

newsletter

The voice of Broadoak Academy

Term 5 - May 2021



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I AM SOMEBODY.

I WAS SOMEBODY WHEN I CAME.

I'LL BE A BETTER SOMEBODY
WHEN I LEAVE.

I AM POWERFUL, AND I AM STRONG.
I DESERVE THE EDUCATION THAT I GET HERE.

I HAVE THINGS TO DO,
PEOPLE TO IMPRESS,
AND PLACES TO GO.

This term has ended with us saying one of our first goodbyes to the Year 11 class of 2021. A year group that has had to navigate their GCSEs in the era of a pandemic. They are an inspiration to us all.

Rita Person, a great educationalist, used to drill into all her students that, as the quote above shows, they were somebody, they were powerful, that they had people to impress and places to go.

I used this quote with our Year 11s yesterday as they had their final assembly together. It was a wonderful event and you can read about it in the year group update but as representatives of all our young people, they are impressive!

I recalled that when they joined us in Year 7 Donald Trump became President of the USA, when they were in Year 8 the #metoo movement began, when they were in Year 9 the climate agenda came to the fore with the Beast from the East followed in 2020 by Greta Thunberg's visit to Bristol.

When they were in Year 10 the advent of Black Lives Matter, the toppling of Colston's statue and the protests here in Weston marked key moments for this year group. In Year 11, students were challenged by the dissonance around examinations because of Covid here in the UK.

As the world changed and convulsed, our students demanded we change too and do better. Because of them there is deep work underway about what it means to be a decent citizen of Broadoak Academy, of Weston, of the UK, of the world - They leave an impressive legacy of resilience and a call for change. A call students in other year groups will fulfil in the coming months and years.

Ms K McGillicuddy
Principal

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Term 5 in Lower School

We have reached the end of Term 5 already and how lovely it has been to complete a whole term without any interruptions.

In assemblies this term, we have covered the themes of homelessness, vaccinations, railway safety, attendance and mental health.

We hope you have a brilliant half term break and look forward to seeing you back for Term 6!

Mr Knight
Head of Lower School

Mrs Hambley
Assistant Head of Lower School

High Standards

It has been so good to see the vast majority of students continuing to meet expectations.

High standards of uniform, punctuality, 100% attendance and excellent behaviour for learning has been exhibited by so many of our Year 7 and Year 8 students. Well done and thank you families for your support.

Year Group Updates

Core Curriculum:

Year 7 students have been studying Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' in English whilst getting to grips with properties of shapes, angles and straight line graphs in maths. They have been learning about physical and chemical changes in science.

Year 8 students meanwhile have been studying poetry in English, geometrical reasoning and 3D shapes in maths and photosynthesis and ecosystems in science.

Stars of the Week

The following students have all been chosen as 'Stars of the Week' by their tutors this term. They have been rewarded with a certificate and chocolate!

Emily M, Karina M, Freddie C, Sienna B, Maisie C, Josh A, Myesha U, Jared O, Rodrigo D, Dan S, Jacob S, Rebecca M, Lewis W, Willow B, Ben L, Ruby P, Ronnie-Ann G, Elliot I, Lissy R, Marie L, Hiron V, Febie D, Jamie D, Maisie P, Lauren S, Cameron H, Caleb N, Natalia Z, Kian D, Sophie A and Justice P



Attendance Challenge

Congratulations to those students who won a prize in our Attendance Raffle this term.

All student who receive 100% attendance each week are entered into a raffle to win a prize.

Our winners this term were:

Laurie D, Sienna V, Tommy D, Cian B, Blake W, Ollie A, Lee H, Maddie G, Amber S, Emma H, Nicholas L, Barney Joe B, Chantay C, Ethan B, Kyla B, Kyle E, Brooke P, Elliot I, Will T, Marie L, Noah H, Juwana G, Emily M, Sunny H, Kiera H, Oliver J, Papillon H, Delwyn A, Kieran F, Lucy P, Chloe M, Florence P and Jacob O.

We hope to see lots of you entered into the 100% attendance draw again next term.



Year 9 in Term 5

This term has felt like we are edging back to normality. It has been wonderful seeing Year 9 students playing football on the field at break and lunch times and groups of friends sitting chatting on the grass in the intermittent sunshine.

Preferences

Work is underway on the groupings and timetabling for next year. This is a complex process and students will need to be patient in the wait to have their preferences confirmed. Please be assured that every effort will be made to ensure students get their first choices. If this is not possible for any reason, we will be in touch with you to discuss alternatives. Please trust that everything possible will be done to achieve the best outcomes for students.

Curriculum for PSHE

PSHE this term has been on the theme of relationships. As always, students have impressed with their maturity and confidence in asking questions. We have discussed issues of consent, assertiveness and we have looked at media representations of relationships. We are continuing this theme into next term and students will be learning about and discussing family planning.

Upcoming News and Events

The launch of the new house system is well underway now. Students have been allocated to houses and we would like to thank our House Champions for a wonderful tutor time presentation, introducing themselves and their House ethos to the year group. You will be hearing a lot more about this exciting development in upcoming weeks.

Congratulations to the group of students who have been offered the chance to take part in our 'Insight Into Apprenticeships' course run by an out of school provider. Students will get the opportunity; to develop team building; to practise public speaking and to explore different career opportunities across diverse industries.

Key Themes and Half Term Workshops

Our key theme for this term has been 'Be the one who makes others feel included.' This has run alongside assemblies on diversity, inclusion and invisible disability.

One of our assemblies was written by a student who wanted others to understand what it feels like to experience anxiety and low mood.

There are two free online workshops available over half term for students to sign up for. The workshops are on the themes of beating anxiety and raising your mood. Details of how to sign up are on Show My Homework.

We also recognised the difficulties that homeless people have experienced throughout the pandemic and recognised 30 years of the Big Issue.

End of Term Celebrations

We had lots of congratulations for Year 9 students in the end of term celebration assembly this week.

Well done to all those who had shout outs from your teachers!

Have a happy half term and here's to sunshine and good health for all next term.

Mrs Downes, Head of Year 9



Year 10

...And just like that, Term 5 is over! Where did the weeks go? Year 10 have grappled with exams in many subjects this term and have worked very hard on their coursework too; specifically, a big well done to all Business Studies, iMedia and Sports Studies students and teachers. This term has also seen the launch of our new House System and Year 10 were very keen to find out if they were in the same House as their friends. Some were more pleased than others about automatically being in the same House as their siblings though...

Year 10, when we return from half-term, you will be the new Year 11. As you look to becoming the oldest students - and therefore the role models - in the school, it is important to consider how far we have come since September. You should feel incredibly proud of your attitude towards your education and your commitment to making the best of a difficult situation this year. Covid-19 has impacted your GCSEs in many ways but it does not need to dampen your spirit. And as we know, you are a spirited bunch. It therefore continues to be more important than ever to make the most of every single lesson and every single day. This is no time to take your foot off the gas – full steam ahead into the final term and Year 11!

Take care over the half-term and make sure you get some rest. Here's hoping for more sunshine next term!

Miss Kissane, Head of Year 10

Key dates and information for Year 10 next term:

- ❖ **28th June – 9th July:** PPEs will be happening next term in all subjects
- ❖ **15th July:** Weston College Taster Day
- ❖ Speakers for Schools virtual opportunities for June and July – all information on SMHW.





End of school celebrations

Year Group Updates

Year 11 – The end of an era!

Year 11 have reached the end of their time with us at Broadoak Academy after starting with us in September 2016.

After intense weeks of Assessment Points and in-class assessments, our Year 11's have reached the end of their journey with us at Broadoak.

A leavers assembly was held on their last day on Thursday 27th May with speeches from their tutors, teachers, Ms McGillycuddy and myself.

A graduation style BBQ on the 18th June will give students the opportunity to say their thanks and goodbyes to their teachers and peers.

In-between these two celebration dates, will be the "Next Big Step", which will give students the opportunity to attend College taster days, virtual tours and meetings, and continue with Broadoak based options which will allow them the chance to fully transition into post-16 life feeling confident and secure in their new venture.

Mr Poulding
Head of Year 11



Next Big Step 7th-18th June

All information about the Year 11 Next Big Step can be found on SMHW and on our website here:

[Year 11 Blog](#)

[Next Big Step
Timetable](#)

There are lots of opportunities for students virtually and onsite at Weston College, Winterstoke Hundred Sixth Form and at Broadoak.

**Remember to sign up by
Monday 7th June!**



Week 1

	Monday 7 th	Tuesday 8 th	Wednesday 9 th	Thursday 10 th	Friday 11 th
Morning (P1-P4)	CLF P16 virtual offer all day (see pages 5-8 in this document)	CLF P16 virtual offer all day (see pages 5-8 in this document)	CLF P16 virtual offer all day (see pages 5-8 in this document)	Boomsatsuma, DigiTech and Bristol City virtual offer all day (see page 9 in this document)	Boomsatsuma, DigiTech and Bristol City virtual offer all day (see page 9 in this document)
			Weston College Knightstone Campus Tour (IT, Hair & Beauty, Hospitality & Catering, Travel & Tourism, Business, Early Years, Public Services, Performing Arts) 1 hour tour slot booked in advance via this link to Eventbrite	Weston College Loxton Campus Sixth Form Tour (Photography, Media, Music, Graphic Design, Art, Game and Animation and HALSC (Health & Social Care and Sport)) 1 hour tour slot booked in advance via this link to Eventbrite	Weston College South West Skills Campus Tour (Engineering, Construction, Civil Engineering, Bricklaying, Carpentry, Plastering, Electrical, Plumbing, Motor Vehicle) 1 hour tour slot booked in advance via this link to Eventbrite
Break					
Afternoon (P5-P8)	CLF P18 virtual offer all day (see pages ... below)	1:20pm Weston College Live Event – ask us anything about starting with us in September! Add your questions in advance of the session on this Q&A Form Join the Teams event click here	Independent Transition Work Please access the transition booklets, online learning and programmes of study via SMHW.	Independent Transition Work Please access the transition booklets, online learning and programmes of study via SMHW.	1:20pm Sport and Wellbeing in school and at Hutton Moor with Mr Bird, Mr Poulding and Miss George Meet in Reception This in-school event must be booked in advance via this Onsite Activity Sign Up Form

Friday 18th June, 3.30pm - 5.30pm –
 Year 11 Leavers BBQ and Celebration Event after school.
 More information on this to follow after half term.



The Hub @ BA

The Hub @ BA is thriving and students have been engaged, enthusiastic and committed to their learning. They have conveyed sheer resilience and shown great teamwork and empathy to one another.

In the Hub we have been studying the Hunger Games and analysing a dystopian world. In Humanities we have been busy making rainforest jars to understand how the ecosystem works.

We have also been cooking and understanding how to weigh food, prepare the food and taste the finished goods.

The student's attendance has been brilliant and we are beyond proud of their individual achievements. We can't wait to see what Term 6 brings and how they will continue to grow.

Getting creative in The Hub!

Students in The Hub @ BA have been creative this term with catering and technology sessions.



Year 8 student Ryan designed and created an amazing box... Great work Ryan!



We hope you have a brilliant Half Term!





Y6 Transition – Welcome from Mr Knight!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our Broadoak family. We are really looking forward to meeting you in person. We have already been in discussions with Year 6 teachers and other staff from our feeder primary schools to find out as much as possible so that we can make the transition as smooth as possible.

We very much hope that you will be able to spend three days with us from Tuesday 29th June to Thursday 1st July which we are calling 'The Big Step Week'. This is still very much dependent on health and safety guidelines which we will need to follow. If we are allowed to go ahead, this will provide an excellent opportunity for your child to enjoy some secondary learning experiences, meet key staff and students from other primary schools and familiarise themselves with the physical environment of our Academy. We will be working closely with our primary colleagues to facilitate this event, many of whom will be joining us at Broadoak at some point during the week. If we cannot go ahead as planned, we will be still providing some form of transition experience here at Broadoak, albeit on a slightly smaller scale. Confirmation will be sent out after half-term with exact details.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or anything you wish to share with us, please do not hesitate to get in touch using parents@broadoakacademy.clf.uk



Big Step Transition 2020 at Broadoak Academy



Check out the...

[Year 6 Transition Blog](https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/blog/year-6-transition/)
[on the Broadoak Academy website](https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/blog/year-6-transition/)

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For the latest letters, news and updates regarding transition to Broadoak Academy.

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Introducing.... Spruce House!

Hello Spruce Stars! I am so excited to announce that I will be your House Champion! My name is Mr Thorp-Greenwood. I am a science teacher at Broadoak and have taught across all year groups over the past 4 years.

As part of spruce house our key ethos is inclusivity which means that we treat everyone with respect and we celebrate our differences. As a house champion I will strive to ensure that all students have the opportunity to thrive socially, morally and academically at Broadoak. This is the perfect opportunity to build on camaraderie beyond school tutor groups and will be crucial in supporting both our new students beginning at Broadoak whilst also allowing older students to demonstrate their skills as role models for those in their house.

I am excited to announce our first house competition for the year is the house shield competition! This gives pupils a chance to leave their mark at Broadoak by creating and designing a shield to represent our house. This can be created through any media they wish but must include the house colour, the name of the house and a spruce tree. We also have many more competitions in the pipeline to encourage creativity and to help build on relationships between year groups.

I have already seen a great response from students and teachers alike and look forward to seeing what the future brings!



**Mr Thorp-Greenwood
Spruce House Champion**

Introducing.... Beech house!

¡Hola a todos! I am delighted to introduce myself to you as the Beech house champion! My name is Miss Jeffery and I am a French and Spanish here at Broadoak Academy, predominantly teaching Year 8 and Year 10.

Having a house system at Broadoak is a wonderful initiative which will foster strong relationships between different year groups, provide role models for younger students and further develop a caring ethos for older year groups.

The principal ethos for Beech house, represented by the colour blue will be 'open-mindedness'. As an MFL teacher, learning more about different cultures and countries is something close to my heart. In Beech house we celebrate diversity and work collaboratively together. Every Beecher has something valuable to bring to the house and I will always encourage my house members to get involved and try their best.

There will be various house competitions being run over the school year, the first of which being the house shield competition! All students in Beech house can design and create their own shield to represent our house using any method/materials they like. Incorporating the beech tree, the colour blue and the name of the house would be a great way to start! I will choose the winning shield which will be replicated in various forms across the school.



**Miss Jeffery
Beech House Champion**



Introducing.... Whitebeam House!

Hello Whitebeamers! My name is Mr Hayward and I am a maths teacher at Broadoak Academy. I am truly excited to be your House Champion, and I cannot wait to help the house system become an integral part of our school's community!

As soon as I heard that we were starting a house system at Broadoak I knew straight away that I wanted to be a part of it. When I was at school we had a house system that was highly visible throughout the school, and was led by teachers with a great deal of enthusiasm. My aim is to help our house system be just as enjoyable for our students. I also hope to create a team spirit within our house, where students are kind and supporting of each other, but where they also have a competitive edge!

One of our key values in Whitebeam House is community spirit. This means that by being members of Whitebeam House students will be encouraged to practice teamwork, good communication and selflessness. In my own life, playing team sports and has helped me to learn these skills, but whether my fellow Whitebeamers are sports fans or not, they will be encouraged to develop these skills whenever possible.

Our first competition is to develop a house shield so I hope to come back to you with news on this next month. Up the Whitebeam!



Mr Hayward
Whitebeam House Champion

Introducing.... Chestnut House!

Hello Chestnuts! I couldn't be prouder to be your House Champion. My name is Miss Evans and I am an English teacher at Broadoak Academy, as well as a Year 9 Tutor.

I am delighted that Broadoak has decided to introduce a house system. I remember so fondly the joys of being part of a house when I was at school: having the sense of belonging, getting to know new faces, discovering new activities and best of all – beating all the other houses at Sport's Day!

The principal value of Chestnut House is encouraging a **love of learning**. This means we put a focus on students' knowledge, skills and understanding for success in school and beyond. This provides a platform for lifelong success, as young people leave us with the confidence and skills to be successful in a rapidly changing world. We are represented by the colour **red** which - being Welsh - has an added significance for me. It also has connotations of love and, according to Chinese culture, is the luckiest colour of all.

I am thoroughly over the moon to be your house champion and even more excited to get to know you all better over the coming months. There's so much fun in store!



Miss Evans
Chestnut House Champion



Extra Curricular Activities – Summer Term!

Students and staff have really enjoyed getting back into extra curricular activities in sport, performing arts, science, languages, DofE and much more this term.



Monday Lunch	Japanese Club	Miss Winton	A4	Year 7
Tuesday Lunch	Chess Club	Ms Gee	B7	Year 9
Tuesday Lunch	Mandarin for beginners	Mrs McDermott	D3	Year 8
Tuesday 3pm	D of E	Miss Lincoln	B-wing Quad / Back of school	Year 9,10 and 11 DofE Students
Tuesday 3pm	Basketball	Mr Poulding	Sports Corridor	Please speak with Mr Poulding
Tuesday 3pm	Cricket	Mr Bird	Outside Sports Hall	Year 7 and Year 8
Tuesday 3pm	Rounders	Mrs Ashby	Outside Sports Hall	Year 7
Tuesday 3pm	Rounders	Mrs George	Outside Sports Hall	Year 8
Thursday Lunch	French Club	Ms Jeffery	G8	Year 10
Thursday Lunch	Model UN	Mrs Massey	G10	Year 10
Thursday 3pm	Rounders	Mrs George	Outside Sports Hall	Year 9
Thursday 3pm	Rounders	Mrs Ashby	Outside Sports Hall	Year 10
Thursday 3pm	Cricket	Mr Bird	Outside Sports Hall	Year 9, Year 10
Friday Lunch	Latin	Ms McGillycuddy	D5	Year 8





App Designing with Amazon!

A group of year 8 students had the opportunity to develop an app to help their community in conjunction with AWS/GetIt and Amazon.

A group of students in year 8 were selected to design an app to help solve a problem within the local community with scope to scale it up.

The students come up with several fantastic ideas, ranging from improving recycling in school to providing information about current affairs.

The students finally settled on designing an app to support students in school with mental health. The students felt that this was a topic that was close to their hearts and very relevant, especially in the given pandemic.

The app evolved to include many features, such as: a forum to ask questions, links to websites with information, links to professional services and also a section where you could set goals and earn points. The students created a presentation that was submitted to Amazon, ready for judging.

They worked exceptionally hard and put in some incredible work both during and after school. The maturity with which they approached this task was outstanding and the ambassador assigned to us from Amazon was hugely impressed at the quality of work that was produced.

Well done to all the students involved and we wish you good luck for the judging!



Salvete from Latin Club!

This term we have been looking at the different roles and jobs in Pompeii from the banker to the barber to the slave merchant.

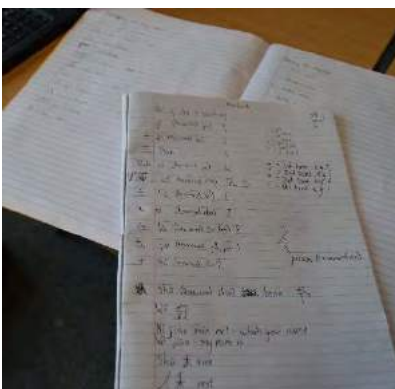
Our Latin scholars enjoyed discovering the Latin 'argentarius' means silver and that the Latin for ship is 'navem' hence our modern English word for Navy.

We also enjoyed the rude rhymes of the poet in the barber's shop – 'scurrilis' as Caecilius would say!



Mandarin Club

Mandarin Club (currently just for students in Year 8) have been meeting on a weekly basis this term. Mrs McDermott has been very impressed by the effort shown by the participants, and already the students are brilliant at what can be very tricky pronunciation and writing their Mandarin characters.



We look forward to continuing our learning together, and hopefully allowing pupils in other year groups to join us one day soon.



Broadoak Academy Sports Centre



We are excited to reopen our excellent facilities to our community. Broadoak Academy Sports Centre can accommodate a diverse range of sports and activities within our Sports Hall, Main Hall, All Weather Sand-Based Astro pitch, MUGA and Dance Studio facilities.

Get in touch with us at BALettings@clf.uk to find out how we can accommodate your booking needs.



Big Run and Walk

Our Big Run and Big Walk staff teams have been completing our miles in May to raise money for disadvantaged children.

Our runners have pledged to run over 100 miles & our walkers have pledged over 130 miles! Broadoak students will also be completing a mile run or walk in their PE lessons.

Cabot Learning Federation staff & students are attempting to run 11,662 miles (a mile for every child in our trust) and raise the equivalent in funding (£11,662) for our most disadvantaged children.

If you would like to support the Big Run and Big Walk please donate here or send a message of support!

Donate here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/clf-big-events...>

Read more about the Big Run and Walk here: <https://bit.ly/2RGIXaN>





Spotlight on a Performing Arts Star!

Ruth is a Year 11 student at Broadoak and has been attending PQA for performing arts on Saturdays at Broadoak Academy.

Being a student at PQA (Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts) has been a wonderful opportunity and has helped me develop my social and leadership skills, as well as helping me discover more about the performing arts while meeting so many new and passionate people. When I was first offered a scholarship to PQA, I was absolutely thrilled as I have always loved drama and music – but I was unsure on what to expect. I have never been the most confident person but **on my first day I was met with so many friendly faces and exciting experiences that I couldn't help but feel absolutely at home.** Every week at PQA you study three subjects – Film and Television, Comedy and Drama and Musical Theatre. I would pick a favourite, but I honestly enjoyed aspects of all three – from analysing and recreating iconic movie scenes in Film and TV, to creating exciting performances in Musical Theatre and working in groups to develop fun sketches in Comedy and Drama, **there is truly something for everyone!**

PQA provides its students with a variety of opportunities to improve their skills and confidence, **one of my favourites was performing with G4 in a Christmas carol concert in Wells Cathedral.** It was a great experience and along the way we all learned so many skills and developed our skills as vocal performers, as well as our teamwork and general performance etiquette. Even if (like me) you aren't aiming for a career in the Performing Arts, gaining these experiences can seriously improve your confidence and teamwork skills that will be useful in any career, and you get to have a lot of fun along the way! For everyone who is pursuing a career in acting, film etc, there are also many ways to branch out into a career; we talked to a BBC presenter to gain valuable insights into jobs in television and rehearsals for Musical Theatre productions are always educational as the teachers are very well trained and can offer specialist insight and advice about performance skills. Furthermore, some of my friends have joined PQA's Creative Management company, which can provide valuable audition opportunities and we were able to use professional cameras to record scenes in Film and Television.

If you are not very sure of your skills as a dancer, singer, actor or filmmaker, the academy provides frequent support and welcomes students of all skill and experience levels. You are not expected to be perfect at everything but when you do improve, your achievements are acknowledged and celebrated, such as when three students are chosen each week to be recognised for their improvement and skills in the three different modules.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all the lovely staff at PQA, as well as the students whose talents and kindness I will never forget. The teachers there are all so skilled and passionate about their subjects that every Saturday was something to look forward to, and their care for the students is so genuine that it is heart-warming to see. The students were also very encouraging and meeting so many new and talented people has really expanded my horizons!

I wish you all the best and hopefully you will have many more rewarding experiences in the years to come :)



If you want to gain confidence and valuable experiences with a wonderful group of people, I would seriously recommend going to PQA. Whether you want to pursue a career in the performing arts and are looking for a good place to start, or if you just want to meet new friends and improve your skills, it is truly a fantastic way to spend your Saturdays.



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WHAT PARENTS SAY ABOUT PQA WESTON-SUPER-MARE:

It's fantastic for my child to be in an Academy that genuinely cares. You're all so caring and passionate! Fab! My daughter loves it.

My daughter is never excited about any club I've signed her up to but she's **LOVING** this! She got up today & said, "Yes, it's PQA Day!"

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Broadoak Academy Student Parliament

This term we have looked at the Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) agenda.

Two Year 8 students represented Broadoak at the CLF Parliament - Agents of Change Day. This resulted in ideas being discussed by tutor groups of the changes they would like to see.

All year groups have reflected on issues affecting students under this mandate and articulated work they would like to do in the coming term.

This includes development of anti-bullying, language and its use - particularly that linked to discrimination, as well as the importance of student's mental health. All of which will underpin upcoming action.



The Term 5 virtual student parliament meeting was also visited by Su Coombes. Su sits on the CLF's executive board leading equalities, diversity and the Prevent agenda. She spoke of how she came to the role, her experiences and work across the Trust. Students were given opportunity to ask questions and we look forward to the work this will develop.



Did you know?

Student Parliament Representatives are now shown around the school by the purple oak leaf badges they wear. Tutor Reps have been presented with an 'A' for Ambassador whilst the year group Chair and Deputy for Student Parliament have been presented with a 'L' for Leader.



Broadoak Talks with Channel 4 Star!

Broadoak Academy, had the fantastic opportunity to have guest speaker Callum Scott Howells, who virtually joined their Year 10 and Year 11 Drama students for talk about his career on stage and screen, including his recent role as Colin in the Russell T Davies smash hit TV drama series, It's a Sin, broadcast on Channel 4.

Students talk to TV actor Callum

Broadoak Academy students had the fantastic opportunity to hear from a young actor.

Guest speaker Callum Scott Howells virtually joined year 10 and year 11 drama students to talk about his career on stage and screen.

Callum most recently starred as Colin in the Russell T Davies smash hit TV drama series It's A Sin on Channel Four.

Growing up in Tonyrefail in Welsh Rhondda Valleys, acting has always been a passion for Callum.

He is a recent graduate of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and started his professional career in the Children's Ensemble in the UK Tour of Cameron Mackintosh's production of the hit musical, Oliver.

As well as theatre, Callum travelled to South-East Asia for the CBBC documentary Show Me What You're Made Of which was nominated for a Children's BAFTA Award.

Callum talked to Broadoak Academy students about the importance of hard work and the teamwork which has led to his success.

While Callum excited the students by mentioning the celebrities he has worked with, he also gave students an insight



Students talked to Callum Scott Howells over Zoom.

Picture: CABOT LEARNING FEDERATION

behind the glamour of the showbiz world, including the long working days and the intensity of the camera when filming.

The talk ended with a question and answer session, including who had inspired Callum in his career.

Year 11 drama student Jamie said: "It was really interesting

finding out about a personal experience of someone we have seen on TV.

"We see lots of celebrities telling their story but to hear a first-hand experience from Callum about how he got into acting and also the effect his career has had on him personally was inspiring."

Miss Horwood, the drama

teacher who organised the visit, said: "The drama department at Broadoak wants to say a massive thank you to Callum for taking the time to speak to our GCSE students.

"The students were grateful for the opportunity to speak to someone in the industry and ask questions about how

Callum arrived at where he is today. Talking all things from amateur dramatics to drama school choices and what it is like to work on a TV set, Callum talked about his personal experiences and career to date which gave the students an insight as to what the arts industry can be like. Thank you, Callum."

Peter York

Year 10 students were introduced to the world of media and publishing with the latest Broadoak Talks careers talk with Peter York. Peter is an author, journalist, broadcaster, management consultant and President of the Media Society.

Peter talked about his life, his career and his concerns with media literacy. Students were interested to find out more about how social media can spread disinformation and asked questions such as "how do you feel about the power and influence of social media in this day and age?" to which Peter gave answers which encouraged students to think about their own online presence and how their data is used.

One of the pieces of career advice that Peter gave the Year 10 students was in regard to getting on the path to the career that they want.

Peter advised **"Start at the bottom in the field that you want to be good at. You will be far more motivated to succeed"**.



If you would be interested in being a speaker for our upcoming Broadoak Talks events, please email: enquiries@broadoakacademy.clf.uk or call 01934 422000



DofE Award – Getting ready for Bronze Expeditions

55 students across Year 9, 10 and 11 are getting ready to complete Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions in June and September.

Students have been training every Tuesday in Term 5 and learning skills including:

- Map reading, route cards and navigation
- Meal planning and cooking on Trangia's
- Camping and tents
- Kit lists and bag packing
- and much more!



Reminder:
 DofE Students please check SMHW for your Half Term tasks including digital training and route cards...
 Make sure you've got your kit ready too!



We finished the term with a practice walk through Uphill when students followed a route card and checkpoints map in their expedition groups. Some carried their bags to test the weight they will be carrying on the expeditions and to see how much they can fit in their rucksacks!

The route took the groups through woodland, across fields, the beach and up the hill and got them thinking about the pace and distance they are able to walk.

Miss Kasht talked to the students about contours and how your walking pace differs when walking up an incline. This will help the students when creating their own route cards.

We all had a brilliant time and the students were fantastic ambassadors for Broadoak DofE!



HIKING RUCKSACKS NEEDED...
 We need your help!
 Do you have a hiking rucksack you could donate to our DofE students?
 Please email emma.lincoln@clf.uk or bring it to the Broadoak Reception!





Sport in the sunshine!

Students across all year groups have enjoyed getting back out on the field for sports this term whether it be in PE lessons or in extra-curricular cricket and rounders.

Sports News





We're Hiring!

Come and join our Broadoak Academy community. Do you love to read? Would you like to help the young people in the classroom? Is sport your passion?

We have vacancies in different departments across the Academy. Please see all of our current vacancies here:

[Broadoak Academy Vacancies](https://clf.uk/career-opportunities/)

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Champion the success and life chances of **All children**

Furnish pupils and staff with the **Resilience** to succeed as lifelong learners

Establish **High expectations** for all that we seek to achieve

Create **Equity** of opportunity, removing disadvantage

Promote **Tolerance** and respect for ourselves, our communities and our environment

Learning Resource Centre Coordinator

Academy: Broadoak Academy

Salary: CLF 8 Starting at £22,574 rising incrementally to £24,758 per year pro rata. Actual Starting Salary: £19,248 per year.

Start Date: As soon as possible

Appointment Type: Permanent

Hours: 37 hours per week, Term Time Only + 5 Inset Days

Closing Date: 06 June 2021

Interview Date: To Be Confirmed

Learning Support Assistant x 2

Academy: Broadoak Academy

Salary: CLF 7 Starting at £19,746, rising incrementally to £22,008 per year pro rata. Actual Starting Salary £16,836 per year.

Start Date: As soon as possible

Appointment Type: Fixed Term

Hours: 37 hours per week, Term Time Only + 5 Inset Days

Closing Date: 03 June 2021

Interview Date: To be confirmed

PE Teacher

Academy: Broadoak Academy

Salary: M1, £25,714 - UPS 3, £41,604 per year (depending on experience)

Start Date: 01 September 2021

Appointment Type: Permanent

Hours: 32.5 hours per week

Closing Date: 06 June 2021

Interview Date: To Be Confirmed



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Join the Broadoak Academy Family!

If you are interested in one of our vacancies and would like to arrange a visit to Broadoak please email

enquiries@broadoakacademy.clf.uk



Broadoak Alumni

What does Broadoak stand for?

We are looking to find out from our Broadoak community what Broadoak means to you. This could be from your time as a student, a parent or a member of the local community. To help us with this we would ask you to provide:

- A photograph of yourself, ideally in your chosen profession
- A quote saying 'Broadoak stands for...' (for example: "Broadoak stands for high expectations. I was always challenged to do my best", "Broadoak stands for new experiences")
- A line about where your career took you after Broadoak

Our team will then put together your image and details of your career along with your name and the dates you attended Broadoak, similar to these images...

Please email

baalumni@broadoakacademy.clf.uk to take part or to find out more!

Ex-Student Lauren Returns to Broadoak!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming former Broadoak Student Lauren back to Broadoak during Term 6. Lauren attended Broadoak from 2012-2017 and is now studying at University.

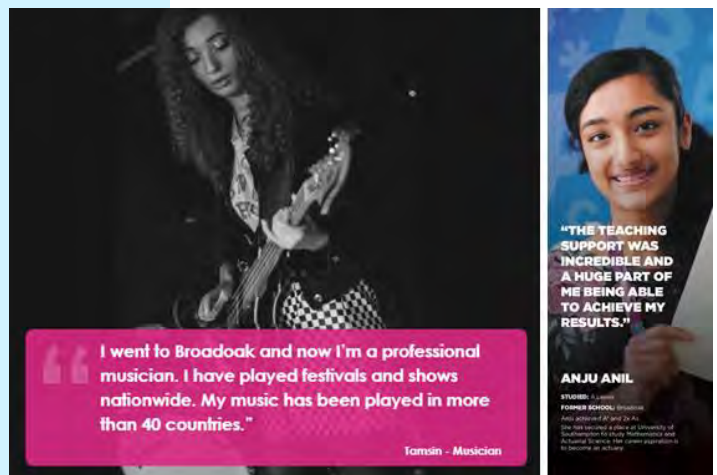
Alongside her studies, Lauren plays cricket and has been signed by Welsh Fire to play the The Hundred tournament this summer. During 2020 Lauren represented Somerset Women, South West RDC and featured for University side Cardiff Met, as well being called into England Womens Winter training squad. She was also awarded the Harry Burden Award by Somerset, which is given to promising young players every year.

Lauren had kindly offered to come and speak with Broadoak students about her career pathway since leaving school – Thank you Lauren and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Join the Broadoak Alumni!

If you are a previous student of Broadoak Academy, it doesn't matter if you left 20 years ago or just last year, we would like to hear from you, please get in touch on this form!

Broadoak Alumni Form
to be completed by any past Broadoak students





Key Dates

Dates for the Diary



Term & Holiday Dates

Term 6

First day of term for students	Monday 7 th June 2021
Last day of term for students	Wednesday 21 st July 2021 (Half day)
INSET dates	Friday 2 nd July 2021

Term 6 Events:

7th – 18th June – Year 11 Next Big Step

Friday 18th June 3.30-5.30pm – Year 11 Graduation BBQ

Tues 29th June – Thurs 1st July – Year 6 Big Step Transition Week *(details TBC)*

Tuesday 6th July 5pm-7pm – Broadoak Academy Awards Evening

Friday 16th July – Whole School Sports Day

Thursday 12th August – Year 11 Results Day

2021-22 Academic Year**Term 1**

First day of term for students	Monday 6 th September 2021
Last day of term for students	Wednesday 20 th October 2021
INSET dates	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
	Friday 3 rd September 2021
	Thursday 21 st October 2021
	Friday 22 nd October 2021

Key Event Dates can be found on our website: <https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/events/>

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