

From the Principal...

It is very apparent when you read this edition just how much our students and staff do for the school and wider communities. In the past few weeks alone, Broadoak Academy has shown just how important 'community' is and why we regard ourselves as one large family.



From community events to charity work, Broadak has done

so much to help others during this term. We had our Curry and Quiz night for Children in Need, our involvement with the Remembrance Day commemorations, our workshops and visit to the See Monster, and our continued work with the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, to name a few!

It never ceases to amaze me just how selfless, caring and dedicated our students and staff are when it comes to helping others. I often comment on our students having the biggest hearts of any students I have ever worked with, and the articles and news in this edition goes a long way in proving just that.

Mr D McGilloway
Principal



Weston Lions Donation for Duke of Edinburgh Award



THANK YOU WESTON LIONS

A huge thank you goes to Weston-super-Mare Lions for their fantastic donation to Broadoak Academy this term.

Weston Lions have supported the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme at Broadoak Academy for 2 years which has helped us to purchase additional kit and help to fund expeditions for students who may be experiencing disadvantage.

Thanks to the Lions we have so far been able to purchase additional kit for students to borrow year-on-year including 12 hiking rucksacks, 10 roll mats, additional sleeping bags and walking boots. We hope to increase our stock of tents and Trangia's this year as we now have a fantastic 45 students signed up to Bronze in Year 9, 20 students completing Silver in Year 10 and around 40 students finishing DofE sections in Years 10 and 11...







That's over 100 students doing a DofE Award across Broadoak Academy!

Watch this space!

Look out for a DofE Awards event in early 2023 for Year 10 and 11 students to celebrate your completed awards with parents/carers and collect your certificates and badges!



Remembrance Day Services

It was a real privilege to share Armistice Day commemorations with our students at Broadoak Academy. The students were immaculately behaved and showed the utmost respect.

Throughout the week, Mr McGilloway ran assemblies with each of the Houses about the importance of Remembrance and on Friday 11th November, students and staff were encouraged to wear their uniforms from cadet and other uniformed organisations.

Those in uniform gathered in the Atrium to form a guard of honour whilst the whole school took part in a 2 minutes silence. Thank you to Mrs Aves who played the last post during our time of reflection.

It was also a special moment for four of our students who represented Broadoak at the Uphill Village Remembrance Day service. The students delivered a reading and laid a wreath on behalf of Broadoak Academy.







It was a very proud moment, and the students represented their community with real dignity and respect. It was humbling to be there with members of the wider community and to share this commemoration with them.



Year 7 and 8 Visit to SEE MONSTER

SEE MONSTER caused a nationwide buzz this Autumn and 75 pupils from Year 7 and Year 8 had the opportunity to receive an exclusive tour around the exhibition as part of SEE MONSTER's school visits.

Our students were led around the 35-metre installation which explored sustainability, renewables and the great British weather. On top of gaining insight into these crucial topics, the students could take pride in this world-first event that took place in their hometown. Whilst the students loved the cloud generator and the sights the tall structure provided of Weston and across to Wales, their favourite part was probably the slide down from the top floor!

As the SEE MONSTER sat within Weston's Tropicana, its proximity to Broadoak allowed us to travel to and from the SEE MONSTER solely by foot, an eco-friendly mode of transport that aligned with SEE MONSTER's sustainability message.























Children in Need Curry and Quiz Night Success



Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students prepared and cooked a very delicious curry for a fantastic Children in Need fundraising evening earlier this term.



On Friday 18th November, students led a Curry and Quiz night for Children in Need with Hospitality and Catering students preparing and serving the meal, Mr McGilloway as Quiz-Master and our Year 11 House Captain Team welcoming guests, selling raffle tickets and scoring the quizzes.



A fantastic amount of... £267.85 was raised for Children in Need!



Following the event, the catering team also had 27 single servings of rice and chicken curry which were frozen and donated to local homeless charities or families in need.



A huge thanks to our staff team of Mrs Aves, Mrs Dite and Mrs Williamson for making the event a reality! They are committed now to this being an annual event, so watch this space for more details!

#weareacommunity



100 Years of Broadoak... 100 Years of the BBC...

The BBC visited Broadoak Academy recently as part of their 'Share your Story' Tour. BBC Ambassadors shared their true stories with the students in Years 7 to 10 covering something that they have been through and overcome. Students then had the opportunity to ask questions and to find out more about the BBC ambassadors including their story and their careers.

Ms Hooke, Associate Assistant Principal said "We would like to thank the BBC and members of Firefly AV for inspiring the students of Broadoak. It was fantastic to hear from the likes of Alex Mansuroglu of Kiss FM and Chris Baxter from BBC Radio Gloucester. The students were truly inspired by the stories shared.



Lots of students are excited to be young reporters as part of the BBC's long time running School Report - they were absolutely buzzing! We cannot wait to work more closely with the BBC."

Year 8 students said "the BBC talk was really insightful. It was interesting hearing about the presenters' stories and how they got to where they are today. We were amazed by the story where one of the presenters' children knew he was unwell before he did. We are excited to find out more about how we can become young reporters."

Broadoak Academy also celebrates it's 100 year birthday this year with a school having been on the Broadoak site since 1922. Broadoak Principal, Mr McGilloway, said "it was fantastic to be able to welcome the BBC 100 years tour to also launch our 100 years of Broadoak celebrations. We are looking forward to lots of 100 year celebrations over the coming year to look back at the history of Broadoak with our students, families and local community".



Please keep an eye on our website and social media @broadoakacademy for more information about upcoming events and celebrations.





Year 11 TOP TEN









As you may know Broadoak is 100 years old this year! To celebrate this and the success of our awesome #simplythebest Year 11 students we would like to share the TOP TEN success stories from the results this year so far...

Our current percentage for GCSE Grade 9-4 is 10% higher than it was this time last year! When asked about the out of timetable sessions they have had since the PPEs (reteach lessons) 85/109 students said they Agree or Strongly Agree that they were helpful

5 students achieved a Grade 9 in English Language during this first round of PPEs! Wow! Our current percentage for GCSE Grade 9-5 is 6% higher than it was this time last year!

50 students out of 164 have ALREADY achieved Grade 4 or better in BOTH English and Maths – awesome! 62% of students have already attained their Grade 4 in maths (that's 102 students out of 164)! Woohoo! When asked whether they revised and prepared for these assessments 85/109 students said they did – the work they have put it is clear in the results

When asked whether they knew what the PPEs were focussed on (prep by the teacher in advance) 98 / 109 said they did

From the 6th of December to 1st May are 100 school days – please ask your child about their 100 day plan Remember –
Breakfast is available
every morning from
8am as well as P7
intervention Mon, Tue
and Thursday 3-4pm

Please pass on our congratulations to all of Year 11 on their phenomenal performance in these mock exams (3)

Don't forget – Ms Donoghue and Ms Wilde will always be around in the Common Room each day at break and lunch if you have questions about college or next steps...





Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 8th December 2022

Whip out those seasonal sweaters and jolly jumpers. Get your Santa socks, holly headbands, tinsel ties and holiday hats ready...



On **Thursday 8th December** students and staff are welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers in aid of Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day! Christmas Jumpers should be worn on top of normal school uniform.

Christmas Jumper Day is traditionally in aid of <u>Save</u> the <u>Children</u>, if you wish to donate. In the academy we will ask students if they would like to make pledge

of kindness for the festive period as an alternative to the financial donation.

Christmas Dinner Day - Wednesday 14th December

The Broadoak Christmas dinner will be next **Wednesday 14th December 2022.** On the day, students are welcome to wear festive accessories with their full uniform (hats, socks, tinsel, headbands).

Christmas dinner will be roast turkey with all the trimmings (vegetarian options will also be available) and a Christmas cake or biscuit.

There is no need to book the Christmas dinner but please be aware there will not be any other food options at lunch time. There will be extra options available at break time for students to buy if they do not wish to have the Christmas dinner.



Attendance Advent

It is the aim of Broadoak Academy that students should learning, enjoy experience success and realise their full potential. The Attendance Policy reflects this and recognises that attendance regular has a positive effect on the motivation and attainment of students.



Students should attend the academy every day, unless they are really not well enough to. Children who attend regularly are more likely to feel settled in school, maintain friendships, keep up with their learning and gain the greatest benefit from their education.

Have you heard about our Book Advent Calendar?

From 1st December each day someone will be picked at random from the House that has the **Highest Attendance** the previous day to open the door and keep the book.

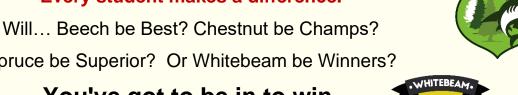
On the last day of term 10 students will be picked to open a door.



The attendance between the Houses is really close.

Every student makes a difference.

Spruce be Superior? Or Whitebeam be Winners?





You've got to be in to win.



WINNER! Day 1... 1st December: Autumn 7W





North Somerset Cross Country Competition

Earlier this term students took part in the North Somerset Schools Cross Country Trials, held at Backwell school. **Stan in 10C and Ismat in 9W** both placed 7th in their race and have qualified for the next round as the top 12 students go through.

We also had a few fantastic results in the Top 20's.

An amazing effort by all on what was a very cold day!! Well Done!













Our School Dog Mentor – Meet Fleur



Dog Mentors are dogs who are trained to work with children and help them. The Dog Mentor will work with children and staff within the school to create a positive impact on:

- Communication
- Self control and confidence
- Discipline and Resilience
- Empathy and Relationships
- Focus and Concentration
- Stress Coping Strategies

Our Dog Mentor has 4 handlers in school, Miss Back, Ms Loewy, Mr Brenton and Ms Wyman. Her name is Fleur. You will know if Fleur is in school as there will be a sign on the door of Reception to say she is in.

Fleur is 15 months old. She is a golden retriever from a long pedigree, dating back to 1500. Her Mum is called Nala and she left her Mum when she was 2 months old. Fleur is Miss Smith's pet and lives at home with her and her older sister (not her real sister!) Hydii who is 4.5 years old. Hydii is also a golden retriever. Fleur also loves hanging out with her favourite Aunty Amber who is an 8 year old German Shepherd.









Photo credit: Deven (Y11)



We have rules to help us look after Fleur - the rules are for everyone, even if you are very confident with dogs:

- 1. Ask before you stroke
- 2. Pick up litter / objects that might make Fleur unsafe
- 3. Always approach Fleur calmly, do a Fleur breath first
- 4. Always walk around school, no running
- 5. Always wash hands after being with Fleur
- 6. Always make the handler aware if you are allergic to dogs
- 7. Always let the handler know if you're worried about meeting Fleur no one has to meet her if they don't want to
- 8. No loud voices no shouting the dog's name
- 9. No screaming with excitement to see dog

What will Fleur do?

Fleur will be working on training with some students. Fleur will be on the gates and have breakfast some days with some students. Fleur will listen to some students read. Fleur will visit classrooms to check on you. Fleur will also take part in some other fun activities like taste testing and grooming. Fleur will also be walked and some children will be able to do this as well as take her to play on the field.



If you have social media and would like to keep up with all of Fleur's escapades as the Broadoak school dog, you can follow her:

TWITTER

INSTAGRAM

<u>FleurTheSchoolDog</u> (@FleurTheBADog) <u>I'm on Instagram as</u> <u>@fleurthebadog</u>



Period Products for All

At Broadoak we always have a supple of period products, such as pads and tampons, available to our students in various offices and classrooms across the school to ensure everyone can still access education. Having periods should not be a barrier to education for anyone.

We would like to make parents aware that we have recently seen an increase in the number of students asking to leave lessons because of an issue related to their period and how we support students with this. Period products are available in school for all who need them, when they need them, in order to access education. We know that making girls aware of the scheme is vital to making sure they can access period products when they are needed and to reduce the stigma surrounding periods. Anyone who needs to access period products in their place of learning to access education can ask for this support. This may include, for example, where individuals:

- have forgotten their products
- cannot afford products
- have come on their period unexpectedly

Products can be found in 'Sunflower' boxes across the school or in the Main Office and medical room. We have also been trialling issuing "period pants" to students experiencing heavy periods and this has been very well received. Unfortunately, the funding available does not enable us to give out multiple pairs of the underwear to all students but we would like to promote their use which has proven to make students feel more protected and confident with managing their periods. https://www.modibodi.co.uk/



Important Assembly Topics - Men's Mental Health

November was Men's Mental Health Awareness month and at Broadoak we delivered assemblies and tutor times around Men's Mental Health to raise awareness and show our support for our young men. It is never easy to discuss such topics with young people, but it is essential that they get to hear about what can affect the mental well-being of men and how/where they can get support.

During the assemblies, we talked about the stigma attached to speaking out if you are a man and suffering from poor mental health. We encouraged all our young men to speak out and seek support. We also asked our young women to support our young men to help them get the support they need.

We made all students aware of the support available in school. We are very lucky to be able to offer this support from such a wide range of people and agencies:

- > Tutor
- Assistant Head of House
- Head of House
- Teacher they feel comfortable speaking to
- Mrs Prosser (Jade) Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead
- > School Nursing Team
- School Counsellors
- Off The Record (OTR)
- ➤ Becky Child Mental Health Practitioner
- Barnardo's
- ... to name a few.







Every Day Out of School Activities

Broadoak are working with local community and youth organisations to promote local groups and events which may be of interest to our students...

Extra-curricular activities are fantastic for you to join both in and out of school – please ask your tutor to let Dr Sneezum, House Champion, know if you reglarly attend an out of school extra-curricular club!

Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering Ideas

With over 100 students currently working on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver awards, here are some ideas for volunteering opportunities both in and out of school.

DofE Bronze	S S	S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	

write to care home residents	Park, BS23 2RP (or another!)	
Football Coaching	Uphill Juniors, Thursdays, Broadoak Academy	
Young Leader for Girlguiding	Ask Miss Lincoln Milton District Girlguiding Join Us as a Volunteer	
Young Leader for Scouting	Ask Miss Lincoln	
Litter Picking (inside and outside school)	Adopt a Street, North Somerset Council	



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Charity Club	Broadoak, Thursday Lunchtime, Miss Rix
Student Parliament Rep	Broadoak, committee meetings /own time
Dog Walking for a neighbour	Outside school
Weston Hospice care Charity Shop (from age 14+)	<u>Various locations – Volunteer with us</u>
Beach Clean Up	Weston Beach
Help in Library	Broadoak Academy, speak to Mrs Godby

DOFE
BLOG

on the website for more ideas and info!

Click for link!

See our

If you are a member of our local community and can offer another volunteering opportunity for at least 1 hour every week or if you have experience of Expeditions and would like to get involved with the Duke of Edinburgh award at Broadoak Academy, please email dofe@broadoakacademy.clf.uk





Cadets - Are you up for the CHALLENGE?

There are lots of local cadet groups in Weston-super-Mare... Army cadets, Sea Cadets, Marines, RAF cadets, Police cadets and of course the Uphill Bugles!

We know of 3 students at Broadoak who are actively involved in the Silver Bugles. Alfie in 8S, Jack in 11C1 and Thomas in 11W have taken part in some prestigious events this year including the recent Weston-super-Mare Remembrance Parade and Weston Carnival.

Jack and Thomas also made Broadoak very proud when they took part in the **Horse Guards Retreat for**



the Queens Silver Jubilee Parade in June 2022. Major Bunker was keen to tell Broadoak how well they did...

"Jack and Thomas worked extremely hard, and I am very impressed with their maturity dedication and confidence. They did themselves proud. I hope they look back on this experience in a couple of years and think wow! did we really do that!!!"









Evening activities for Secondary Age...

Free Youth Drop-In Sessions, every day after school 3-5pm at St Peter's Church just off Locking Road near Milton. Look out for themed monthly evenings, they have recently had inflatable assault courses and a YU-GI-OH cards evening...



See more on the St Peters Facebook Page



Guiding and Scouting in Weston-super-Mare

We are very lucky to have some amazing Guiding and Scouting groups in Weston-super-Mare. Many of our younger students are Guides and Scouts whilst our Year 10s and 11s are Rangers, Explorers and even Young Leaders with local units. Staff and students wore their uniform with pride at the recent Remembrance Sunday parade.

Jess in 11S1 is off to the World Scout Jamboree in Korea in Summer 2023 – you may see her fundraising for her adventure around school and at Uphill Juniors Football on a Thursday evening!

Speak to
Miss Lincoln
for more
information
on all of
these
activities!







HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2022

Broadoak have some very talented photography students so why not put those skills to use by entering this photography competition.

The theme of the competition is

'Don't Forget Me'.

Entrants can submit one photograph, which could be a single portrait or a group, which illustrates the theme.

Closing Date: 16th December 2022



Prizes for winners in both categories: £30, £20, £10. Closing date: 16th December 2022

Email hmdnsphoto@gmail.com to enter or for more details.

Holocaust Memorial Day is marked on 27th January every year.

Home | HMD North Somerset (hmd-north-somerset.com)

Have you registered for the student flu jab with the **School Nursing Team?**

Year 7 to Year 9 Students are being offered the vaccinations to protect them from flu, minimise the circulation of the virus this winter and to reduce disruption to their education, and the potential impact on the NHS. The vaccinations will be given by Sirona care & health, who run all the School Immunisation Programmes in our area.

They will be visiting Broadoak on Tuesday 10th January 2023

https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/letters/nasal-flu-vaccination-Please on to programme/ to give your consent.





TIKTOK Safety – Parent / Carer Guidance

Below is a fantastic parents guide on TIKTOK from National Online Safety. TIKTOK has been found to be the most-used social media platform for 12-17 year olds. As always if you have any safeguarding concerns about a young person or need advice,

please email us at...

basafeguarding@clf.uk

If you find a Tik Tok social media account using the Broadoak logo, name or photos of students or staff and you don't believe it to be an official account. please also let us know and we can with work the Online Safety Network for it to be reported and removed.





Key Dates

Dates for the Diary

Upcoming Key Dates for Term 2 and 3



Tuesday 6 th December 3pm-4.15pm	Year 11 PPE Results Afternoon Tea with parents/carers	
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday 9 th December 5.30pm-7.30pm	CLF Big Talent Show at City Academy Bristol Good luck to Saynel, Lucy and Scarlett!	
Tuesday 13 th December 5.30pm	GCSE Certificate Awards Evening for Class of 2022	
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	
Friday 16 th December	Last day of term (Early finish for students 12.30pm)	
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	INSET Day (school closed to students)	
Wednesday 4 th January	First Day of Term 3 for students	
Thursday 5 th January 3.30-6.30pm	Year 8 Parents Evening – <u>Book your slots here</u> https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/letters/year-8-parents-evening-thursday-5th-january-2023/	

Parent and Carer Evenings 2022-23

Year 7 – 24 November 2022 Year 10 – 19 January 2023

Year 8 – 05 January 2023 Year 11 – 30 March 2023

Year 9 – 13 October 2022 All events are 3.30pm - 6.30pm





Term Dates 2022-2023

Term 2		
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 31st 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 21st 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/

