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Welcome to Broadoak Academy

Broadoak Academy has a long history of educating the young people of Weston-super-Mare. We are very proud of the success and popularity of the Academy and of the way that students are placed at the heart of all that we do.

We are also proud to be a comprehensive school that serves its local community and prepares all our young people to be successful in their future. We are determined to ensure that all students are given the skills, experiences and qualifications to help them be in control of their own future.

Ensuring your child is happy and valued is a key priority for us at Broadoak and we work hard to develop strong relationships with all our families so that we can meet the personal and academic needs of all our students. We have a strong pastoral system where students have a dedicated team overseeing their welfare and we also offer opportunities to take part in a vast array of extra-curricular activities including those that develop young people as citizens of the world. With opportunities ranging from drama, music and sport to fostering international links, volunteering or taking part in charity work, Broadoak really is a vibrant and caring community.

Our core focus here at Broadoak is, of course, learning, and our dedicated and passionate staff ensure there is a challenging and exciting curriculum for all our young people across numerous subjects.



We have excellent personalised provision across the Academy, supporting and nurturing all needs of our young people. Our aim is to develop young people who are confident, responsible, articulate and inspired!

Fantastic facilities at Broadoak enhance what we provide for students. Whether it be the science laboratories, the dance studio, the tennis courts, the football pitch or the library, we are able to provide opportunities

for exceptional progress in a thriving and positive environment.

Thank you for your interest in our wonderful school and, as reading about a school is not quite the same as visiting, we look forward to welcoming you soon.

Danny McGilloway,
Principal



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Broadoak Values

At Broadoak we develop a culture and approach from the students and staff under our mantra of Time, Courage and Choice.

We value Time; time does not stand still, and we must make the most of it with everything we do. Time allows us to think, to make sensible choices. Time allows us to heal from sadness. Time is a gift that we can use for good in so many ways. We must ensure that we value time, from being on time to our learning, to using time to our advantage when planning our learning and our next steps, in school, in our wider community and beyond. We must use time to help us become better people by not waiting to help others, but by going out and proactively contributing to our community and to the lives of those who live there.

We show Courage; it is easy to give up, to say I can't do it, to say it's too difficult, to hide behind the view that we are not good enough, to follow others in wrongdoing. It is easy to not make a big decision or not take an important step. It is easy to not speak out against bullying, prejudice and discrimination. It is easy to stand by and watch or listen whilst others are unkind. Not at Broadoak! We show courage and nurture our young people to show courage. We show the courage to keep going even though things are difficult. We show the courage to stand up against unkindness in whatever form it takes. We show the courage to come back strong from whatever we see as our failures, to

be better than we were before and to help others be better also.

We make the right Choice; choice is within everyone's control, but the consequences of our choices are not. As with courage, it is easy to make the wrong choice, but we support and educate our students to make the right choice. Whether this be in learning, in relationships with others, in how they behave, in how they treat themselves and others. Choice is powerful and we nurture our young people to understand the power of choice and how making the right choice will result in much better outcomes for them in lessons, in school, in the community and in their wider lives as they grow and develop through their time at Broadoak.

These values – Time, Courage, Choice – drive our endeavours in the pursuit of excellence for and from all in our academy. They drive our high standards and expectations. They support the growth of the pride we have in our Houses. They encourage us to embrace challenge and to inspire creativity and imagination. They promote a love of learning, an open-mindedness and an inclusive school that grows from the very heart of what we stand for - community and belonging - the pillars that mean everything to everyone across our academy.





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Teaching and Learning

We offer a curriculum tailored to the needs of all our students; one that promotes their spiritual, moral, social, cultural and physical development and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

Students study a diverse and exciting range of subjects. English, maths and science form the core of our curriculum, but students also experience other subjects such as geography, history, art, design technology, ICT and a modern foreign language. Underpinning all studies is our ethic of excellence which challenges students to aim for their very best each day in their skills, knowledge and understanding.

We also place great emphasis on developing numeracy and literacy skills as these are the building blocks of success across the curriculum.

In order for our students to thrive, we provide them with an engaging, stimulating and secure environment. Providing high quality learning opportunities in all subjects is the core business of our Academy. We aim to achieve this by meeting the individual needs of each student and by having high expectations of all learners, thus ensuring they can maximise or even exceed their full academic potential.

Students are also encouraged to reflect on their achievements and their learning in order to understand the next steps in their journey. Likewise, staff members consider themselves



to be professional learners as they consistently and persistently strive to develop their own skills and knowledge.

Family and community involvement play an essential role in the success of our students and we welcome collaboration and feedback to support and improve the learning of our young people. We aim to make the transition from primary to secondary as smooth as possible, so we work closely with primary partners to ensure there is continuity of curriculum experience.



My son's time at Broadoak has been all about achieving his best, and he has proven this through his GCSE results. We are extremely grateful to all the staff.

Parent



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Every Student Every Lesson

We aim to be an outstanding Academy with a vibrant and innovative learning environment, where all students can maximise their abilities, ambitions and academic potential.



Everyone at Broadoak Academy is encouraged to strive to achieve excellence. Students are expected to demonstrate positive behaviour towards staff, other students and all members of the Academy community.

At Broadoak, we want all students to experience high quality teaching and learning in a disruption free classroom.

We have 4 simple and clear expectations of students, which are:

- **Work hard and allow others to learn**
- **Follow staff instructions**
- **Speak politely and with respect to everyone**
- **Respect the Academy and its environment**



We are extremely pleased with the behaviour policy.
Parent





Care and Guidance

Working with the parents and carers of our young people is a priority here at Broadoak. We know that strong home school links are crucial if we are to get to know our students well.



Every student will join a tutor group as part of our House system. For five years they will belong to their very own in-school family, either Beech Bears, Chestnut Cheetahs, Spruce Sharks or Whitebeam Wolves.

Every student is a member of a tutor group, alongside other students in their year group. Their tutor, Head of House and Assistant Head of House oversee their academic, social and emotional progress and will often be the first point of contact if you have any concerns. During your child's first term here at Broadoak you will have an opportunity to meet with the tutor and discuss how they have settled into Academy life. This is just the first of many contacts you will have and we

encourage you to always let us know early if there's anything you think we need to know to help your child.

Students have regular PHSE lessons covering many important and sometimes controversial issues to help them face the challenges of Academy life, as well as life in modern Britain. We are a diverse community and celebrate this diversity through assemblies, displays and activities, in addition to lessons across the curriculum. Student participation in activities like student leadership elections, charity weeks and staff interviews develop their skills and confidence in becoming active citizens. Students will also have an opportunity to be part of our Broadoak student

parliament. We know that to be successful academically it's important that students adopt healthy lifestyles, physically and mentally. PE lessons are an important part of this but so are the wide range of extra-curricular sporting opportunities, sports day, visits from the school nursing team and other outside support, such as counsellors, Off the Record and other mental health/wellbeing practitioners/providers.



Thank you for the fantastic support you gave our daughter over the last few years.

Parent - Year 11



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An Innovative Curriculum

The start of key stage three marks the beginning of an exciting phase for our students here at Broadoak. It is the period when they build on their primary education and prepare for their key stage four choices. Our Year 7 curriculum is designed so that students can master the fundamentals in each subject, whilst maintaining breadth.



There are four key principles underpinning our curriculum at Broadoak:

- All students have access to a broad, balanced and coherent curriculum that supports excellent learning.
- Our curriculum at key stage three ensures a strong start to students' secondary education, in which students are both supported and challenged.
- Our curriculum is designed and curated by subject experts from Broadoak Academy and the wider federation. By drawing on this extensive subject expertise we ensure our shared curriculum is high quality, well sequenced and ambitious.
- Our flexible and relevant curriculum is designed to encourage open-mindedness, to challenge every student to achieve excellence and to develop a love of learning.



The show was absolutely outstanding and the talent in the school is tremendous.

Parent - Year 9





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Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Our students can develop their skills, knowledge and understanding by participating in a wide range of exciting enrichment and enhancement activities.

For those who are talented performers, we offer a range of Academy productions as well as choir or orchestra. Students perform at our Performing Arts Showcases or audition for a part in our annual whole Academy musical production. We also have very successful partnerships with the North Somerset and Taunton Music Services for peripatetic music and singing lessons.

We have a great reputation for our physical education and sports activities, making the most of our excellent facilities. We take part in inter-schools and county leagues for football, hockey, netball, rugby and cricket, as well as competing in athletics and gymnastics competitions. Our students are supported by a dedicated and enthusiastic PE faculty. Of course, for those with a penchant for adventure, we provide opportunities to participate in trips and activities throughout the year. Our Duke of Edinburgh participation is huge and still growing, with students taking part in the bronze and silver awards. There is a well-stocked and busy library. The Library team runs a huge choice of interest groups and regularly organises visits from well-known authors. In July we hold our Enrichment Days for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9. During the same week Year 10 go out on their various work experience placements. Students



take part in a varied and challenging choice of events and activities. We also welcome a great many fascinating speakers and visitors, who come to talk with our students. All these visits, guests and events add tremendous value to our students' learning experiences.

We believe that students should have a range of opportunities to develop leadership skills from playing in one of our Academy sports teams, being a tutor representative, a school council representative, and when they reach

Year 11, perhaps even a House Captain! All of these roles provide opportunities for our students to celebrate their achievements and skills and act as a positive role model to others.



I just want to thank the school, in particular the teachers for supporting my child to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Award
Parent - Year 10



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Student Support

At Broadoak we offer a high level of challenge accompanied by high levels of support so that all can achieve. We foster an inclusive environment, developing high aspirations and expectations of all students and including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Our Student Support Team is made up of highly skilled learning support staff, Higher Level Teaching Assistants and learning mentors. They provide support for students who have special educational needs and disabilities through in-class support, one to one sessions or small group work. Parents and carers work closely with us to plan how students' needs will be met and there are regular opportunities to meet and review progress.

Students with additional literacy and numeracy needs have personalised support sessions helping them develop the core skills and abilities they need to be successful across the curriculum. All year groups can access homework club after school with staff from the Student Support Team to provide them with the help many need to ensure that they can complete homework to the same high standards as their classwork.

Our Hub provides bespoke provision to support young people with specific needs to access the demands of learning across the curriculum. Our experience shows that, with the right support, all young people can be successful and we are proud of our success in working with SEND students.



Hard work in the classroom pays off for Broadoak students.
Weston Mercury





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Beyond Broadoak

Careers information advice and guidance is available throughout a student's time at Broadoak. There are careers and work related learning lessons within the PHSE programme, as well as alternative curriculum activities during the year. All students complete a week's work experience in Year 10, often working in a diverse range of placements from architects' offices to zoos.



As they progress through the Academy students develop a broader understanding of different post 16 and post 18 options. They begin to make judgements from a wide range of sources, including impartial advice and guidance, about their future. They will participate in 'Moving On Day' where they will have the opportunity to develop interview techniques and soft skills through at least one formal interview with community and business volunteers.

Looking ahead to life after Broadoak can be a little daunting, however all students are encouraged and

supported with the completion of applications for a variety of Post-16 education courses at local colleges and sixth form centres, including traditional A Levels, vocational courses, apprenticeships or traineeships. To support this, we have a dedicated full-time Careers advisor as part of our team.

The Academy has strong links with local Further Education providers in particular Weston and Bridgwater Colleges as well as local businesses for students considering alternative avenues. Students will visit these Colleges and take part in a range of

taster activities to enable them to experience first hand some of the options available when they leave Broadoak.

We are also excited to be working closely with Winterstoke Hundred to ensure a strong post 16 provision for our students.



*We are celebrating awesome results...
thanks to the school!*

Parent - Year 11

Welcome to the Cabot Learning Federation



Our partnership is sponsored by Rolls-Royce PLC and University of the West of England (UWE).



The Cabot Learning Federation (CLF) consists of 35 schools in Bristol, Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and Somerset. Our family of schools includes secondary and primary academies; one all-through academy; overarching Post 16 provision; a studio school; special schools, and a suite of alternative provisions. Together we educate 18,000 children between the ages of two and 19.

We are proud that every CLF academy has shown marked improvement since joining us, as identified by Ofsted and pupils' outcomes. Our work is changing the educational landscape across the region; at the CLF, we champion the success and life chances of all children, as exemplified in our HEART values, and believe every child can find a route to happiness and prosperity.

Our trust was created to enable staff to work more closely together to deliver the best education possible for the students who attend our academies. We are proud of the improvements we have seen in pupil outcomes and more of our students than ever before have qualifications that compare favourably with other young people nationally and across the South West.

In addition to our work in schools, we perform a range of roles in government-backed initiatives

CLF CORE PURPOSE

				
Maintain High expectations in all we do, ambitious for ourselves, our communities, and our environment.	Create Equity of opportunity, promoting inclusion, removing disadvantage and rejecting discrimination.	Champion the success and life chances of All children .	Furnish pupils and staff with the Resilience to succeed as lifelong learners.	Harness our Togetherness to achieve more, collaborating proactively in seamless unity.

designed to improve the schools sector. We support a large number of schools beyond our trust as a lead partner in the Five Counties Teaching School Hubs Alliance. We also run two Behaviour Hubs, an Attendance Hub and the Boolean Maths Hub. This places us at the heart of a network of more than 900 schools across our region. We also invest in the future of the education sector, training and accrediting new teachers via our own School Centred Initial Teacher Training provision. This is a good illustration of our determination to recruit the best people into the profession and support them to become highly-effective practitioners and leaders via further professional development throughout their careers.

Broadoak Academy is a key partner in our growing family of CLF schools. Please do take the opportunity to get to know the school, its staff and the Principal, Danny McGilloway.

Our vision is simple: we believe that by working together rather than in isolation we can accelerate school improvement, embed excellence in our academies, deliver our mission, and be an educator of choice for pupils and their families.

Our commitment to high expectations and standards, a joy-filled contemporary curriculum and excellent teaching is underpinned by an inclusive ethos which seeks to eradicate disadvantage and help all our pupils reach their full potential. This all combines to help us create more opportunities for lifelong success for our pupils as they become young adults.

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