

newsletter

The voice of Broadoak Academy



I would like to begin this Newsletter by thanking all our parents, carers, staff, and wider community partners for your support over my first year as Principal at Broadoak Academy. But most of all, thank you to our wonderful students who provide me with joy and pride every day, and a little challenge every now and then 😊 I began as Principal on 25th April 2022 and continue to be very proud of our school and our community. I never take for granted the responsibility I hold as Principal of Broadoak Academy and it is a genuine privilege to work with our staff, students, parents, carers and wider community.



Mr D McGilloway
Principal

As always, we have a bumper newsletter for you to read and enjoy. Term 4 saw a plethora of events and celebrations, from World Book Day to International Women's Day, from community involvement to individual achievement. This edition has it all!. One such event was our school show, Mary Poppins. It was a huge hit and we are very proud of all of the students and staff involved in delivering this wonderful production. It made the Weston Mercury! Fame!!

We also took whole year groups as well as smaller groups and individual students, on careers trips across Term 4. You can read about their experiences and see some of the great photographs of what they got up to. Our Careers provision is very strong and we are very pleased with the work the team does each day to support our students on their journey through education and beyond.



You will read the success stories of many of our students in this edition also. From Sports, to the Arts, to STEM. We are immensely proud of all their achievements and dedication, and, of course, we continue to promote and support the mental health and well-being of our students. We celebrate in this edition, the work of our students who took part in the Mental Health Ambassador Project. Their work has done a tremendous amount to help us develop even further, our provision and support. What a fab group of students!

There is much, much more to read about and I look forward to introducing our next Newsletter in the near future.

But for now, please read and enjoy!

#TimeCourageChoice

#BecauseWeAreBroadoak

#WeAreACommunity





A Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious Show!



The cast and crew of Mary Poppins really pulled out all the stops with three Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious shows!

With a performance for primary school pupils from Uphill Village Academy followed by two public performances, the students performing were energetic and entertaining from beginning to end.

Read more on our website and on the Weston Mercury:

<https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/news/broadoak-academy-stages-west-end-musical/>

Well done to all involved. We are a very proud Academy.



News

Students perform West End musical

STUDENTS from Broadoak Academy have sold out two shows of their rendition of the award-winning musical, Mary Poppins. Known as one of the most popular Disney movies and Broadway musicals of all time, Mary Poppins was an obvious choice. Mary Poppins (played by Nikki Ploves, Year 7) and Bert (played by Scarlett Davidson, Year 9), headed up a cast and crew of more than 30 students, ranging from Year 7 to Year 11. Naomi Aves, head of creative and performing arts, said: "It is always an immense pleasure working with our students outside of the classroom. "This was our first fully staged production since before Covid and for most of our cast and crew, the first time they have been involved in a show like this. "I am incredibly proud, not only of how they have developed as individual performers but together, and how they have contributed to rebuilding the performing arts community at Broadoak Academy."



Some of the cast of Mary Poppins at Broadoak Academy. Image: Broadoak Academy

Year 11's raise money for Prom



Year 11 House Captains have been busy raising money for their Prom in a variety of ways.

This included selling refreshments pre show and during the interval at the recent performances of Mary Poppins, giving up their own time to do so. So far, our House Captains have raised nearly £120.



National Careers Week 2023

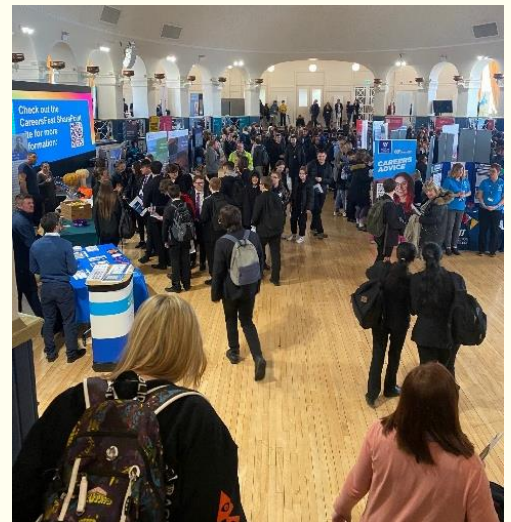
From 6th to 10th March 2023, we celebrated National Careers Week, which was jam packed with activities.



Year 9 had a CLF wide Raising Aspirations Event where they had a mixture of face to face and virtual talks throughout the day. These included an employability zone, and presentations from organisations including the University of Bristol, Hill and City of Bristol College about apprenticeships, T Levels and comparisons between sixth form and college.

Year 10 had a Work Experience and CV Carousel as provided by the WIN which students found very helpful to prepare them for their WEX week in June.

Year 11 went to their first big Careers event at The Winter Gardens 'CareersFest' as hosted by Weston College, where over 40 employers and universities were in attendance.



To round off the week we had the British Army visit to inspire students with a great talk and Q&A session.

You can find out more about our Broadoak Careers Programme on our website:

<https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/curriculum/careers/>



How do you get to school?

Broadoak Academy took part in this year's #BigWalkAndWheel in March 2023. @Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It aims to inspire hundreds of thousands of pupils to get active on the school run. Each morning, over 10 days, we asked students how they travelled to school.

This is part of our Student Parliament Environment

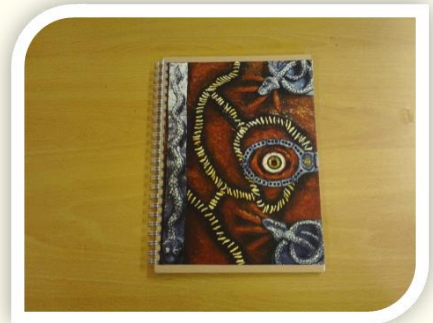
Committee's plans to achieve a National School Travel Award – watch out for more information on this coming soon!



Afternoon with author Jennifer Killick



Year 7 students enjoyed an afternoon with the brilliant author Jennifer Killick. She shared lots of information on becoming an author, finishing with a workshop on how to create spooky stories.



The students came up with some very interesting ideas!

It was lovely to hear from a parent following the event: *"I wanted to send a message to the author to express how much my son enjoyed the session and how it's inspired him. He asked to order the latest book and spent the evening writing stories"*.



Move over Sir Alan Sugar

Year 10 IntoUniversity trip took 25 Year 10 students to prestigious law firm Burges Salmon for the day where they took part in a 'Business in Focus' challenge.

They were split into two teams and had to secure capital and make strategic decisions for their very own Business Enterprise. The group of students had a full tour of the building and complimentary lunch, finishing with each group having to present their own pitches.



Next Big Thing?

At the start of the year a group of 15 Year 9 students were whisked away on a trip to BIMM Institute (British and Irish Modern Music Institute) in Bristol by the South Bristol Youth project.



The group used high quality mics and audio equipment to record their own sounds and then put them into Mac computers to create their own scores. The group was also treated to a wonderful live music performance.



Yummy!



A recent South Bristol Youth trip took students in Year 9 to Weston College Hospitality & Catering professional kitchens.

A fantastic day was had by all, the group made their own Gnocchi, spinach and muscles in a white wine sauce!

Broadoak alumni student KC from the Class of 2020 is studying at Weston College and helped Kora with her dish. The students enjoyed eating the dishes they had made.



I burned my Hawaiian pizza....

I should have cooked it on aloha temperature.



Bat Box Creations

A group of Year 9 students recently visited Weston College construction department, and the students made their own Bat Boxes. They sawed, hammered, chopped, sanded, and glued. Students came away with their very own Bat Box to help the endangered species by putting them in their gardens.



Bat Facts

There are over 1,400 species of bats worldwide...

Not all bats hibernate...

Bats have few natural predators — disease is one of the biggest threats...

Without bats, say goodbye to bananas, avocados and mangoes...

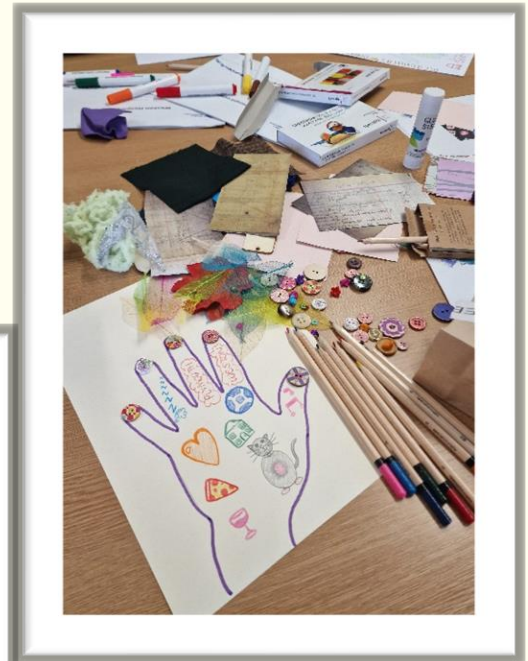
Night insects have the most to fear from bats...



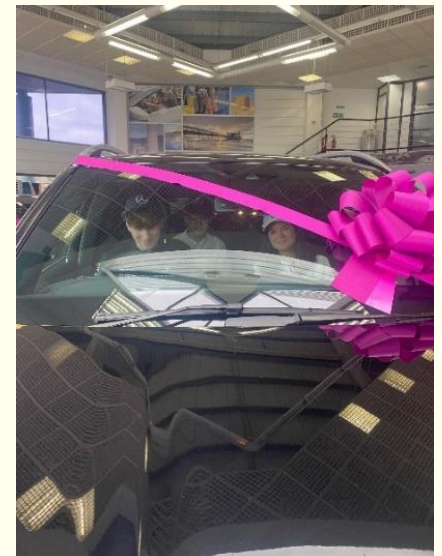
We are a Community

A group of Year 8 and 9 students have been working hard on a new community project with Miss Davies. This project gives the students a chance to learn all about the community and give back.

So far, students have completed a beach clean, a trip to Weston Hospice and have taken part in crafts at Tilsley House care home.



Year 10 students help with Mercedes F1 Racing Team workshops



Year 10 students, Jasmine 10B2, Will 10B2, and Liam 10B1 were selected to work in partnership with VANS (Voluntary Action North Somerset) to deliver workshops to local Year 6 children at Mead Vale Primary School. The workshops were all about STEM and showing the children all the different Careers within Engineering. They even got to see Lewis Hamilton's actual suit, helmet and steering wheel. VANS will be doing further work, with Broadoak Academy in the near future, delivering similar workshops with our younger years.



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on 1st March. Hundreds of books were given away to students.

As seen in The Weston Mercury, the staff celebrated by dressing as a book character.



Broadoak Book Giveaway

We relaunched The Broadoak Book Giveaway again this year during our Festival of Literature week (27th Feb-3rd March). This created a real buzz of excitement around reading for pleasure.



The giveaways combined have seen over 400 books find new homes with our students.

All the books are wrapped in brown paper and placed around the school for students to find, keep and read. The Literacy Trust revealed that 1 in 8 students experiencing disadvantage do not own a single book, so this is our chance to spread the joy of reading.



International Women's Day

We celebrated International Women's Day in March with teachers sharing stories of the Women who inspire them at the start of each lesson.

International Woman of Admiration

WHO?

Dame Vivienne Isabel Westwood

Westwood was one of the architects of the punk fashion phenomenon of the 1970. Born in Cheshire in 1941 in the second world war, her parents were factory workers. She originally studied jewellery and silversmith, but left after one term, saying: "I didn't know how a working-class girl like me could possibly make a living in the art world". After taking a job in a factory and studying at a teacher-training college, she became a primary-school teacher. During this period, she created her own jewellery, which she sold at a stall on Portobello Road. She married Derek Westwood, a Hoover factory apprentice, and made her own wedding dress.



Chosen by Mrs Dite

Why?

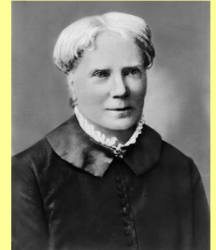
- She was inspired by the punk movement and grabbed this passion to start designing clothes to shock, irritate and provoke a reaction but also to inspire change.
- As an icon of the Punk movement she demonstrated an array of ideologies, in fashion, and other forms of expression, visual art, dance, literature, and film.
- At the core of all her activism she fought for liberty and the strength of individuals, passionate about the fair distribution of wealth.
- She gained DBE for her work in fashion and was an amazing businesswoman, largely responsible for bringing modern punk and new wave fashions into the mainstream.
- In 2022, Sky Arts rated her the 4th most influential artist in Britain of the last 50 years.

International Woman of Admiration

WHO?

Elizabeth Blackwell

Elizabeth was born in Bristol in 1821 and immigrated to the US with her family in 1832. She wanted to study medicine but was met with resistance because she was a woman. She applied to 12 different schools and after eventually being accepted, became the first female medical doctor in the US.



Chosen by Dr. Sneezum

Why?

Despite a lack of support, she said "she was quite resolved" to become a doctor. Whilst studying, she had to sit separately from the male students and was looked upon as an oddity. Elizabeth went on to found two medical schools for women making it possible for women to become doctors.

Here we share just some of our inspirational women from Broadoak...

Some of our amazing Broadoaker's went on tour with The Weston Roses rugby squad. They certainly are Wonder Women.



Our

Year 7

and Year 8 Hockey players had a fixture against Worle School, although it was a 1-0 defeat the girls remained in high spirits, supported each other throughout and celebrated all their efforts during the game. Team spirit was high and it was great to see the high levels of support for one another across the team.



Year 9 STEM Ambassadors

Broadoak are excited to be working with Cajigo Girls, a national STEM company raising awareness of different roles for women within tech. Here are some of our Year 9 students being awarded the special book that Cajigo have put together, marking the start of our partnership with them.



Supporting 20,000 girls into technology careers



Gold medal winner

Broadoak's amazing Alfie in Y7 competed at the Acrobatic Gymnastics Prelims on Saturday 18th March. Alfie and his partner Maria competed in Grade 4 and **won a gold medal.**

They also won their coach a trophy as they achieved the highest score for their amazing routine. They have now qualified to represent the South West at Nation Finals in Stoke-on-Trent in May.

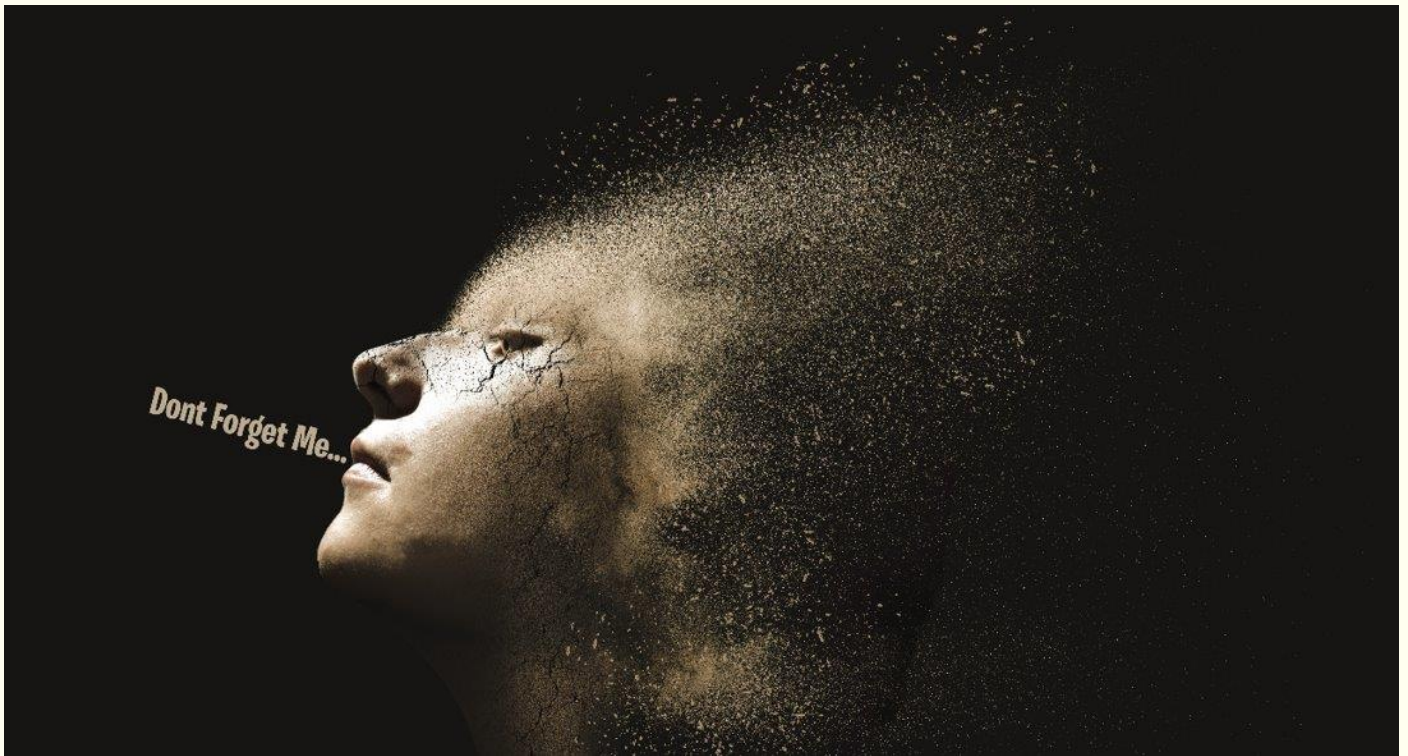


Share your success stories with your tutor to appear in the next newsletter!



Oh, what a picture!

Broadoak student wins photography competition for Holocaust Memorial Day



This amazing image was created by one of our very talented students.

Harrison in Year 11 won the North Somerset 'Don't forget me' photography competition after seeing it in a previous newsletter. The photo is being used on all of Weston Museum's promotional materials for the photography expedition.

The competition was linked to the Holocaust Memorial Day and participants had to take a photo of someone or something that has made a lasting impression on them, and write 100 words to explain their piece.

Harrison was invited to collect an award at a special event at Weston Museum.



Year 11 Mental Health Ambassador Project

Five Year 11's have been working with Barnardo's since the start of the academic year to improve Mental Health services across the academy.

The group presented their findings to Mr McGilloway and Miss Smith in a formal presentation, and their research will greatly help the future of Mental Health Awareness for all.



Barnardo's offer mental health services across the UK to help children, young people, and families when they need us most. This may include:

- cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT)
- support for children and young people diagnosed with ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder)
- support for young people who identify as LGBT+
- one-to-one and group counselling
- play and art therapy
- support for young people who have experienced trauma and abuse and their families
- school-based programmes that teach young people about mental and emotional well-being.

Find out more: <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/what-we-do/helping-families/mental-health>



MASSOLIT Video Essay Competition 2023

Do you have a specific topic you are really interested in?

Ever fancied being a presenter? Or a Youtuber?

Are you good at making and editing videos?

Or maybe you just want to try and win a competition?

Massolit, a national sharing platform for educational videos, is running a competition for Year 10 and 11 students in the UK.

And wouldn't it be great for someone from Broadoak to win it!

All you need is a good idea to present! Entries will be judged on:

- the educational value of the lecture – does the viewer learn something interesting and unexpected?
- the clarity and concision of the script – is the material structured in a logical way?
- confidence and clarity of delivery – is the speaker looking at the camera? Are they speaking loudly and clearly?
- Creativity

Prizes:

- There will be ten winners, one overall winner and nine runners-up.
- The overall winner will receive a £200 Amazon voucher and we will professionally film and edit the winning lecture and feature on massolit.io.
- The nine runners-up will each receive a £50 Amazon voucher.
- The winner and nine runners-up will receive a MASSOLIT award certificate (and something brilliant to put on their personal statement!).

Students should speak to Miss Pratlett to register an interest (in A4 or the English Office) or speak to your tutor and they can pass on your name. More information can be found on the website: <https://massolit.io/competition>



Attendance at Broadoak Academy

BROADOAK ACADEMY
Time Courage Choice

How can we support your child's attendance?

To report a student's absence please call Broadoak Academy Reception on 01934 422000 after 8 am to speak to Attendance.

Please **DO NOT** leave a message or send a text or email.

We are here to help and support you and your child to maximize their potential because we care

Attendance	Days of learning missed	Weeks of learning missed
100%	0	0
95%	9.5	2
90%	19	4
80%	38	7.5
70%	57	11.5
60%	76	15.2

90% = 19 days missed = 1 grade lower at GCSE's
 80% = missing a whole day every single week.
 80% from Year 7 to Year 11 = equivalent to missing an entire year of school.

We can only support your child if they attend school regularly. Please call the attendance team on 01934 422000 to organise a meeting.

Further details about Attendance can be found on our website:

<https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/>



Key Dates

Dates for the Diary

Key Dates for Term 5



Monday 17th April	Nurses in for Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Tuesday 18th April	Nurses in for Y9 MenACWY/Dtp vaccinations
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday (Early May)
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (King Coronation)
Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th May	DofE Silver Practice Expedition
Monday 15th May to Friday 23rd June	Year 11 External Exams
Sunday 21st May	DofE Bronze Practice Day
Friday 26th May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June	Half Term
Term 5 2022-23	
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
Additional Bank Holiday	Monday 8 th May 2023
Term 6 2022-23	
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



Term Dates 2023-2024

Term 1	
First day of term for students	Tuesday 5th September 2023
Last day of term for students	Wednesday 18th October 2023
INSET Dates	Friday 1st September 2023 Monday 4th September 2023 Thursday 19th October 2023 Friday 20th October 2023
Term 2	
First day of term for students	Monday 30th October 2023
Last day of term for students	Friday 15th December 2023
Term 3	
First day of term for students	Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Last day of term for students	Friday 9th February 2024
INSET Dates	Monday 1st January 2024 (Bank Holiday) Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Term 4	
First day of term for students	Monday 19 February 2024
Last day of term for students	Thursday 28th March 2024
INSET Dates	Friday 29th March 2024 (Bank Holiday)
Term 5	
First day of term for students	Monday 15th April 2024
Last day of term for students	Friday 24th May 2024
INSET Dates	Monday 15th April 2024 Monday 6th May 2024 (Bank Holiday)
Term 6	
First day of term for students	Monday 3rd June 2024
Last day of term for students	Tuesday 23rd July 2024
INSET Dates	Friday 5th July 2024

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