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# Welcome to Broadoak Academy



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## Welcome from Principal Mr McGilloway



It is such an exciting time making the move to secondary school and it is with real pleasure I welcome you to the Broadoak Academy family.

We do not underestimate the enormity of the step up to secondary school, but you have our assurances that, together, our young people will do this confidently and successfully, with the support of a most wonderful and dedicated team of staff. With our broad and rich curriculum, our proud and nurturing House system, as well as the wealth of experiences the children will have, our journey starts now! I look forward to meeting you all very soon.

**Danny McGilloway,**  
Principal

## Head of Houses



**Beech**  
Mrs Jennifer Laity



**Chestnut**  
Ms Rose Hooke



**Spruce**  
Mr Jack Thorp-  
Greenwood

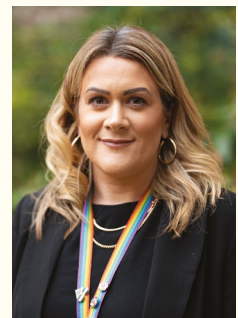


**Whitebeam**  
Mrs Sarah Ashby



## Welcome from Special Educational Needs Coordinator, Bella Charman

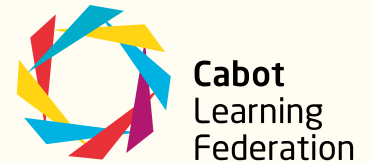
I am the SENCO at Broadoak Academy and I am delighted that you have chosen our Academy. Our school is a welcoming and inclusive community, where everyone feels happy, safe and valued. We aspire to be the best that we can be and believe that learning should be fun, purposeful and challenging. We promote a creative, stimulating curriculum that focuses on skills for lifelong learning and your child will be supported fully along the way.



If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me:  
[bella.charman@clf.uk](mailto:bella.charman@clf.uk)



# Welcome from the Chief Executive of the Cabot Learning Federation, Steve Taylor



As well as welcoming you to Broadoak Academy, I'd like to welcome your family to our family of schools in Weston-super-Mare.



Broadoak is one of a number of sibling schools, both primary and secondary, in the Cabot Learning Federation, working together in the town across the age ranges to secure the best possible

experience for all of the children in our care. While there will always be something special about the particular atmosphere and experience at Broadoak, it's always good to know that you are part of a broader team, supporting and sharing the same high expectations and aspirations for each other. All the best for your new start in September!

**Mr Steve Taylor** *Chief Executive, Cabot Learning Federation*



## Welcome from Chair of the Academy Council, Becky Frise

I am delighted to welcome your family to Broadoak Academy. I am confident that in Broadoak you will find not only a first class education on offer but also a wealth of opportunities outside of the day to day classroom experience. As Chair of Broadoak's Academy Council I have had the privilege of observing many aspects of the school's life and have seen how, under the care and guidance of our hard-working staff, our students can grow as individuals and become successful members of the Broadoak and wider community. May I wish your child every success at Broadoak and extend an invitation to contact me should you wish to know more about the role of the Academy Council.



## Welcome from a Year 7 student

*I knew before joining that Broadoak was a good school as my sisters had come here, but I still felt nervous when I first started. However, when I met the staff, I felt really welcome and part of the Broadoak community. I now feel less nervous as I know what I am doing, and I have joined girls' Gym Club and Netball where I have made friends. I have also made friends with new people in my Tutor Group and I am also part of the School Parliament and Spruce House!*

## Welcome from a parent

*"My son was very worried and anxious about moving up to secondary school. We contacted the school and they took the time to meet us and really listen to our specific concerns. The team answered all our challenging questions, offered considered solutions to our issues and found practical ways to make the transition less daunting. As a result my son spent the summer really excited about joining the Broadoak family and has really embraced the opportunity. Broadoak Academy demonstrated how much they genuinely care about each and every student and will go above and beyond to ensure every student is fully supported. I wasn't sure we had made the right choice initially, but a year on I know Broadoak is the perfect fit."*





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# Our 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.





# 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.

In order to give our students a broad and balanced learning experience at Broadoak, we offer a wide range of subjects throughout key stage three. As our values demonstrate, we believe in making the best use of our time, showing courage and making the right choices, therefore teaching is deliberately designed to challenge and support all students to exceed their potential, regardless of their starting points.

Our timetable is taught with 6 periods of 50 minute lessons per day. Here is the breakdown of the subjects that Year 7 students will study each week:

**Maths**

**English**

**Science and Computer Science**

**Modern Foreign Languages  
(French or Spanish)**

**Humanities (Geography, History,  
Religious Studies)**

**Technology (Product Design,  
Food Technology)**

**The Arts (Art, Music, Drama)**

**Physical Education**

**PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health,  
Citizenship and Economic Education)**

**Extra-curricular Enrichment**



# Extra-curricular opportunities



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We encourage every Year 7 student to take part in at least one extra-curricular activity during the year. Here is a selection of some of the clubs on offer:

Art Club

Basketball Club

Broadoak Pride

Charity Club

Choir

Duke of Edinburgh

Film Club

Fitness Club

Football

Hockey

Homework club

Lego Club

Netball

Play Ukuele

Rounders

Rugby

School Productions

Tennis



During the summer term each year we hold our Enrichment Week where students choose to take part in exciting and adventurous activities and residential. In the past we have offered trips to a wide variety of places including Disneyland Paris, Liddington Multi-Activity Centre, Woodhouse Park, Thorpe Park, Laser Quest, Go Ape, and West Midland Safari Park, as well as in school activities such as Sports, Arts and Crafts, Mindfulness, Cookery/Baking and Dance. There really is something for everyone!



# What happens next?



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Once you accept your child's offer here at Broadoak, the transition work begins. Here is a summary of what this includes:



**March onwards** – We will be happy to answer any questions that you might have, and you are also more than welcome to visit the school again or meet with any of us on request. Please email [transition@broadoakacademy.clf.uk](mailto:transition@broadoakacademy.clf.uk)

**April, May and June** - We will be visiting every single child and their Year 6 teacher in the primary schools. We will be gaining as much information as we can from your primary school including academic data, behaviour, likes and dislikes, friendships, extra-curricular interests and personality traits.

For any students with additional or special educational needs, our SEND Team will meet with our primary school counterparts to make sure that we have all the relevant information needed so that we can continue to meet your child's needs in the best possible way.

We will also have some pre-transition visits for selected students. They will come to Broadoak with a key member of staff from their primary school and will often work with their prospective Key Worker from Broadoak as well.

**Week commencing 1st July** - The Big Step Transition Week. Your child will be spending 3 days with us Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th July 2024. They will be following our timetable, experiencing a typical school day at Broadoak, meeting with their tutors and some of their new teachers, making new friends and gaining confidence throughout.

**Thursday, 4th July 5.30-6.30pm** - Parent and Carer Information Evening - You are warmly invited to join us and celebrate what the students have been doing during transition week. You will be able to see some of their new learning and we will be presenting a video of the three days experience at Broadoak Academy. During the evening you will also be able to meet your child's new Tutor and House Team.

*We are really looking forward to meeting you!*





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