

# newsletter

The voice of Broadoak Academy

November 2021



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*In this edition...*



**Broadoak House  
Festival**



**Charity Club starts  
Fundraising**



**STEM Leadership  
with the Army, Navy  
and RAF**



## Reconnecting again.

It was glorious to welcome back our young people after their summer break and set about a term in which reconnecting as a community took centre stage. For many young people this has been a welcome return to normality and for some a challenging time in which they learnt to socialise, interact and communicate appropriately within a busy educational setting once again.

We started the year using the fabulous stories of the Olympics to celebrate hard work and talent and also to highlight the road we still have to travel to make sure as a country and as a community we are anti-biased and anti-discrimination. Our thoughts turned to the fall of Afghanistan and the work of Refugees Welcome here in North Somerset. We also did some soul-searching work on misogyny in the aftermath of the Sarah Everard case – our young people approached this topic with maturity and a desire to work together to create a better future.

At a time of such change globally and emerging from such national disruption, it was useful to ensure all our community knows we stand for inclusion, for belonging and equality for all our young people.

Our end of term events and wonderful House Festival was a deliberate event designed to revisit these topics and support the wellbeing of our young people – fun and interaction on a large scale across the school in conjunction with partners such as Stand Up to Racism, the LGBTQ+ forum as well as the Army, Navy, Barnardos and Kooth. We hope this term provides even more rich opportunities to grow together.

**Ms K McGillicuddy  
Principal**

The voice of Broadoak Academy



# Lower School News – Year 7 and Year 8

Term 1 was a great success for our Year 7 and 8 students. The Year 7s have settled in really well and are now familiar with our routines and expectations. The Year 8s have been enjoying full access to the whole school for the first time since being here. It has been a joy to see them all embrace a full secondary experience!

## Summer Reading Challenge

We were delighted with the response of our Year 7 students to our Summer Reading Challenge. Each of our students were gifted a copy of the novel 'Wonder' by R J Palacio and were invited to read the book and complete some tasks based on what they had read during the Summer holiday. The response was overwhelming. More students than ever before completed the challenge to a very high standard.

Well done everyone!



## Attendance

There are a number of students who have managed to achieve 100% attendance for the whole of Term 1. Each week, one student from each tutor group receives a prize for being in school every day the week before. Well done to all of these students.

Congratulations to Year 7 who have the best attendance in the academy and in particular, 7D who managed a collective attendance of 95% for Term 1; no mean feat in these current times!

## Achievement Points

The following students were in the top 3 in their tutor groups for achievement points gained.

Year 7	Year 8
Thomas A	Sunny H
Taro M	Demi B
Jayson D	Breeze G
Logan E	Maisie P
Liam W	Sienna W-V
Ethan W	Johnny C
Scarlett H	Papillon H
Anikah U	Caleb N
Samuel P	Jessica C
Hannah U	Vajra V
Rhys F	Katie F
Amanda P	Neve D

**A big well done to 7K who accrued a grand total of 2522 points.**

**Winners in Year 8 were 8D who achieved 1439 points.**

## Congratulations!

### A Star for the Future of Football

Chester in 8M trains with Weston Football Club Academy every week as well as playing grass roots football for Hutton. Recently Chester has been moved up to the WFCFA under 14's team and has a hugely successful weekend of matches where he scored 3 hat tricks in one weekend!

*Well done to Chester, keep playing brilliantly!*

### Fairtrade Competition

**Well done to Lilymay in 8M** who designed a Fairtrade Bag for a competition run by Weston Town Council. Lilymay came runner up and received a £10 book voucher!

Here is Lilymay's fantastic entry...



*It is great to celebrate our students' successes both in and out of Broadoak Academy so please do let us know if there is something you would like to share with us by telling your tutor or email [parents@broadoakacademy.clf.uk](mailto:parents@broadoakacademy.clf.uk)*





## Year 9 News and Updates from Term 1

Mr Hayward, Head of Year 9



### Into University Events

We have had a couple of cracking “Into University” events in Year 9 this year. The Into University team are an organisation that come in to school to work with students on what University could look like for them and the benefits it could bring.

In our most recent event, the team set up in the LRC for the day and two groups of 30 Year 9 students came to work with them for a couple hours at a time. The students loved this and learnt so much in the process. One student approached me after the event to tell me that they had learnt about different communication strategies that can be effective in different settings. They said that they found this really informative and would use what they learnt as soon as they next get the opportunity. I know that they were not the only one as well!

### Bristol Bears for Year 9

A group of Year 9 students at BA are taking part in the Bright Sparks programme run by Bristol Bears.

Bright Sparks is a sport-based education and intervention programme that uses the unique values and ethics of rugby union to effectively engage and inspire young people to make the most of their personal/educational opportunities.



### A real community spirit

Over the course of Term 1 Year 9 students have been working well together to bring a community spirit to the year group.

I am proud, as Head of Year 9, of how so many of our students show, on a daily basis, how they feel that they belong to our year group and our school.

In doing so this creates an environment where new students are quickly made to feel like they belong in Year 9 at Broadoak as well.

This was encouraged by a focus on ‘Belonging’ in our PHSE lessons where students took part in a survey to show the different ways they are part of Broadoak Academy.

### House Celebration Day

On the last day of term we had our inaugural house celebration day which Year 9 got truly stuck into!

Students across the year group threw themselves into this opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed the day’s events which ranged all the way from curling to meditation.

This was a chance for students in Year 9 to get to know some students from different years and some have maintained these new friendships across year groups since this!



# Year 10 News

## Term 1

What a great first term Year 10 have had.

We welcomed back our students who were all raring to go!

We have enjoyed activities including team building and archery at Mendip Outdoors to build communication skills and confidence.

A group of Year 10 visited Wessex water to understand where our water comes from and how it is cleaned and reused. We also learnt about apprenticeship and work experience opportunities.

Well done to all students involved who represented the Academy brilliantly.



### Assemblies

We have welcomed external agencies and organisations to come and talk to us this term about lots of different issues.

St Giles came to see us about keeping ourselves safe around violence and knife crimes.

We had lots of information from Barnados around staying safe and looking after ourselves physically and mentally. We will be working closely with Barnados over the next few months.

We have celebrated all of our achievements in special year group assemblies and lots of house points have been earned which have been celebrated in our special house assemblies too!

We have also been attending after school clubs which have proved really popular.

### Term 2 for Year 10

Year 10 are already showing they are ready for term 2!

This term we are looking forward to working with the Into Universities team who are helping us to think about our futures and what we might like to choose to do.

Groups of Year 10 students are also looking forward to a visit to Weston College to try out our catering skills, and to visiting Thatchers to learn about their apprenticeships.

Our attendance and achievement points across the year are looking great and we hope to continue this all through Term 2.



## Year 11 Celebrations for Term 1

What a fantastic first term we have had. Year 11s have stepped up to the mark and demonstrated excellence across the board!

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 Year 11s attended their first taster day at Winterstoke Hundred Academy (WHA) where they discussed the prospects of post 16 education. WHA staff were thrilled by the attentiveness of our pupils at Broadoak Academy and mentioned that they were lovely guests and more than welcome to come along to their next Open Event with parents on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 4pm-6pm. Pupils represented the highest standards that we have come to expect from them in Year 11. **Well done!**

After rigorous interviews with a panel of diverse stakeholders we have now appointed our Lead prefects! A huge congratulations to our newly elected **Lead Prefects: Covenant and Dan** and our **Deputy Lead Prefects: Izzy and Hugo**.

Year 11s have also been involved in many extracurricular successes including a fantastic performance by Weston Rugby Club against Clevedon. It was great hearing about so many Broadoak-ers representing their local club!

Also well done to Owen B who was involved in refereeing a youth game as an official North Somerset referee - brilliant!



**Mr Thorp-Greenwood**  
**Head of Year 11**

### What's next for year 11?

#### PPEs

Upon return to the Academy following Half Term Year 11 have begun their second set of Pre Public Examinations (PPEs) This involves a set of examinations across the curriculum. Each student has been provided with a timetable containing the dates and times for each assessment and work has been provided on Show my Homework to support them in their preparation.

#### Moving on day-25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Moving on day is an opportunity for Year 11 pupils to experience post 16 interviews with educators from some of our local colleges and sixth forms. In preparations for this day pupils will complete PSHE lessons focussed on CV writing, application writing and interview preparation.

#### Weston College Taster Day-2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

To support year 11 pupils in making informed decisions about their next steps after Broadoak Academy, we have organised a trip to visit Weston college where students will have time to experience and ask questions about the courses and provisions.

#### Year 11 Parents Evening- 8<sup>th</sup> December- 4-7pm

Year 11 Parents Evening will be held early in the year to keep parents/guardians informed about the academic successes and support required upon reviewal of their PPEs results.





## Spruce House!



*I am very proud to be House Champion of Spruce House. There are over 35 different species of Spruce which all look different but belong together in the same genus, which parallels how we are all unique individuals but belong together in the community of Spruce House. Our house value is "inclusivity" - we are passionate about treating everybody equally and with respect, whilst celebrating our differences.*



**Dr Sneezum  
Spruce House  
Champion**

Hello Spruce Stars! Following on from last term's House Festival, I am very excited to introduce myself as the new Spruce house champion! My name is Dr Sneezum and I am a Science teacher here at Broadoak.

My favourite thing about the House Festival was finally getting our new Spruce community to meet – seeing you all do so well in the community assembly quiz and gathering tons of positive feedback from teachers leading your sessions, I finished the day beaming, knowing our house is strong and full to the brim of fantastic people. We have may come last in this festival but fear not – everyone loves the underdog and we have 5 more house festivals for the rise of Spruce to happen!

Quick competition – who can think of the best nickname for the members of our house? Current options are Sprucers or Spruce Stars...

## Beech House!

Hello everyone! What a fantastic term it has been here at Broadoak. We were able to get fully underway with the new house system with a house festival at the end of the first term.

Each house took part in a variety of activities throughout the day. Beech kicked off with sport and we had students playing table tennis, volleyball and curling! Then we went to the 'wellness' area where students did mindfulness colouring, baking and craft activities to help them relax after a long term of hard work.

After break we had a community quiz which tested Beech house on their knowledge of Weston, the history of Broadoak and alumni. We then went to the 'resilience area' where many students were involved in a rap workshop which landed us 350 house points!

Throughout the day we had various netball and football tournaments, where the students were able to let their competitive sides out. Year 9 Football and Netball teams were triumphant.

I was so proud of the positive energy and competitive spirit shown by Beech and even though we didn't win this term, there's always the Christmas house festival!



**Miss Jeffery  
Beech House Champion**



## Whitebeam House!

What team? Whitebeam! Hello my lovely Whitebeamers! I am Miss Haines, your House Champion and Humanities teacher here at Broadoak Academy.

What.A.Term. You absolutely smashed it Whitebeam and I am so proud of each and every one of you. Your hard work led us to victory during the House Festival on the last day of term so congratulations to all of you for being Broadoak's champions – I've just about stopped shaking now from when the results were announced.

Watching everyone take part in the House Festival made me want to burst with pride. Some of you got very crafty making all sorts – I particularly remember the spooky bats – many of you got stuck into activities which tested your resilience, from performing speeches to conducting an investigation. A huge shout out is well deserved to all of those who volunteered to represent Whitebeam in netball and football competitions, you did me proud.

Some extra shout outs for hard work, dedication, progress and kindness for: Thomas (10B), Amy (10S), Faron (10K), Leon (10S), Maisie (9D), Beau (9K), Eva (9D), Karina (8D), Lucy (8B), Noah (7B) and Daisy (7M).

Thanks to you, my Whitebeamers, and the amazing staff here at Broadoak Academy the House Festival was an amazing day. As I said, you all smashed it so let's go for round 2 this term!



**Miss Haines**  
**Whitebeam**  
**House Champion**

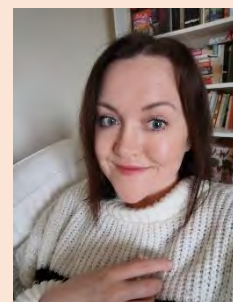
## Chestnut House!

Wow Chestnutters - what a term and what a nail-biting finish to Term 1's House Festival!

I was brimming with pride for you all on the day and it hasn't stopped since. From the fantastic attitudes displayed in our first house assembly in the morning, to all the glowing praise I received throughout the day, to all the competitions that you showed excellence in - I couldn't be a prouder house champion.

Even though I have not quite recovered from the trauma of coming second only by one, single point, I think we can hold our heads high for putting on an epic performance.

We now have the term ahead to reclaim our rightful place at number one in time for Christmas!



**Miss Evans**  
**Chestnut House Champion**





## House Festival – A Huge Success!

Our last day of Term 1 was our first Broadoak Academy House Festival to celebrate the 4 new houses we have introduced – Beech, Chestnut, Spruce and Whitebeam.

Students tried new activities for Getting Active, Wellbeing, Culture, Resilience and Community.

House points were awarded throughout the day and the overall winners were Whitebeam!

*Read more about the activities in the next few pages...*

	Beech	Spruce	Whitebeam	Chestnut
Getting active	Wellbeing	Culture	Community	
Wellbeing	Community	Resilience	Culture	
Culture	Resilience	Wellbeing	Getting active	
Community	Culture	Getting active	Resilience	
Resilience	Getting active	Community	Wellbeing	



## Show Racism the Red Card

As well as our House Festival, Wednesday 20th was an important day as we marked **Wear Red Day 2021 to show Racism the Red Card**.

Staff and students wore an item of red to show our support and Mrs Onslow started the day with a whole school assembly



## House Festival – Creativity

We are a creative lot at Broadoak Academy and during the house festival students and staff really enjoyed wellbeing sessions focusing us on craft and baking!



If you enjoyed the creative activities, join our Craft Club every Thursday after school – speak to Miss Kissane!





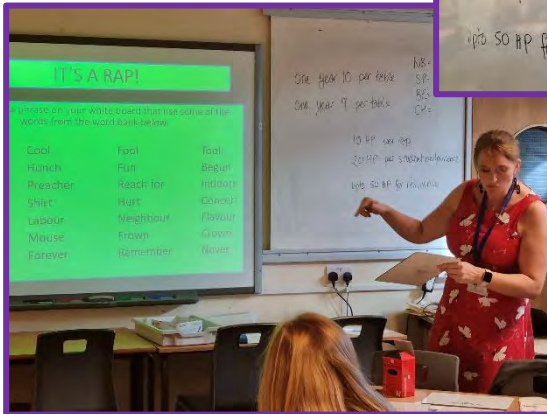
# House Festival – Resilience

Students had a brilliant day developing skills of resilience through a range of means... including a maths escape room and composing a rap!

Extra house points for those who went the extra mile for Ms Aves!



10 HP per RBP  
20 HP per student performance  
400 50 HP for resilience

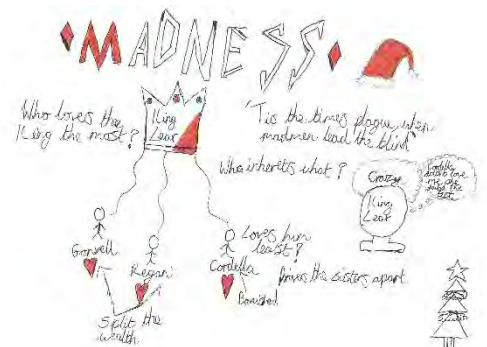
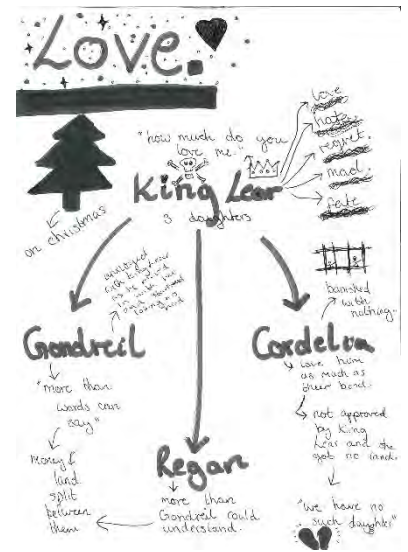
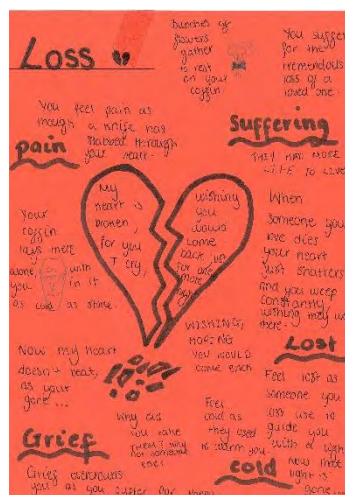


## Student ideas to help develop resilience

- **Having a positive attitude**
- **Finding good friends**
- **Feeling good about yourself**
- **Feeling like you belong**
- **Talking to your family**

# House Festival - Culture

Another theme was culture. During our house festival we studied Lear, sang along to some classics as well as understanding festivals and celebrations in other cultures than our own!







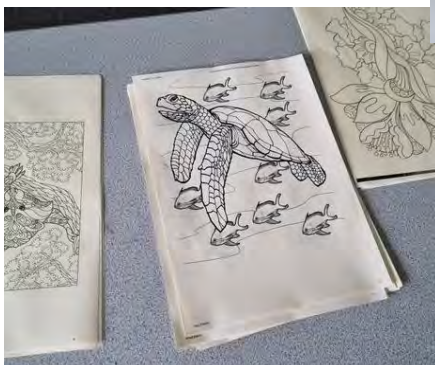
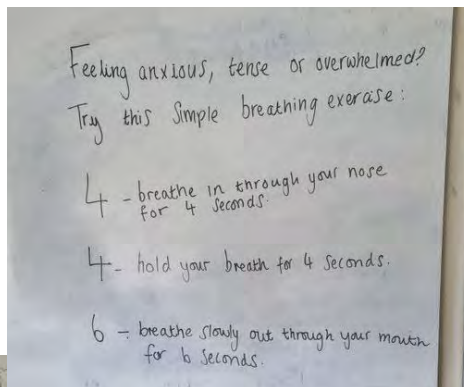
## House Festival – Getting Active

Getting active was a major theme at the house festival. We had the fab Bristol Bears joining us as well as fitness classes, yoga, curling, volleyball, football, netball, table tennis and much more...



## House Festival - Wellbeing

Wellbeing sessions during our House Festival were focused on mindful colouring as well as how we can use our breathing to remain calm. Bats and pumpkins Jack-o-lantern were a theme... also, in origami class we had a house point for every crane we crafted!



## North Somerset LGBT+ Forum

During our house festival we welcomed our local colleagues from North Somerset LGBT+ Forum to visit us.

The charity is a local LGBT+ charity for the community of North Somerset and their allies.

Email [support@nslgbtforum.com](mailto:support@nslgbtforum.com) for all enquiries and to find out what's going on in your area.







## Charity Club

A massive well done to Year 9 fundraising club who raised over £40 for their chosen charities during the House Festival and have made big plans for the next year.

The term started with deciding on three charities to support:

- **Feed the homeless Weston**
- **Secret World Wildlife Sanctuary**
- **UNICEF**

They decided on a Halloween Raffle and a 'Trick or Treat' stand and are looking forward to a Christmas market at the end of Term 2.

Their teamwork and organisational skills have been incredible to watch, and their ideas are outstanding, so watch this space for more fun, whilst raising money for brilliant causes.

*Well done to all involved and keep up the good work!*



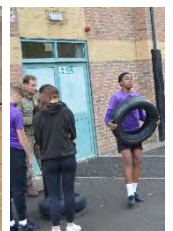
**Speak to Miss Rix if you'd like to join Charity Club!**



## Armed Forces at Broadoak

During Term 1, the Army, Navy and RAF visited Broadoak for an Armed Forces Day.

Students in Year 7 and Year 9 took part in various activities to build their teamwork, communication, leadership and STEM skills.





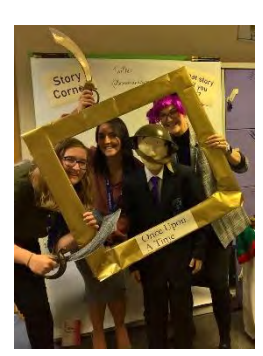


## Year 6 Open Events and Virtual Visits

We saw so many Year 6 families visiting Broadoak Academy throughout September and October as they looked to make their Secondary School choices. Our Broadoak students were fantastic ambassadors for the school during a range of events including Open Evening, Virtual Visits to Primary Schools and Open Morning Tours.

The feedback we received from the families and Primary Schools was excellent and they were thrilled to see the students who left them in July settled into Year 7 so well. It is really reassuring for Year 6 pupils to see people they know in Year 7 – it helps them with one of the biggest steps in education they will take.

Here are some photos of our Open Events this year...







## DofE Year 10 and Year 11 Expedition – The Quantocks

For 34 students across Year 10 and Year 11 and 8 members of staff, a weekend in September was spent hiking and camping in the Quantock Hills as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

Groups of students planned a route, their meals and what kit to take and hiked without any guidance across the Quantocks, thankfully this time round the weather was just right!

Awards were given out to groups and individuals including Best Team Name (The Bucket Hat Boys) to Most Resilient Individual (Evelyn), Most looking forward to being back in a proper bed (Maxy), Top Chef (Matt S), Top Explorers (Group 1), Best 3 Course Meal (Zion) and so many more! We look forward to giving out the actual Bronze DofE Awards once all of your sections are completed and assessor reports uploaded – **well done to you all!**



### Year 9 Bronze Award

Year 9 students are now signed up for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

DofE sessions run every Tuesday at 3pm in D6 (Miss Kasht's room) and over the next few weeks we will be doing:

- Programme planners
- Activity ideas and assessors
- eDofE logins and set up
- Activity logs and evidence

Need help with your DofE Sections?

- **Volunteering** – [see activity ideas](#)
- **Physical** – [see activity ideas](#)
- **Skill** – [see activity ideas](#)

There are lots of useful videos on the [DofE YouTube Channel](#)

**Ask a DofE Leader!**

It's really important you come along or let your DoE Leaders know if you aren't able to!

Expedition information will follow in early 2022.



## Uphill Juniors Football Club

Our newly formed Uphill Juniors FC is going from strength to strength! We have over 58 children aged between 4 and 12 who train with us at Broadoak Academy every Thursday.

Our Under 12's team have played a number of matches and continue to go from strength to strength - learning to play together, having fun and smiling all the way. At Uphill Juniors we believe that everyone should get their chance to play football and be included. We make match days fun and always celebrate at the end by showing kindness to our opposition whatever the score, shaking hands and our captain giving them a bag of sweets.

Not only do we have some fantastic players, we also have a range of community partners. Weston College have placed two Sport students with us this week and we have two coach profiles to celebrate from Broadoak Academy - Beth one of our successful alumni and Tobi a current student. Both will be collecting their coaching licences soon - partially funded by the club in return for their voluntary service to supporting young people.

Remember we are still welcoming new players anytime (first month free, after this low cost football!)  
 Ages 4 - 9 come along at 6pm.  
 Ages 10 - 12 come along at 7:15pm - 8:30pm.



If you are interested in playing, coaching, sponsoring or being involved with this inclusive club serving the Bournville, Oldmixon, Devonshire Road, Uphill and Seafrent please email:

[uphilljuniors.fc@gmail.com](mailto:uphilljuniors.fc@gmail.com)

**Follow us on social media:**  
 Facebook: @Uphilljuniorfootballclub  
 Twitter : @FcUphill





## Academy Council Parent Election

Following the letter sent on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021, the Academy has 3 nominations for the role of Parent Councillor. An election will now take place. Letters will be given out to students this week with a ballot paper which must be returned to the Academy by 4pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021. A ballot box is located at Reception. If you wish to post your ballot paper to the Academy, please clearly mark the external envelope with 'Ballot paper, Parent Councillor Election' so that it is put in the ballot box unopened.

<p><b>Candidate A</b> <b>Jason Windsor Adams</b></p> <p>I've been a School governor at Windwhistle Primary school since March 2017 This role involves being a site governor and a health and safety governor, chairing meetings, hiring members of staff, disciplinary's and pupil exclusions.</p> <p>I've also been volunteering at the school for trips since 2016 and also sit on the PAWS parents at Windwhistle school committee. Where I was able to raise £1100 from selling ice lollies.</p> <p>My work background has been mostly in management this consists of retail and food. I also worked for Esso where my role was a safety officer and management.</p>	<p><b>Candidate B</b> <b>Kaja May</b></p> <p>After gaining degrees from Bath Spa &amp; Bristol Universities, I have worked as a Peripatetic Music Teacher at schools across North Somerset for 25 years. I've also been Secretary to the Weston Light Orchestra since 2015. As the parent of a new year 7 pupil, and in my teaching career, I care greatly about the standards we maintain for our children and the skills we provide them with as they enter the ever-changing world of work.</p>	<p><b>Candidate C</b> <b>Nicola Jones</b></p> <p>My son has just started Year 7 at Broadoak and I'd love to support his journey in any way I can.</p> <p>My background is in training, HR and law - all skills I hope will be useful to the school. I'm a single mum and I work in the front office of a local primary school.</p>
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## Staff News

This school year we have welcomed many new colleagues to Broadoak Academy including teacher trainees in Science, Maths, Performing Arts, Computer Science, History and English.

On INSET day we held 'Celebrations' of staff successes in Term 1 including our 'Heros' and our 'Quality' Teams – including chocolate prizes and puns from Mrs Onslow!

Staff also took part in a sorting ceremony to join a House Team and then took part in some friendly competitions including a House Quiz, Table Tennis and Dodgeball – House Points were earned by all!



**Key Dates**

## Dates for the Diary

### Term & Holiday Dates

Here you will find dates for Terms 2 and Term 3. For full term dates and events throughout the year please see the Broadoak Academy website.

**Term 2**

First day of term for students	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
Last day of term for students	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
INSET Dates	

**Term 3**

First day of term for students	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Last day of term for students	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
INSET Dates	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Term 2 Key Dates**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 PPEs

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Year 9 Parents Evening

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 Moving On Day (in school)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Year 11 Weston College Taster Day

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Year 11 Parents Evening

Keep an eye on your emails and SMHW for details of our Christmas Events.

Full Term Dates for 2021-22 can be found on our website:

<https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/term-dates/>