

newsletter

The voice of Broadoak Academy



What a start to Term 1 of the new year!

Lots of new students joining our Broadoak family, and not just our new Year 7. A buzzing and vibrant Open Evening followed by the same with our Open Mornings. Curriculum and SEND parent events, a plethora of House Assemblies including the introduction of the new House Championship.

The opening of our new nurture and inclusion area –

The Branch. Finally, lots of individual success stories with several of our wonderful students taking part in competitions in and out of school, across various events and disciplines... and, we are only four weeks in!

A huge well done to our Year 7 and 11 students in particular. They have made an excellent start to the year and will, no doubt, grow and achieve more and more as the year progresses.

It is also important to highlight to our parents/carers other key developments. We have spent most of our INSET Days and subsequent Wednesday afternoon professional development sessions building on and fine tuning our practice around teaching and learning. Parents, carers and children on Open Morning tours had the delight of seeing this in action, with fantastic learning going on throughout the academy.


I continue to be immensely proud of our young people, of the support we get from our families and of our staff here at school. **We value 'Time', we show 'Courage', we make the right 'Choice'..... because we are Broadoak!**





Welcome Back Broadoak Families

Our Broadoak students have been brilliant since their return to school in September. We have also enjoyed being back in touch with our Broadoak families and local community. Here is just one of the great messages we have received from a Broadoak family this term:

 *has had the best time today. He was so happy as am I. He said the favourite thing today was PSHE. It was great to get this text too – so encouraging and aimed at the children. I also really appreciated the call before he even started from Ms Jackson to check how he was feeling on Friday. I cannot tell you how amazing you all have been we are so pleased to have chosen Broadoak! (Year 7 Parent)*

To make sure you are receiving all communications from Broadoak, please make sure we have your up-to-date mobile number and email address.

Messages are sent via our Schoolcomms system which can also be accessed via the School Gateway app...

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- Excellent messaging system
- A downloadable App for iPhones and android phones for free messaging (please see details below)
- Parents/carers can reply to emails and texts for **free when the App has been downloaded**
- We can send you (and your child) their timetables electronically
- View your child's attendance, behaviour, achievements, timetables and reports online.



In order that we can best communicate with you, and so that you will be able to reply to us *for free* please download the App called ‘School Gateway’. This can be done on any smartphone or via any relevant App store. Follow the easy steps:

1. Search for ‘School Gateway’ in the Apple App store/Google Play or go to: www.schoolgateway.com/apple (iPhones) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android phones)
2. Install the app and if you’re asked, say yes to ‘Allow Push Notifications’
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select ‘new user’ and enter the email address and mobile number you have registered with the school
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you. As soon as you’ve got the system set up all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app and you’ll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

You can also log onto Schoolcomms on a computer, laptop, tablet or any other device by going to www.schoolgateway.com click on new user, enter your email address and mobile phone number. A PIN will then be sent via text to your phone, you will need this PIN to login.

Any problems please don’t hesitate to us on 01934 422000 or email: parents@broadoakacademy.clf.uk



Curriculum Information Evenings

This term we are holding information evenings for parents and carers to have the opportunity to find out about and understand the topics your child will be learning

about this year, and to find out how and when they will be assessed and how you can help. It is also an opportunity to talk face to face and ask any questions you may have. We had a successful Year 7 and Year 8 event earlier this week with over 70 families joining us. We look forward to seeing lots of you for the upcoming Year 9, 10 and 11 events in the next 2 weeks.

<https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/letters/year-9-and-10-curriculum-evening-invite/>

Curriculum Information Evenings

Year 7 and Year 8 – Tuesday 20th September 5.30–6.30pm
 Year 9 and Year 10 – Tuesday 27th September 5.30–6.30pm
 Year 11 – Tuesday 4th October 5.30–6.30pm

SEND Support Parent and Carer Event

It was great to see so many of our families for our SEND support event this week. Mrs Charman and the Student Support Team were available to speak with parents about support available inside and outside the classroom, access arrangements for KS4 and our dyslexia friendly award.

SEND Support Parent and Carer Event

Thursday 22nd September 4-5pm

Find out about:
 Our Student Support Team
 Dyslexia Friendly Bronze Award
 Access Arrangements for KS4

NORTH SOMERSET

[North Somerset Parents and Carers Working Together](#) also joined us to share the wider support available for families.

Did you attend? Please complete this [Feedback Form](#) to help us tailor our Term 3 and Term 6 events!





Open Events

Broadoak students were fantastic ambassadors during our recent Open Evening. Year 11 tour guides received some outstanding feedback and other students were brilliant setting up a languages café in MFL, teaching drumming in Music, showing off their skills in Maths, challenging Year 6s to challenges in Humanities and engaging families in exciting science experiments.



Our Open Morning Tours have also been very popular with over 20 families joining us this week for a visit with Mr McGilloway. If you haven't yet had the chance to visit, please do call Reception on 01934 422000 to book a tour.

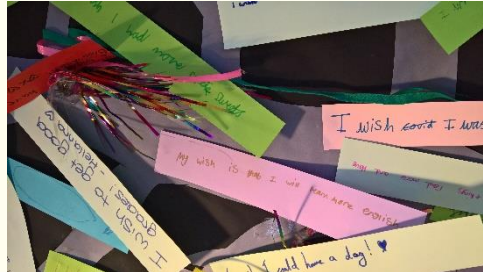


Wish Tree

Our English team created a wish tree with visitors during our open evening where Year 6 students could add a wish for secondary school. We had some lovely 'leaves' added including...

"I wish that I will learn more English"

"I wish to get good grades"



Maths Challenge Winner

During Open Evening our Maths department challenged visitors to guess the number of sweets in the jar as part of an estimation challenge... there were 180 sweets in the jar. The winner was Braulio from Christ Church Primary School who guessed 184 sweets!



Fundraising for Rwanda

You may remember that back in 2018-2020 our former Broadoak Principal, Ms McGillycuddy was fundraising for a trip to help a community in Rwanda to build a school. Thanks to all the staff, students and families who helped to fundraise, the classrooms were built in Summer 2022. You can read the full story and see photos from Ms McGillycuddy on our website here: <https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/news/broadoak-academy-supports-fundraising-for-rwanda-community/>





Introducing the House Championship

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**BROADOAK
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5 elements



Sports Cup

Community Rose Bowl

House Points Shield

Enrichment Trophy

Above and Beyond Plate

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The House Championship

The all-new House Championship has officially started! The second week of term saw students gather in their houses for an assembly that introduced the House Championship. Students have the opportunity to contribute to their House every day, by gaining points towards any of the 5 elements that make up the competition: **the Sports Cup; Community Rose Bowl; House Points Shield; Enrichment Trophy; and the Above and Beyond Plate**. These different elements allow students to contribute to their House in various ways, allowing all the different strengths of students to shine.

Hard work and exemplary behaviour in class and around school will result in awarded house points, all of which contribute to winning the **House Point Shield**.

Attendance to an extra-curricular club, whether that be at lunch or after-school will rack up points towards the **Enrichment Trophy**

Going the extra mile in specific classroom subjects can gain students nominations from their teachers for a **Broadoak Above and Beyond Award**, and the **Above and Beyond Plate** will be awarded to the House receiving the most nominations.

The Sports Cup will recognise achievements in inter-house sports matches such as football, netball and dodgeball.

Attendance to lessons gains points towards the **Community Rose Bowl**. The **Community Rose Bowl** will furthermore be awarded based on submissions of community work which will be presented by the House Captains to an Academy Council panel, and performance during the many activities of the House Festivals which will be held at the end of each major term.

Who will be the House Championship's first winners?

Will the **Beech Bears** be best?

Will the **Chestnut Cheetahs** be champions?

Will the **Spruce Sharks** be a success?

Will the **Whitebeam Wolves** be winners?

If you have any questions regarding the House Championship, please contact

Dr Sneezum, House Champion.



Student Success Stories

Beech Bears Gymnasts

Broadoak Academy students recently took part in the British Gymnastics Championships and NAC cup with their local gymnastics clubs.

Alexia in Year 11 was in a group two trio (age 15-17), competing against 2 other groups and their final score was 15.500 which won them a GOLD medal!

Lucy in Year 9 won Silver and Bronze medals in her 5 team and trio – a fantastic achievement!



Spruce Sharks Poets

Mr Thorp-Greenwood was super proud of our Year 7 Spruce Sharks during the first week of term. During an English lesson with Miss Kissane, 7S all wrote a poem about themselves and were so kind and respectful when others shared their personal poems. Anyone who performed in front of the class got 3, 4 or 5 house points and the total house points for the lesson was 32!!!! A big shout out to Hiswell who had the courage to be first to perform his poem!



Share your stories...

If you have any fantastic news or achievements from inside or outside of Broadoak, please do share them with us! You can tell your tutor or email parents@broadoakacademy.clf.uk





Key Dates

Dates for the Diary



Key Dates for Term 1

Tuesday 27 th September	Insight into Apprenticeships Celebration Trip
Tuesday 27 th September 5.30-6.30pm	Year 9 and Year 10 Curriculum Information Evening https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/letters/year-9-and-10-curriculum-evening-invite/
Wednesday 28 th September	Individual school photograph day (All Year Groups)
Tuesday 4 th October 5.30-6.30pm	Year 11 Curriculum Information Evening
Wednesday 5 th October	Year 10 HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 6 th October 3.30-6.30pm	Meet the Tutor Evening
Friday 7 th October	SEE Monster Workshops
Wednesday 12 th October	Early finish for students at 2.10pm due to Staff Training
Thursday 13 th October 3.30-6.30pm	Year 9 Parents Evening
Wednesday 19 th October	House Festival
Wednesday 19 th October	SEE Monster Trip
Thursday 20 th October	INSET day for students
Friday 21 st October	INSET day for students

See the next page for 2023-23 Term Dates...



Term Dates 2022-2023

Term 1	
Last day of term for students	Wednesday 19 th October 2022
INSET Dates	Thursday 20 th October 2022 Friday 21 st October 2022
Term 2	
First day of term for students	Monday 31 st October 2022
Last day of term for students	Friday 16 th December 2022
Term 3	
First day of term for students	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Last day of term for students	Friday 10 th February 2023
INSET Dates	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Term 4	
First day of term for students	Tuesday 21 st February 2023
Last day of term for students	Friday 31 st March 2023
INSET Dates	Monday 20 th February 2023
Term 5	
First day of term for students	Monday 17 th April 2023
Last day of term for students	Friday 26 th May 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023
Term 6	
First day of term for students	Monday 5 th June 2023
Last day of term for students	Friday 21 st July 2023
INSET Dates	Friday 7 th July 2023

Full Term Dates can be found on our website:

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