

Everything will be alright in the end. If it is not alright it is not the end...

# Choose optimism – it feels better!



Another fantastic term is nearing an end for all of you Broadoakers. The way you have adapted, yet again, to a lockdown, to remote education and to the continuing changes around us has demonstrated for all to see what tremendous young people you are. I am so very proud to serve as your Principal and am looking ahead with great optimism to us all being back at school soon.

Across the pages of this newsletter you will read about how many of you are engaging in your online learning, you will see beautiful art work and read of the interesting on-site provision. Singing from every page is our sense of community, of care and of trust in each other. Whether it has been regular check-in calls, online interactions or the kindness of an email, the wider Broadoak community has been looking after each other. What a team we all are!

I have been impressed and filled with joy dropping in to online lessons. To hear young people be determined about their learning, to see colleagues mastering new technologies and to just have the hubbub of learning still happen, is a reminder that we will come back together and it won't be too long now. Of course, without our parents and carers this would not be possible so thank you for all your support in navigating 'school in the sky.' For the many parental communications that have we have received, please know they have been shared and have made a huge impact on our determination to do our very best for our families.

Have a restful half term and here's to a sunnier, warmer and optimistic March.

Hello Everyone Year Group Updates Hello from your Year Leader! Broadoak **Boredom Busters** BINGO Boredom Busters Bingo! **Challenges for Half Term** DofE Update Continuing the DofE Adventure...

In this edition...

Ms McGillycuddy, Principal

### Lower School (Year 7 and Year 8)

**Year Group Updates** 

### **Online Learning:**

We have 80% + attendance to remote learning in years 7 and 8 and 200+ tasks submitted on Show my Homework on a daily basis. Well done to all students who are working hard and keeping up with the school routines. Keep it up folks!



### **Onsite Learning:**

We have had a small group of learners onsite who have been working very hard with their online learning.

We have also made time for some weekly badminton, independent research projects and even some mug cake making!

### **Assembly Themes**

It has been wonderful to see up to 100 students attending our weekly online Lower School assemblies.

This term, we have focused on the themes of new year's resolutions, Holocaust Memorial Day, Covid vaccinations, Children's Mental Health Week and this week, we had our Term 3 Celebration Assembly in which there was record number of 'shout-outs for individual students who have been performing really well. **Well done to you all!** 

### Hello everyone!

We are missing you and look forward to seeing you soon.

Our 5 Key messages are:

Keep up with your online

learning.

- Have a break from the screen.
- Try to keep your routine similar.

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- Help your folks at home.
- Keep active!

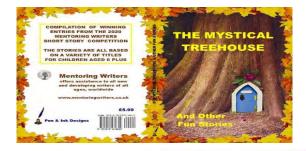
Mr Knight Head of Lower School **Mrs Hambley** Assistant Head of Lower School

#### **Congratulations to Willow in 7K**

Willow has got a short story of hers published in an anthology of short stories, due out within the next couple of weeks.

She entered the competition back in the first lockdown. We found out that she had won a mentorship with a professional writer and that her story would be part of the anthology. We have just been informed that the book cover and final draft are going to print.

She has also been interviewed by the Weston Mercury about being the youngest radio reporter for Wave Community Radio. She will hopefully be appearing in a forthcoming edition of the Mercury. Pretty exciting week of news all round really!



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### Year 9 Update from Mrs Downes

Along with the rest of the country, Year 9 have been getting to grips with home learning and doing a marvellous job! Many students have seen the lockdown as an opportunity to take responsibility for their own learning through organising their participation in live lessons and uploading their work for teacher feedback. It has been brilliant to see so many students actively involved in lessons, becoming more confident in speaking to their teacher through a microphone and sharing their great work with us.

We have lots to look forward to this year, especially being back to school all together in the near future.

### **Celebration Assembly**

Celebration Assembly took place as is customary on the last Wednesday of term. There were lots of 'shout outs' to students and staff as we celebrated the good things that have happened this term.

It is especially heart-warming to hear students commending each other for the support they have received throughout these challenging weeks.

One of the highlights of celebration assembly is the Good Eggs award. This goes to one student in each tutor group who has been an all-round 'good egg'. They have met all of the Broadoak standards, consistently and are a credit to the school. This term the Good Egg awards went to:

Charlie in 9S, Merlin in 9D, Amy-Jane in 9K, Jess in 9M, Elisa in 9S and Connor in 9W. The Head of Year Good Eggs were Phoebe and Adriana in 9K. Remember to collect your chocolate eggs as soon as we are back in school!

#### **Congratulations to Lucy in 9K**

Special congratulations go to Lucy of 9K who has run a marathon in order to raise money for prostate cancer. Lucy has single-handedly raised £312. She ran for prostate cancer as it is the most common cancer in the UK today.

We are so proud of you Lucy. Well done from all of us at Broadoak.

#### **Year Group Updates**

Students in school enjoyed some socially distanced baking with Mrs Dite and Mrs Court...



#### Virtual tutor time

Every Friday, tutor groups are invited to join their tutor for a weekly catch up. This enables students to feel that they are part of our community, even though we might be spread out in our own homes.

This is becoming increasingly popular as students enjoy the chance to chat to each other as well as their tutors.

#### Try to join your virtual tutor time after half term!

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### Hello to Year 10 from Miss Kissane!

What a term! Year 10 have all been getting to grips with online learning and have done themselves proud. The sustained level of engagement with online learning has been admirable and Year 10 teachers have loved interacting with you all in live lessons. This term has demanded great resilience from Year 10, not least because of the pressure of knowing these are crucial GCSE years.

Students in school have been exemplary and we have even made some time for badminton, hot chocolates and basketball in our weekly routines.

We have all spent a lot of our time staring at a screen over the past six weeks so make sure you take a break over half term to do something else each day: draw, run, read, cycle, paint, walk, dance, listen to music, write... Anything that brings you a little peace.

Stay safe, and well done!

Miss Kissane Head of Year 10

### **Congratulations!**

Our Student Awards this term go to...

- ★ Archie 10M
- ★ Lily 10W
- ★ Theo 10B
- ★ Ella-Rose 10W
- ★ Daniel 10K
- ★ Kimberley 10B
- 📩 Remo 10S
- 🛧 Hugo 10M

A HUGE congratulations on being such fantastic students and role models!

Year 10 with Mrs George and Mrs Mitchell enjoying socially distanced badminton in the onsite provision



**PSHE Important Themes** 

Shout out to the gorgeous work coming through for PSHE this term. Themes have included Toxic Masculinity, the NHS during the pandemic, Body Image and LGBTQ+ History Month.

Here is an example of fantastic work from Charlie in 10D this week:

LGBT

# **Year 9 Preferences**

This time of year always sees the start of the preferences process at Broadoak.

Teachers have been busy compiling a detailed information booklet and putting together the:

#### Year 9 Preferences Playlist

This can be found on our Youtube Channel (linked above) and consists of a series of short videos which give you lots of information about the courses you can take at GCSE. The teachers have certainly worked hard on improving their ICT skills this term!

We hope that you will find this useful and please ask your tutors and Hear of Year for all the help you need with getting your subject choices right for you.

The booklet and further information can be found on our website: <u>https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/letters/year-9-preferences-booklet-for-september-2021/</u>

# **Children's Mental Health Week**

Launched by the Duchess of Cambridge, Children's Mental Health week took place during the first week of February.

Year 9 participated in the week through an Assembly and PSHE. We discussed the benefits of self-expression (the key theme for this year). Students were given time away from the screen to choose an activity through which they could express who they are. A variety of activities took place from playing musical instruments, poetry writing and baking. Some students made inside out boxes. The outside of a box is decorated in a way which represents your public self and the inside is decorated to represent your inner most thoughts and feelings.

Students also did some impressive art work. Students reported that being creative in lockdown had a positive impact on their mental health.







#### **Year Group Updates**

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#### Academy News

# Year 11 Update

Year 11 have been working solidly at home and in school since January and it is safe to say they have put themselves in an excellent position to succeed this year.

We have had a small number of students in school who have been an absolute delight to have onsite and have been working incredibly hard to achieve their full potential. The majority of Year 11's have been working from home with their live lessons and submitting work which will go towards evidencing their future grades.

The Year 11 prefects have been doing a sterling job in organising hoodies and year books as exciting commemorations taking place for Year 11. See the information about <u>Year Books and Hoodies on our website here.</u> https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/letters/year-11-commemorations-and-leavers-hoodies/

After the half term holiday, the Year 11's will be completing Assessment Point 1 which again will be evidence for their final GCSE grades. These will be running from the 22<sup>nd</sup> February - 3<sup>rd</sup> March depending on the subjects each student takes.

I wish Year 11 a restful but purposeful break and looking forward to seeing some of you in school on the 22nd February.

Mr Poulding Head of Year 11

### Year 11 Assessment Point 1

This week we have sent information to students and parents/carers about Year 11 Assessment Point 1 which will take place after half term.

#### Please read the full letter and find the timetable on our website here

Year 11 Students will be taking part in Assessment Point 1 after half term between 22nd February and 3rd March. To find out more about Assessment Point 1 please read the letter in full – it can be found on our website at the link above or on Show My Homework.

For those with access arrangements, the timetable allows for your 25% or 50% extra time as required. You will receive a personalised timetable to reflect this, along with a letter detailing how to administer access arrangements at home.

# Check out the Year 11 Blog!

www.broadoakacademy. clf.uk/blog/year-11/

You will find...

- Post-16 Advice
- College Events
- 6<sup>th</sup> Form News
- Updates and Letters











Broadoak Boredom Busters BINGC

### Half Term Challenge for All Broadoak-ers...

We would like to set all Broadoak students the challenge to complete as many of the ideas on these bingo sheets as they can over half term.... When you complete a line or a 'full house' just shout '**BINGO**' (via email to us at <u>parents@broadoakacademy.clf.uk</u>) and let us know what you have been up to!

Give gentle encouragement to someone who needs it.	Make someone you love a cup of tea. Why not sit down and have a chat whilst they drink it.	Make some pancakes. Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day	Say thank you with the biggest smile. It's always nice to be appreciated and to show appreciation.		
Make someone a Valentine's Day card. Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day	Find out about upcoming Fairtrade Fortnight. https://www.fairtrade .org.uk/	Say sorry to someone you need to.	Go for a stroll in nature. Notice the changes happening as we go into spring. Try looking for snowdrops.		
Host your own 'Masked Singer' night. Put on a costume and sing Karaoke with your family.	Create a piece of lockdown art to reflect the positives of this time.	Make a nestbox. www.nestboxweek.c om/ or a bug house	Show your pet some attention. Take them for a walk, give them a bath or brush. Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Love your pet day.		

# 🖉 Broadoak Boredom Busters 🖉

Create a positive bicture based on the ilm Up! Write something bositive in each balloon.	Make someone laugh.	Spring is coming! Plant a seed and watch it grow. <u>5 seeds to sew in</u> <u>February (you could use</u> seeds from a tomato!)	Margi Gras in Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February. Make a Mardi Gras Carnival mask with lots of colour and feathers.
Make a birdfeeder from a toilet roll inner, peanut putter and nuts and seeds	Design a cartoon picture, storyboard or animation about your dream half term holiday!	Learn a dance and then teach it to a family member.	Research a place or country you'd like to visit. Find out some interesting facts to share with family.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February is also Cherry Pie day – make your family a cherry pie (or use a different fruit!)	Wrap up warm and wash the car! Treat yourself to a hot chocolate afterwards.	Research a new recipe and cook or bake your family a cake/ lunch or tea Your efforts will be appreciated.	Tech free day ~ Play games; Monopoly, Uno, cards, connect 4. Do a puzzle, draw, paint, bake, talk to family and friends.

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# **Remote Learning at Broadoak in the Sky!**

We would of course love to have all of you wonderful Broadoak-ers back in school. In the meantime, however, Term 3 has been a successful one with lots of students logging into Broadoak in the sky every day via Show My Homework and Microsoft Teams.

A few reminders for Remote Learning...

1. Log in to Show My Homework everyday https://www.satchelone.com/login

This is where your teachers will set you tasks and provide resources related to the lessons. We also use Show My Homework to see who is hard at work.

- 2. Check out the Noticeboard on Show My Homework for daily announcements
- 3. Daily Top Tips and Tech Tips can be found on the Noticeboard and also on our Remote Learning Blog https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/blog/remote-learning/
- Ask if you need support. Our IT team are on hand, please email <u>parents@broadoakacademy.clf.uk</u> or phone 01934 422000

# **Remote Learning Fun Facts...**

- 23,921 submissions on Show My Homework (SMHW) this term
- 180 live lessons (30 per week)
- Number of times teachers have been on mute we've lost count!
- Year group who reached the highest number of logins to SMHW in one day Y9
- Year group who adapted the most to remote education with confidence Y7
- Year group with best interaction in the chat Y8
- Year group with highest submissions Y9
- Year group who have been nagged the most by Miss Kissane to submit their work Y10
- Year group who have faced most challenges and stayed positive Y11

We are proud of you all!





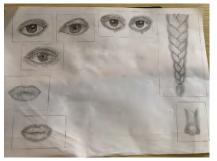




# Year 11 Art Experimenting & Developing Ideas

Y11 have been working on a 'Conflict' themed project for their Coursework unit. In response to the theme, students have taken photographs and started developing ideas by editing their own photos and drawing from them. They have also been experimenting with all aspects of their design ideas to help develop an idea for the final outcome.









Bethany – 11K

# Year 10 Food Themed Art

Students in Y10 have been developing their art skills by experimenting and recording with a range of media. Having a 'Food' themed project set as the stimulus, students have drawn a range of cakes and confectionary, painting them in the style of Joel Penkman with an Emma Dibben twist. As well as, taking their own photos of food products and editing them in the style of Andy Warhol in Photoshop.





Troy – 10W

Keep submitting your fantastic artwork via Show My Homework or email to parents@broadoakacademy.clf.uk



### **Careers Update**

This year the majority of our careers program has gone virtual! This has enabled our students to access a wide range of resources from different employers and further education establishments.

To keep up to date with all our latest events and information, take a look at Broadoak's new Careers Blog on our website:

https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/ blog/careers/



# What is Your Next Step?

For anyone that is unsure of their next steps on their learning journey or career pathway we have a brilliant bank of resources which are free to access on our school website. These include resources from the National Careers Service, Labour Market Information and skills guizzes.

#### https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/curriculum/careers/

Students can register for free for an account with CareerPilot if they haven't already done so. This resource allows students to explore their options and plan their next steps. Their account will stay active throughout their Broadoak Journey and will allow them to develop their knowledge and understanding of what is developing in the world of work.

Careerpilot

https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/



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# Spotlight On: T Levels

A T Level provides an equivalent qualification to an A level for 16-19 year olds who would rather study work related courses than traditional subjects.

A T Level is delivered over two years, the same as an A level. They contain a work placement of at least 45 days.

If you would like to find out more about T levels and you are in year 10 or 11 you can book in for an independent careers' advice appointment via the main office.

## **'Broadoak Talks' – Virtual Career Events**

Broadoak Academy have recently set up a 'Broadoak Talks', a series of virtual careers events where speakers from different business and community sectors have been invited to talk to Year 10 and Year 11 students about their positions, career paths and to give advice for the future.

Year 10 and 11 students were delighted to be joined virtually by Susannah Shaw - author and CEO of Curzon Cinema in Clevedon - for a talk about her career on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

Susannah gave over 100 Broadoak students an insight into the world of working for the BBC, Aardman Animations as well as her current role running the wonderful Curzon Cinema in Clevedon.

The students engaged by asking some really interesting and challenging questions and Susannah took the time to answer them all for us.

Everyone who attended is extremely grateful to Susannah for giving up her time to talk to us and we would certainly recommend a visit to the Curzon Cinema in Clevedon. A visit there is a fantastic opportunity to experience an independent, traditionally run cinema showing mainstream and art house films, it is one of the country's oldest (over 100 years old), continually running cinemas.

# Natasha Adams, Chief People Officer for Tesco PLC

On Wednesday 10th February, we were delighted to be joined by Natasha Adams - Chief People Officer at Tesco PLC who gave an inspiring talk regarding her career to date and what it was like to lead a team of over 420,000 employees. Natasha kindly gave our students some brilliant advice for when they apply for employment and how to present themselves at interview.

Natasha advised "grab every opportunity as it comes, it will have some risk with it but it will take you on some adventures, it will help you grow, it will help you learn"

Natasha also answered a number of questions from our students to support their understanding of the world of work and how best to prepare themselves for their next steps.

Mark Tipler, Assistant Principal said "We would like to thank Natasha for giving up her very valuable time and for delivering such a brilliant career talk. It is so important for our students to hear from a variety of sectors and we would welcome any local businesses or member of our community who would be interested in coming to talk with our students"

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







# **Broadoak Student Parliament**

Broadoak Academy launched the House of Broadoak in September 2020, our first student parliament.

Each tutor group in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 has two elected Tutor Representatives along with a Chair and Deputy Year Representative for each Year Group. These students work with our Year 11 prefects and invited guests to bring student voice to the fore and action change for our community. Once a Term our BA Student Parliament Representative Ben in Year 8 attends the Cabot Learning Federation (CLF) Student Parliament with pupils from all of the CLF school in North Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire.

Year representatives have met this term and discussed the positives and challenges of remote learning. They have also met the Chair of the Academy Council and developed their understanding of school operations.

All year and tutor representatives have also completed a survey in relation to areas of interest to promote with the academy. Watch this space for engagement on issues including:

- > Current Affairs
- > The Environment
- > LGBTQ+
- > Politics
- > Prejudice and Discrimination

#### Thank you to all Student Parliament Representatives and we look forward to seeing what each of the working groups produce!



If you would like to give feedback or ideas to the Student Parliament you should contact							Jackson Y		Year 11	Head Boy		
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					Chair			Jar	nie	Year 11	Head Girl	- Deputy
		Ben	8D	(BA rep)								
Amelia	7K	Chair	Chloe	8M	Deputy	Ben	9К		Chair	Lily	10W	Chair
Johnny	7S	Deputy	Ayuub	8B	Tutor	Heidi	9B		Deput	y Dan	10K	Deputy
Aryan	7B	Tutor	Amy	8B	Tutor	Charles	9B		Tutor	Konra	d 10B	Tutor
Rebecca	7B	Tutor	Fred	8D	Tutor	Charlie	9D		Tutor	Alex	10B	Tutor
Tomas	7D	Tutor	Violet	8D	Tutor	Charlotte	9D		Tutor	Harry	10D	Tutor
Ollie	7D	Tutor	Lucy	8K	Tutor	Tia	9К		Tutor	Tara	10D	Tutor
Breeze	7K	Tutor	Triumph	8K	Tutor	Jessica	9M		Tutor	Haydn	10K	Tutor
Harriet	7M	Tutor	Tobi	8M	Tutor	Michael	9M		Tutor	Owen	10M	Tutor
Keira	7M	Tutor	Sophie	8S	Tutor	Oliver	9S		Tutor	Amelia	a 10M	Tutor
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			Hannah	8W	Tutor	Corey	9W	'	Tutor	Joshua	10W	Tutor



# The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award @ Broadoak

DofE continues at Broadoak Academy despite the lockdown restrictions. This week we have launched the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award to Year 9 students and continue to work with students in Year 10 and 11 for them to complete their Certificate of Achievement.



We hope to see lots of Year 9 sign up to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and we are looking forward to starting your DofE adventure with you!

Remember to complete the form by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at the latest to sign up.

### YEAR 10 and 11

Following a brilliant training session with Mendip Outdoors in March 2020 where DofE-ers were putting up tents on the school field and learning how to read maps, Year 10 and 11 had a delay to their DofE journey due to lockdown restrictions.

Many students have managed to complete their **Certificate of Achievement** by completing the 3 sections: **Volunteering**, **Physical** and **Skill** – *well done to you all!* 



Students have also had to change activities to activities which they can complete at home including Joe Wicks workouts, shopping for elderly neighbours or growing their gardening skills.

DofE have helped to provide lots of ideas for this on their website at: <u>DofE with a Difference</u> If you are still working on your DofE award please get in touch with your DofE leaders to let us know how you are getting on – we can support you with how to change your activity, <u>login to eDofE</u> and complete assessor reports. **Email <u>parents@broadoakacademy.clf.uk</u> Subject: DofE** 

We are looking forward to continuing your DofE journey with you Miss Lincoln, Miss Kasht, Miss Rix and Miss Evans - Broadoak Academy DofE Team



### Thank you for your support...

We have received many messages of thanks from students, staff and the local community. We are so grateful and every word means so much to all of our Broadoak Academy colleagues. Here are just a few of the kind messages we have received this term. Your feedback is important so please do keep in touch by email to <u>parents@broadoakacademy.clf.uk</u>

We are so pleased with the communication and remote offering from the school, we are so happy with Broadoak. Every time we have a question or worry big or small we hear back within a day and we are really grateful to have received a laptop so quickly.

So big thanks to the amazing admin/reception and IT teams for being so efficient and awesome!

We wanted to say thank you for everything you are doing during this difficult time.

We hear the on line lessons going on around the house day to day and the content is interesting and the teachers always sound enthusiastic.

We have noticed a huge difference this time around with the volume of on line lessons and are really pleased with the effort that has gone into ensuring these take place. We have friends at other schools in the area who are unhappy as there are very few on line lessons taking place.

We hope you get a rest during the upcoming half term as you all thoroughly deserve it.

Thanks to you guys in the office too, going in each day when others are safe at home.

On a personal note as a Council member at UVA and past member of your governing body can I say a big thank you to all your staff for the hard work and dedication they have shown to all the students over the last 12 months.

(Member of the Uphill Village Society) The information and signposting from the school has been spot on and the work being set is of such a good quality. We feel supported every step of the way. Good afternoon Miss Kissane I just wanted to thank you for today's English lesson. I think XXX thoroughly enjoyed this, particularly the pet show and tell which was a massive boost to her (& the rest of our) positive mindset today.

Thank you very much for all of the support you are offering.

Thanks to the teachers for all your help we are really grateful for this at this period of time thanks so much (Year 9 Parent)

Can we pass on our thanks for everything the school is doing. It must be so difficult in secondary schools to manage the live learning etc and you are all doing a fantastic job. The public recognise this and you should all be proud of what you are achieving for our children.

Mr Jolly did a great job this morning for his first online class and xxx and I are both really enjoying Miss Haines' geography today. She is an accomplished online teacher!

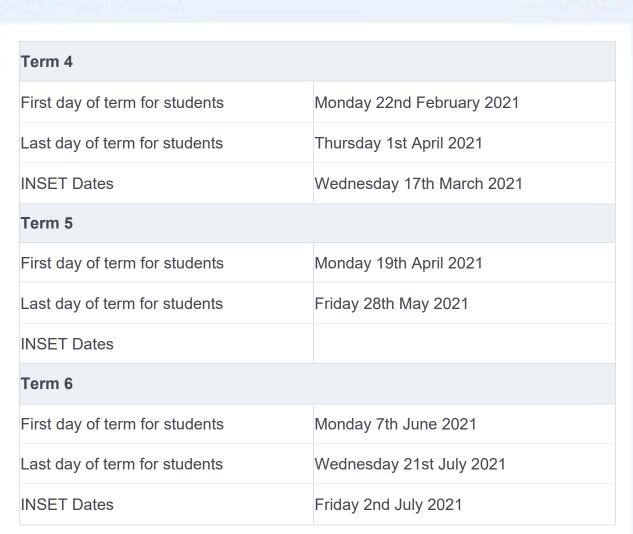
I just wanted to let you know that after speaking with XXX last night she was really pleased with how Broadoak has dealt with the school closures and told me to pass this message on!

Mum says she really appreciates the phone calls home and how much interest staff take in XXXX

From all the staff at Broadoak Academy, we would also like to say a big THANK YOU to you for all you are doing! **Key Dates** 

# **Dates for the Diary**

Term & Holiday Dates



#### **Term 4 Key Dates**

Year 11 Assessment Point 1 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 Year 10 Parents Evening – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Key Event Dates can be found on our website:

https://broadoakacademy.clf.uk/events/

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