credit to our young people. We have explored a new mental health campaign run by 'Kooth' called 'Don't Do it Alone'. Please take some time to have a look at this if you are interested in finding out more about support services for the mental health of our young adults.



Year 10 Update

Year 10 have shown immense resilience and adaptability in their return to the building this term. They have been busy with coursework, assessed performances, tests in class and much more. Their hard work is paying off and their teachers have showered them in praise for our Celebration Assembly this week.

Please make sure you complete your homework over the Easter break as it will be crucial revision for all of your subjects, but also ensure you have a real, deserved break.

Miss Kissane
Head of Year 10



Year 10 students receiving a prize for 100% attendance in the Attendance Challenge – well done to you all!

Year 11 Update

A huge well done from me as your Head of Year for all the work you have put in throughout Term 3 and 4. I am very proud to call myself your Head of Year.

There is a matter of weeks left before you finish so I do encourage you to keep revising and working over Easter. The end is near!

You will have a well earned rest now for two weeks so please make sure you do spend some time switching off and try not to feel anxious about your return in mid-April. There are so many positive things happening in Year 11 at the moment.

This year has absolutely flown by and I'm sure the forthcoming weeks will also fly by and you will leave Broadoak well equipped and ready for college and employment. Have a great Easter Year 11.

Mr Poulding
Head of Year 11

Year Group Updates



FUTURE PROOF





Year 11 Key Information

Focus and attendance:

Well done to so many Year 11 students for attending every day this term and being so focused in your lessons. I appreciate that this is a challenging time for you all, and I am so impressed with the attitude and focus of the vast majority of students. You have everything to work for - nothing is set; you have the opportunity to show your teachers your skills and knowledge so that you can aim for the best possible grades. Remember: future proof your qualifications for future choices you may want to make.

Next term, I will be setting up a Pizza Party for students nominated by 3+ teachers for their hard work and effort in class - so watch out for this reward.

Support for Assessment Point 2

Please check SMHW for the document I shared with guidance about what you should be revising and preparing for in each of your subjects for the next assessment point. You will also have two weeks after the Easter break to prepare in lessons for these assessments and a timetable will be shared with you after the holiday.

Period 7:

Study Group and subject specific support sessions will be running after Easter - please be prepared to stay on for the Period 7 opportunities which will be provided for you.

College and 6th Form Application and Next Steps Support:

You should have had a guidance meeting regarding your next steps and applications for college and 6th form. If you need any additional support, please speak to Mr Poulding or Ms Donaghue at the start of term.

Rest and relaxation:

Finally, make sure that you rest and have a good sleep as well as time with family and friends - adhering to the COVID rules! Get some fresh air and take time to relax. I will be walking Bumble the dog, reading some books and watching some epic 80s films with my family - my recommendations 'The Breakfast Club', 'Weekend at Bernie's' and a classic romance 'Pretty in Pink' ♡

See you after the holidays, Mrs Massey

A little tale...



Let's set sail to 'Successville'



Successville

Your FUTURE



Achievement Challenge Easter Treats Awarded

During Term 4 we set all Broadoak Academy students the challenge to earn as many achievement points as they could. On the last day of term, Ms McGillycuddy surprised students during tutor time to award the prizes for the most achievement points earned...

Congratulations to all of our students!



Well done to the winners!

Overall achievement point earned from 8th-31st March...
Jess H in Year 9

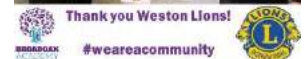
Thank you to the Weston Lions for donating the amazing massive Easter Egg for the star prize!

Most achievement points earned this week:

- Year 7 - Anna
- Year 8 - Alicia
- Year 9 - Adrianna
- Year 10 - Max and Hugo (*joint winners - fortunately they are great friends!*)
- Year 11 - Daniel



Thank you Weston Lions!
 #wearecommunity





Extra Curricular Activities Return After Easter!

A full range of extra curricular activities including lunchtime and after school sessions in sports, skills and academic groups return to Broadoak Academy after the Easter Break...



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| Tuesday Lunch | Chess Club | Ms Gee | Please speak with Ms Gee |
| Tuesday Lunch | Mandarin for beginners | Mrs McDermott | Year 8 |
| Tuesday 3pm | D of E | Miss Lincoln | Year 9,10 and 11 DofE Students |
| Tuesday 3pm | Basketball | Mr Poulding | Please speak with Mr Poulding |
| Tuesday 3pm | Cricket | Mr Bird | Year 7 and Year 8 |
| Tuesday 3pm | Rounders | Mrs Ashby | Year 7 |
| Tuesday 3pm | Rounders | Mrs George | Year 8 |
| Thursdays | French Club | Ms Jeffery | Year 10 |
| Thursday 3pm | Rounders | Mrs George | Year 9 |
| Thursday 3pm | Rounders | Mrs Ashby | Year 10 |
| Thursday 3pm | Cricket | Mr Bird | Year 9, Year 10 |
| Thursday Lunch | Model UN | Mrs Massey | Year 10 |
| Friday Lunch | Latin | Ms McGillicuddy | Year 8 |



There will also be creative writing and a poetry society with Mr Oakwood – please see Mr Oakwood after Easter for more details.

More extra-curricular activities including the creative arts and performing arts will follow next term, please keep a look-out for more details!

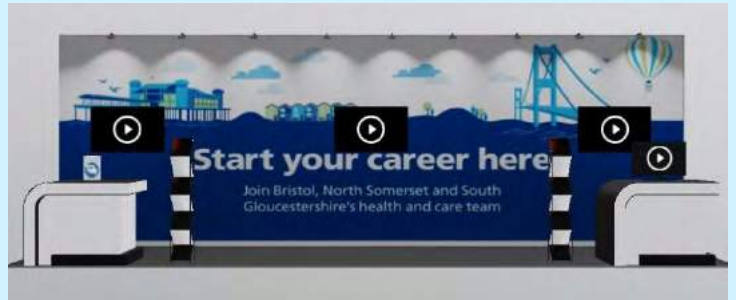


#2021CareersFest

Weston College Careers Fest for Year 10 went virtual this year... we had a total of 107 Broadoak Academy students attend the Weston College Careers Fest virtual event on Tuesday 2nd of March 2021.

As a result of our students' engagement and commitment to exploring their next steps and potential pathways we have been awarded a prize of a new Amazon Echo Dot from Weston College.

As part of the Careers Fest our lucky students had the opportunity to discover and engage with 31 different exhibitors and 17 guest speakers. This included some popular names such as Weston NHS Trust, EDF, Thatchers Cider, The Beauty Spot and Avon and Somerset Constabulary.



Careers Blog and Upcoming Events

Check out the Careers Blog on our Broadoak Academy website for the latest news and events for all year groups. On our careers blog we post:

- Upcoming careers events at local colleges and sixth form providers
- Nationally organised virtual careers events
- Work experience opportunities
- Careers ideas and advice
- Useful links to careers websites such as Career Pilot
- Speakers 4 Schools careers talks and Q&A sessions

www.broadoakacademy.clf.uk/blog/careers/





Year 9 Raising Aspirations 2021

What our students said:

Charley-Ann: It was easy to access. I really enjoyed it, thank you. The videos were interesting, especially the Avon wildlife trust videos and the museums. It was good to find out how to work there it would be a good idea to do it again for next year's year 9s.

Robbie: I think with access to get on the website was brilliant. I think all of the little videos were good because it gave us information about the different jobs.



The Event!

Raising Aspirations is the annual careers event for Year 9 students across the region, only this year for the first time, it was hosted virtually. *Raising Aspirations* is now in its eighth year and provides a combination of high-quality careers information, advice and guidance for students, supporting them with their career decision making and employability skills.

The event is organised by the CLF, together with other local partners, such as the *LikeToBe* virtual platform, the West of England Combined Authority, Bristol Works and the Department for Work & Pensions. The event this year was a huge success featuring pre-recorded and live streamed sessions, as well as motivational speakers and Q&As with a panel of careers advisers through a moderated forum.

ZONES

Business Zone

Education Zone

Employability Workshops

Inspiration Zone

Meet The Civil Service



What our students liked

Natasha: Aspirations day was an amazing way to look at different options for after secondary school. It was influential because they shared some of their stories and they explained how they got there and why they choose their career. After looking at the different videos I have some different ideas for what I want to do in life. This is because they explained what they did and how they could achieve their goal.

Jack: it was good because it helped me decide on my options. Also, it helped get an understanding of what is to come. Another point is that it showed a good perspective for my future. Lastly it showed what all lessons had to offer.



Uni Pathways – an insight into University Life

A small and wonderful group of Year 9 pupils attended the Launch Event of Uni Pathways, where they got to hear experiences of previous participants and learn about university through virtual university campus tours and videos from some current university students.

The Launch Event kicked off the Uni Pathways programme, which consists of 7 more after-school tutorials where the pupils will be learning about immunology from GCSE to University standard and will finish by receiving University grading on a 2000-word essay they have written.



Student's thoughts...

"It was fun! It was nice to learn about University and it was a great introduction to the Uni Pathways programme"
(Andrew 9S)

"University is less daunting than it's thought to be" (Guy 9S)

"It was fun to see the different Universities and explore the campuses without going there"
(Jess 9M)

"I liked learning about the Universities and what they do"
(Sophie 9M)

"I liked that we got to learn more about the University experience"
(Bartosz 9W)

"It was interesting to see what you do at University and the different stages that you go through" (Temusa 9B)

MATHS CHALLENGE

Pi Day in Maths...

Mathematicians around the world celebrate March 14th (3.14) as being Pi Day. The Maths Department at Broadoak Academy were excited to share the significance of this date with our students. Mr Hayward and Mrs McDermott made a video about Pi Day for students to watch during a tutor time. We challenged students to recite as many digits of pi as they could. We loved the enthusiasm and brilliance shown by our students in this task.

The competition was won by Paige in 9B (for reciting 130 digits of pi) and second place went to Rebecca in 7B (for reciting 100 digits).

Well done to everyone who took part!





'Broadoak Talks' returns in Term 5...

As you may have seen previously, during the lockdown earlier this year Broadoak Academy introduced a series of careers talks with professionals across different industries... These events were named by our students as 'Broadoak Talks'.

In January our Year 10 and 11 students met virtually with Susannah Shaw, CEO of Curzon Cinema in Clevedon to hear about her career journey working for Aardman Animations and as part of a BBC film crew.

In February we heard from Natasha Adams, Chief People Officer at Tesco PLC, who gave the students inspiring advice for interviews and their future careers.

Read more about these events on our website: [Broadoak Academy News](#)



MY JOB - RUNNING THE BEST CINEMA IN THE WEST



Upcoming 'Broadoak Talks' Events...

Broadoak Talks with Peter York – Monday 26th April 2021

Peter York is an author / journalist / broadcaster *and* a management consultant. Under both hats *the subject of social groupings and market segments is his major preoccupation*. His earliest and best-known description of a social group came in his best-selling 80s book 'The Official Sloane Ranger Handbook', which he co-authored with Ann Barr. Since then he has charted the fortunes of many elite groupings, from designers ('chic-graphique') to Television Types. He believes that while sociologists and market researchers are forever studying The Rest Of Us, the people at the top have escaped scrutiny for too long.



Peter started writing as Style Editor at Harpers & Queen and over the last 40 years he has produced a flood of broadsheet articles (including regular columns in The Sunday Times and The Independent) and 12 books including "Dictators Homes", "The Piccadilly Line" and "Authenticity is a Con" He has also contributed to television programmes from 'Newsnight' to Micky Flanagan's "Thinking Aloud on Class" and made some of his own like "Peter York's Hipster Handbook". His latest book, "The War Against the BBC" <https://www.penguin.co.uk/books/311/311439/the-war-against-the-bbc> is co-authored with Prof Patrick Barwise and published by Penguin and is a defence of the BBC against the groups who want to discredit and defund it. Peter is also President of the Media Society <https://www.themediasociety.com/>

Monday
26th April
2021
Year 10
and
Year 11

He will be talking about his life, career and his concerns with media literacy.

Students will have an opportunity to ask questions to Peter so start thinking about what you might like to learn or advice you might like to gain.

Look out for exciting news of a Broadoak Talks with a major TV star from the series 'It's a sin' coming soon...



Attendance at Broadoak Academy #SchoolEveryday

This term we have celebrated students with 100% attendance! Each week one student in each tutor group will win a prize... here are some of the lucky winners so far...

100% draw winners.
w/c 15/03/2021



100% draw winners.
w/c 22/03/2021



| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Demi 7B | Alicia 8B | Morgan 9B | Billy 10B | Sam 11B |
| Anna 7D | Neo 8D | Laura 9D | Jack 10D | Bartosz 11D |
| Lewis 7K | Stan 8K | Ewan 9K | Esmé 10K | Laura 11K |
| Jessica 7M | Josh 8M | Alex 9M | Max 10M | Achu 11M |
| Ruby 7S | Lincoln 8S | Oliver 9S | Joe 10S | Tyler 11S |
| | Hannah 8W | Freya 9W | Myles 10W | Amber 11W |

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Toby 7B | Tommy 8B | Harrison 9B | Alex 10B | Charlie 11B |
| Maisie 7D | Louie 8D | Abhijit 9D | Maisie 10D | Poppy 11D |
| Harry 7K | Myesha 8K | Kyle 9K | Izabella 10K | Daniel 11K |
| Varja 7M | Livvy 8M | Josh 9M | Owen 10M | Sienna 11M |
| Jamie 7S | Theo 8S | Robbie 9S | Taz 10S | Shona 11S |
| | Finley 8W | Bethany 9W | Tony 10W | Finley 11W |

Any student with 100% for the week (5 school days) will be entered,
The student drawn from each tutor group will win a prize!
New draw next week...
You have to be in it to win it!!!

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Attendance

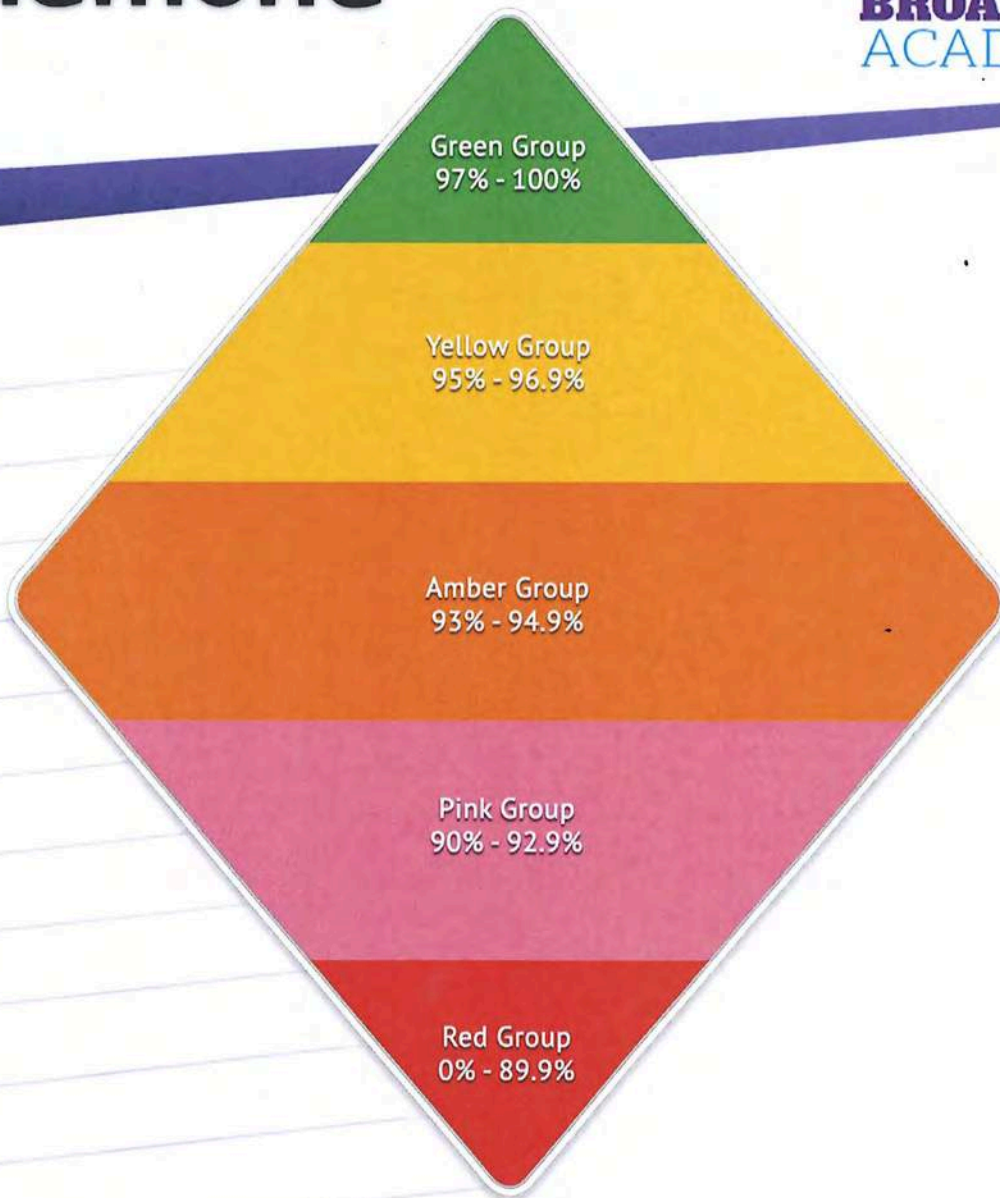


Remember attendance at school is very important! Please see the attendance diamond on the next page for more details...
#SchoolEveryday

Attendance Diamond



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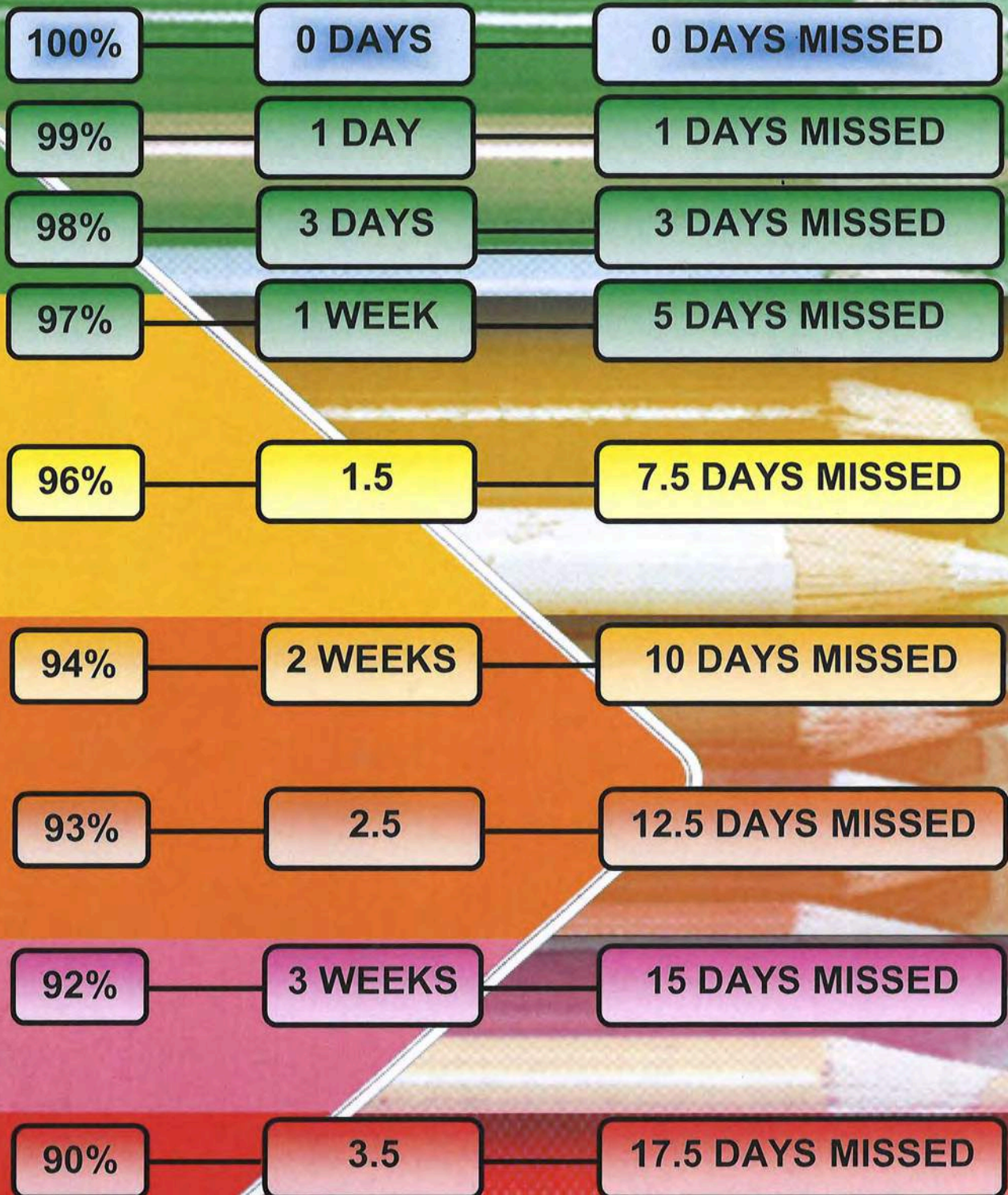


| Attendance Groups | |
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| Green | No risk |
| Yellow | Risk of underachievement |
| Amber | Serious risk of underachievement |
| Pink | Severe risk of underachievement |
| Red | Extreme risk - Court action |

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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MAXIMISE YOUR POTENTIAL.
ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY.



Broadoak Academy Student Parliament

Student parliament met virtually during Term 4 with a focus on their working groups and moving forward on these areas within the Academy:

- Prejudice and Discrimination
- LGBTQ+
- The Environment

Year group representative will be working with tutor representatives to create resources to be used to present assemblies, in tutor times and for displays around the school.

Student Parliament Year Group representatives were also presented with the Broadoak purple leaf with a 'L' for 'Leader'. Tutor representatives will receive their 'A' for Ambassador badges next term.



Year 7 Reps were happy to receive their badges #SmilingBehindTheMask



Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)

DofE leaders are incredibly proud of the progress made across Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 students with their DofE Bronze Award.

Year 9 DofE-ers have all made a fantastic start by identifying skills that they are going to develop over the next few months; they have managed to find opportunities to volunteer (which has been challenging during a lockdown) and they have decided on what physical activity they are going to commit to. We are looking forward to see lots of photos and hear about what they achieve over the Easter break.

Year 10 and Year 11 DofE-ers who started their award back in 2019 can finally start to look forward to their expedition again as we hope they will be able to complete this in the summer term. Please look out for an email to your school email address with details of virtual expedition training.



**DofE Sessions continue on a Tuesday
3-4pm on the field after Easter
starting on Tuesday 20th April 2021**



The Masked Reader – World Book Day at Broadoak

For World Book Day 2021 on Thursday 4th March 2021, Broadoak Academy staff and students celebrated our love for reading with our very own 'The Masked Reader'...

Did you work out who was behind the masks?

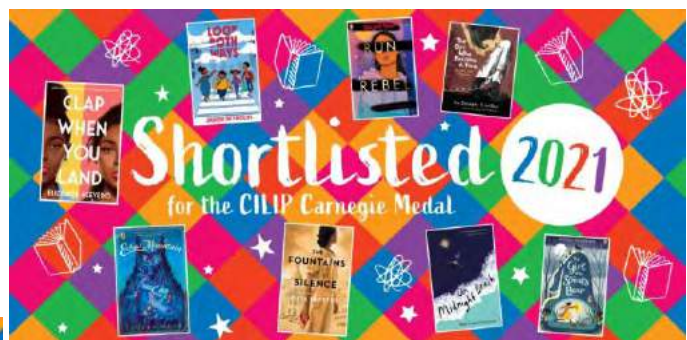
If you missed it you can still watch the videos on our Broadoak YouTube Channel here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EG_a0qxKqL4...



Carnegie Book Awards 2021

The CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals are the UK's oldest and best-loved children's book awards, recognising outstanding reading experiences created through writing and illustration in books for children and young people.



If any Broadoak Students are reading the Carnegie shortlist books please let your English Teacher know your thoughts!

The winners of the 2021 CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals will be announced on **Wednesday 16th June 2021**.



A sneak-peek around Broadoak Academy...

We thought our Broadoak community would like a sneak-peek around Broadoak Academy as you have not been able to visit for a while. We hope you enjoy these fantastic positive displays and we're sure you'll spot a few familiar faces...







Broadoak Alumni

We always enjoy hearing success stories from our former Broadoak students. During Term 5 we will be sharing stories of our Broadoak Alumni with our students and Broadoak community.

If you are a previous student of Broadoak Academy, it doesn't matter if you left 20 years ago or just last year, we would like to hear from you.

Please complete the form via this link and let us know all about your career path:

[Broadoak Alumni Form - to be completed by any past students of Broadoak Academy](#)

Please encourage any of your children who have left Broadoak in recent years to also complete the form to let us know what they have studied at college, sixth form, university or an apprenticeship.

We will be in touch by email to arrange some information from you about how your time at Broadoak has influenced your future.

Broadoak Academy Families... #weareacommunity

The Dadds Family: We would like to say a huge congratulations to two of our former Broadoak students, sisters Jess and Lottie Dadds, who have gone on to have successes in sport.

Jess finished Year 11 at Broadoak in Summer 2016 and now plays for Durham Sharks in the Allianz Premier 15s Rugby Union in the North East.



Lottie finished at Broadoak in Summer 2019 and has just been selected to be part of the England Women's Under 18 Talent Development Group Rugby squad! Read more about Lottie's achievement here:

<https://www.weston.ac.uk/news/rugby-royalty-academy-players-lottie-and-katie-join-england-u18s-tgd-squad>



We are hoping to do a regular 'spotlight' on our Broadoak families so if you would like to take part, please do get in touch on the form above!

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- Current Student
- Parent / Carer
- Staff Member
- Alumni (former student)
- Local resident
- Member of the Broadoak Academy community

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