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Welcome to Broadoak Academy



*Maximising students' abilities,
ambitions and academic potential.*



Welcome!



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Welcome from Headteacher, **Kathleen McGillicuddy**



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.

From this point forward, we will be working together in partnership to ensure our young people are well supported in their next steps. With a rich curriculum, a vast array of experiences and opportunities as well as a team of dedicated professionals, our journey together begins in earnest. I look forward to meeting you all in person very soon.

Kathleen McGillicuddy,
Principal

Welcome from Head of Lower School, **Adam Knight**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome your family to the Broadoak Community. I am confident that your child will be happy and successful here because we will do everything we possibly can to ensure that they are! The step from primary to secondary school is a big one but



please rest assured that we will make it as smooth and as seamless as possible. Along with the tutors and our Assistant Head of Lower School, I will be one of your main points of contact. Should you have any questions or concerns; please do not hesitate to contact me. I am really looking forward to working with you and your child.

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Welcome from Special Educational Needs Coordinator, **Bella Wilson**

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:
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Assistant Head of Lower School,
Hannah Hambley

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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, Sue Marshall

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

Broadoak is a great environment. The teachers are so nice and supportive and will do anything to help you. The lessons are fun including lots of practical activities. I was scared to move from primary school to secondary, but I was soon convinced that it was ok because everyone was inviting and welcoming. You will have a fabulous time at Broadoak during your time at the academy. (Ben)

Welcome from a parent

During my son's time in year 7 at Broadoak Academy I have seen him grow in confidence and excel in areas not known before. He has had lots of exciting opportunities both curricular and extra-curricular including sports, music and lunchtime clubs. The staff support the whole family, not just the child and are always available to make your child's time at the school happy and successful. The transition arrangements really helped my son settle and he knew all about the academy before starting in September. (Caroline)

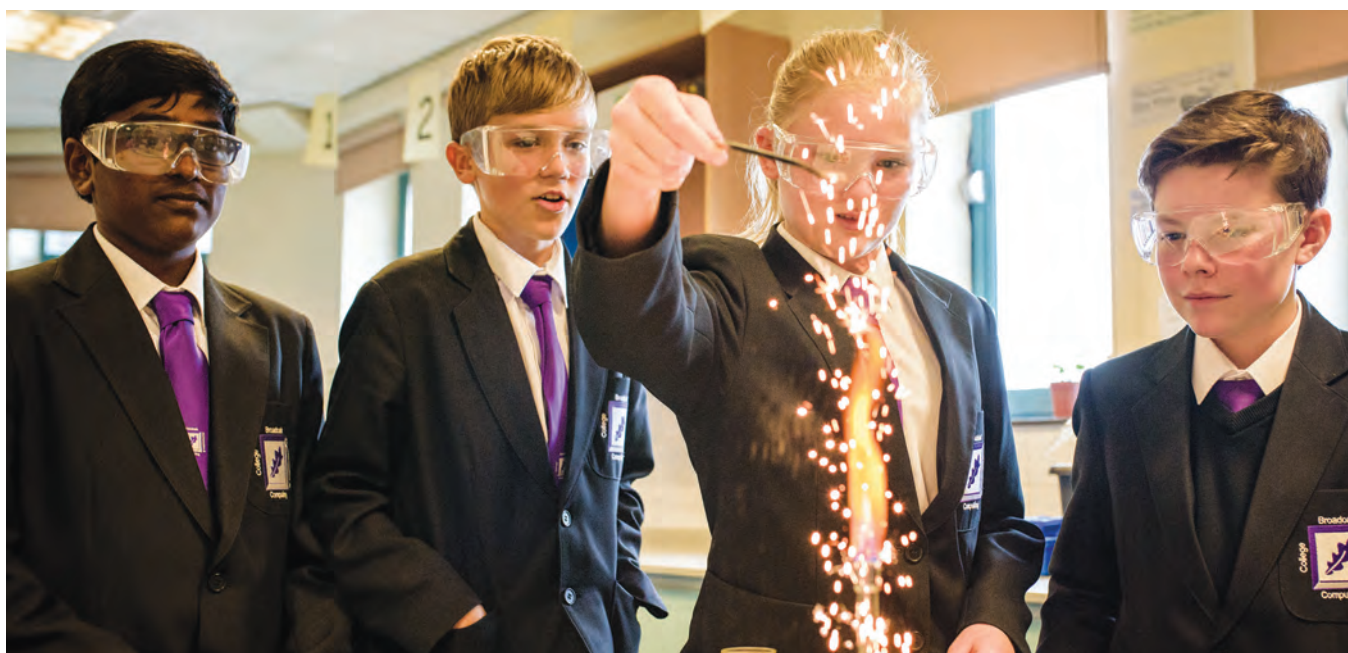




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Our Values

Everything we do at Broadoak is underpinned by and driven by our values of excellence, community, inclusion, open-mindedness and a love for learning.



We seek excellence from and for our students at Broadoak; we believe excellent outcomes can be achieved for all young people by promoting the highest standards of teaching, behaviour for learning and care and support. We have high expectations not only of our young people but also of those who work in our Academy. Excellence means we work hard, persevere when things are challenging and take pride in all that we do – we don't settle for 'good enough'!

At our heart, we are deeply rooted in our sense of community. We believe that everyone has a valuable contribution to make to Broadoak; we invest in relationships and believe that through working and learning together, we can achieve more. We recognise and promote our responsibilities to support each other's happiness and wellbeing.

We are an inclusive community and seek positive outcomes for all of our young people. We do this through support, collaboration and partnership working with parents and carers. Tolerance and respect for individual identities allows us all to flourish. We recognise our similarities and differences and celebrate these. We seek to understand and value the traditions and beliefs we all bring to our community.

We are open minded. At Broadoak we use our imaginations to be inspired and creative. We embrace challenges and seek to learn from them. We are ambitious for our Academy and all who work in it. We believe in the potential of all, with hard work and determination, to achieve great things.

At Broadoak we inspire a love of learning. We grow students' knowledge, skills and understanding for success in the Academy and beyond. We do this with a stimulating, challenging curriculum that allows students to feel excited by learning both in and out of lessons. 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.





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 excellence and therefore teaching is deliberately designed to challenge and support all students to reach their full 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 number of periods Year 7 students have in each subject each week:



Maths	5 periods
English	6 periods
Science	5 periods
MFL - French or Spanish	2 periods
Humanities	4 periods
Technology (Product Design, Food Technology, Textiles and Computing)	2 periods
The Arts (Art, Music and Drama)	3 periods (1 period in each specialism)
Physical Education	2 periods



Extracurricular opportunities



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:

Choir

Orchestra

Drama

Peripatetic music and singing lessons provided by North Somerset and Taunton Music Services

Football

Hockey

Netball

Rugby

Cricket

Rounders

Gym

Science

Latin

Mandarin Chinese

Save our planet

Debating

Computer Gaming

Book club

Reading club

Charity events

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Student Parliament



In July, we hold our 'Enrichment Days' when year 7 students can choose from a plethora of activities both on and off site. One such activity is the optional year 7 camp which has been hugely popular over the years and has been greatly beneficial for team building and bonding.



What happens next?



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.

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 the primary school. This will include academic data but also things like behaviour, likes and dislikes, friendships, extra-curricular interests and personality traits. For any students with additional or special educational needs, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator, Bella Wilson, will meet with her primary school counterparts to make sure that we have all the relevant information needed so that we can continue to meet the child's needs in the best possible way. During this period of time, we will also have some pre-transition visits for students who might be slightly more vulnerable and need that extra support with transition. 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 here as well.

Week commencing 28th June – The Big Step Transition Week. Your child will be spending 3 days with us. They will be following a secondary timetable, experiencing a typical school day, meeting with their tutors and some of their new teachers, making new friends and gaining confidence throughout. We tried a 4 day transition week with great success for the first time last year. Feedback from the students, parents/carers, teachers and tutors was all very positive indeed.

Thursday 1st July from 2-15pm – 3-00pm – Transition Week Performance – You are warmly invited in to have a look at what the students have been doing during transition week. They will be sharing some of their new learning and presenting some of their work.

Thursday 1st July – Session 1 3-00pm – 4-30pm and Session 2 – 5-30pm – 7-00pm – Meet the Tutor, Barbecue and Rounders (*to be confirmed*). During these times, you can come along to meet with your child's tutor and other key members of staff.



We are really looking forward to meeting you!





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