



# BROOKFIELD NEWS

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Spring Edition of Brookfield News. As we approach the end of another busy term, so this newsletter 'paints a picture' of what has been happening in school since we arrived back in January. I know you will agree it has been a very busy and rewarding term, and one characterised by the opportunities students have had outside of the classroom. This year's school production - 'A Little Mermaid' - will long live in the memory, as will the superb performance of our Year 8 and 9 students in the Young Citizens Mock Trial competition.

I hope that next term all students will be encouraged to get involved in something extra in school.

For Year 11 and 13 students, next term has the important matter of GCSE and A Level examination. We will support all students to achieve their very best. Indeed, school is open over the next two weeks for our Easter Revision School.

On behalf of everyone at Brookfield, I wish you a very peaceful Easter break and look forward to seeing students back in April.

# HOUSE ROUND UP



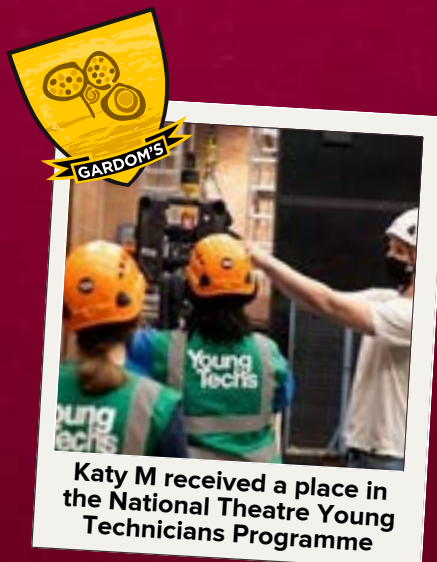
## HIGHEST SCORING STUDENTS

Sophie T	BI4
Matilda A	FR1
Abigail J	CU3
Oliver W	CU7
Ewan C	CU3
Charlie S	BI7
Poppy A	FR1
Imogen C	BA4
Ella V	CU8
Hana M	BI4

## HIGHEST SCORING FORMS

BA2  
BI5  
CU3  
FR6  
GA6

## OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



# NEWS & EVENTS

## BROOKFIELD'S NEW YEAR 12 SENIOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are very excited to announce our new SSLT for the next academic year.

Lead by Head Students, Ruby W and Ruby F H. They will cover areas such as Mental Health, Academic, Co-curricular, Environment and Charity.

We cannot wait to start working on some exciting projects that will benefit all at BCS!



## A TRIP TO MAGNA

Year 8 visited Magna this week for the GUTS - Get up to Speed careers event.

Not only did they get the opportunity to visit hundreds of different stalls to discuss future careers, they also had a tour around Magna!





## HIGH SPOT: THE SHERIFF



Brookfield students heard some life lessons from the outgoing High Sheriff of Derbyshire when they attended the local heat of the Young Citizens' Magistrates Mock Trial competition at the beginning of March.

As she entered the last month of her tenure, High Sheriff Theresa Peltier spoke of the hard work she had enjoyed during the year, with a focus on learning more and supporting those who represent the diversity of life in our county. This includes working with the deaf and hearing impaired, Ms Peltier revealing that she is learning British Sign Language. She spoke, too, of the need to recognise the vulnerability of women in the prison system, as well as the excellent work of charities such as the Derby-based Jericho project for men recovering from drink and drug dependency.

While some of the audience of 12-14 year-olds from schools in Derbyshire and South Yorkshire expressed the view that they felt they would be ready to fledge the nest at 16 as Theresa had, she offered the opinion that they might find it more difficult than they imagine. Having been adopted into a less-supportive family, Ms Peltier was keen to leave home at 16 but described a path that she then trod which might have taken her into dangerous, even criminal, territory. As it was, with the advice and support of a good friend, she went on to spend 27 years in the police service, including high profile roles as Head of Equality at Derbyshire Police. Ms Peltier is Derbyshire's first black High Sheriff and is proud to be one of many women to have taken up the

role. Responding to a question from one of the students, she said she felt it would be impossible to sustain the role of High Sheriff with the commitment she had brought to the role; she is, however, to continue to serve the community by taking up a role in the Lord Lieutenant's office in the summer.

Brookfield's students and staff were bowled over by Ms Peltier's enthusiasm, compassion and story. Their day was made complete by learning that they had been victorious in the Mock Trial local heat, with a place at the Regional Heat later in the spring being confirmed by local competition co-ordinator, John Rivers.

Organising teacher and team-leader, English teacher Miss Kitt, said: "Hearing from the High Sheriff was a brilliant experience for both student and adult alike, an inspiring presence with her dedication to helping those in need." On the competition, she added: "Our Brookfield students showed incredible resilience and dedication which led them to a well-deserved win." The team, a good mix of Year 9s, some of whom had participated last year, and Year 8s – all new to the competition in 2024 – now look forward to learning a new case for the next round. Taking on roles such as Court Artist, Defendant, Lawyers, Legal Adviser, Mentors, Usher and Witnesses, the team of twenty were worthy but modest winners. Miss Kitt described them as "A fantastic group of students who have made me, and Mr Davey, immensely proud."



# ENGLISH CELEBRATES WORLD BOOK DAY!



It's been a busy term in English. We had loads of fun celebrating World Book Day and it was great to see so many students getting involved with the different activities. A special well done to Chloe M (Year 7) for her cardboard tube character and Gabriel K (Year 11) and Theo B (Year 7) for their winning 'Unusual Reads' photos. Year 7 and 8 are now reading to complete their Readathon by April 19th – any support you can give them for sponsorship is really appreciated to raise money for books for children in hospital and to support the school's library.



We've also been running the Poetry by Heart competition with Year 7, 8 and 9 and have seen so many excellent performances from students. It has been wonderful to listen to them reciting their poems so expressively and confidently to their year groups and teachers; we are so proud of our students. Jonas J (Year 7), James S (Year 8) and Tom C (Year 9) will now be going on to represent the school in the national Poetry by Heart competition – good luck to all of them.



Year 9 have also been delivering speeches to their classes on topics that are important to them and this led to a number of students competing to represent Brookfield in the Chesterfield Rotary speaking competition. Bess D and Dipika P were our winning competitors; they both did a brilliant job but a special congratulations to Bess who went on to the final and delivered an excellent speech on The Beatles to a huge audience of local business people and dignitaries.

We now have a Trust Creative Writing competition running – all students from KS3, KS4 and KS5 are invited to write a short story on the theme of 'Time, position, place'. The word limit is 500 words and entries need to be typed and emailed to Miss Cooke ([h.cooke@brookfieldcs.org.uk](mailto:h.cooke@brookfieldcs.org.uk)) by Friday 19th April.



## A BUSY TIME IN THE LIBRARY!



The Library has been working with the English department in the many activities and competitions for World Book Day. There was also a competition to guess the book depicted on the library door and was won by Bess D (Year 9). And the book? It was *The Chime Seekers* written by Ross Montgomery, available in the library.

We also launched the Readathon sponsored reading event to Year 7 and 8s during this week. Each student was asked to raise money by being sponsored for reading for the wonderful charity Read for Good. This charity was set up by Ronald Dahl, no less, many years ago and 'the money raised provides books and storytellers to all the UK's major children's hospitals'.

Since October, a group of Year 8s have been reading six books in the Redhill Children's Book Awards and then they voted which they thought was most deserving of being the winner. Then on the 15th March, nine students went to The Carlton Academy for the Book Awards presentation. They were treated to a talk by author Ross Montgomery who regaled them with anecdotes from his literary life and gave them insider knowledge on his books and tips for writing. Then it was onto the awards – the winning book was 'Finn Jones Was Here' by Simon James Green. All six books are available in the library.

The Carnegie Shadowing group was launched this term and is open to Year 8 and above. Students shadow the judging process of the Carnegie panel of judges and get to read eight books before deciding which book they think should win the Nationally recognised award. If you are interested, see Ms Arrowsmith in the library.

Lunch-time revision sessions have commenced in the library this term – Monday is for GCSE students and Wednesday is the turn for A Level Students. A quiet space is offered with computers and resources available.

And finally, new books have dropped onto the library shelves – there are some exciting titles for all and some old favourites. Drop by the library at break, lunch and after school to pick up a chance to escape!





## HAPPY PI DAY!

The Maths department celebrated Pi day in style with a day of great Maths activities and our annual Pi Recital Competition.

We had over 80 students willing to take part - we were so busy and it was great to see so many students enjoying their Maths.

Some notable performances were

Rio J Year 10 102 digits

Amelia W Year 13 105 digits

Pippa S Year 8 100 digits

Leon L Year 10 121 digits

Isla W Year 8 176 digits

Lottie E Year 11 210 digits and best in school!!!



Well done to all of our competitors, it was an excellent day. Thanks to our amazing Maths students.

## UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

Here are some of our fantastic bronze, silver and gold winners from the Intermediate UKMT Maths Challenge. All the winners have shown fantastic problem solving, reasoning and fluency skills and the Maths department are extremely proud of all of them!

Well done to Obi L (Year 10) and Matthias A (Year 11) who scored highly to enough to qualify for the Pink Kangaroo round on the 21st March.



## MATHS FEAST

Two teams of Brookfield students participated in the AMSP Maths Feast at St Mary's on the 6th March. The rounds included tv game shows, logic puzzles and building 3D shapes. Both of our teams won awards for achievement. Well done to William A, Felix C, Isobel G, Obi L, Elizabeth M, Noah M, Omari R and Benjamin R for taking part.





## YOUNG LEADER AWARDS

The Year 9's have been working to achieve the Young Leader Award after Christmas, they have been working on their leadership skills and then also planning and delivering their own sessions to each other throughout the course.

At the end of the course they had the Year 5/6 pupils from Barlow CofE Primary School come to Brookfield for their Sportshall Athletics Festival and final.

The leaders worked really well with each other and lead the children really well and represented school excellently. The leaders were challenged in running this event with being in two halls and also a number of schools dropped out prior to the event. The teachers from Barlow were full of praise for the leaders and commented on how well they looked after and ran the event.



## BARCELONA SPORTS TOUR

A group of students from Year 8 -10 are currently on the Barcelona Sport Tour.

Three Football teams and the Netball team have played so far and all have been victorious!

Keep up to date on the trip on our socials.





## BROOKFIELD EVENING OF DANCE

On Thursday 21st March we had our Brookfield Evening of Dance, with over 60 performers and a student technical team, it was a true celebration of Brookfield students. This evening showcased the talented students of Brookfield as both choreographers and performers. There were a whole range of styles presented on stage, from contemporary to Fosse style Jazz and hip hop.

All the dancers should be extremely proud of themselves for the resilience and ambition they showed on the night. We wish Year 11 & 13 all the best for their final exams after Easter, and if the show is anything to go by they will all be showcasing their best work for examination. Well done dancers!



## MUSICAL SUCCESS!

On Sunday the 17th March the Derbyshire City and County Wind Band won a platinum award at the National Concert Band Festival in Warwick, competing against other wind bands from around the country.

Congratulations to Year 12 students Hermione F and Katie B who play flute and clarinet in the band.

## EASTER RECIPES

Year 10 students have made Hot Cross Buns for one of their Easter practical lessons for Hospitality and Catering. They all made a yeast dough yesterday which was left to prove overnight, today they made them into Hot Cross Buns, with a choice of either traditional fruit or chocolate chips.

Move over M&S!



## COMING UP IN CAREERS

See below lunchtime careers talks coming up next term. Students must sign up using the link on show my homework. Although the talks will be more beneficial to Year 10 upwards, students from all years may attend but they must sign up.

Army Careers Talk - Lunchtime Thurs 25th April

Year 11 - need to complete an Intended Destination Form posted on show my homework.

Year 11 Students intending or thinking about Chesterfield College in September - Chesterfield College are visiting on Tuesday 16th April to talk to students. They will be able to answer any questions and talk about the college and its courses. If students would like to attend, they will need to complete the form on SMHW.

## CAREERS BULLETIN

The careers bulletin goes out every two weeks and is posted on SMHW and our website. It has lots of useful careers related information, open days and apprenticeship opportunities.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Year 7 Parents Evening - Weds 17th April
- Year 13 Moving On Day - Fri 19th April
- Year 9 RAF visit - Tues 23rd April
- Year 7/8 Maths Challenge - Weds 24th April
- Bank Holiday - 6th May
- Formal Exams start - Thurs 9th May
- Year 9 Vaccines - Thurs 16th May
- Year 8 Parents Evening - Thurs 16th May
- Year 12 Work Experience - 20th - 24th May
- May Half Term - 27th - 3rd June
- Year 8 Vaccines - Mon 3rd June
- Year 7 & 9 French Trip - 3rd - 7th June
- Year 8 Navy visit - Fri 7th June
- Year 7 & 8 Summer Game - Weds 12th June
- Year 8 Enterprise Day - Weds 19th June
- Gold DofE Training - 19th - 21st June
- Year 11 Prom - Mon 24th June
- Year 13 Prom - Tues 25th June
- Year 12 Induction day - Fri 28th June
- INSET Day - Mon 1st July
- Year 7 & 8 Literacy Reward Trip - Weds 3rd July
- Year 10 Enterprise & Hallam Trip - 4th-5th July
- Excellence Award Evening - Thurs 4th July
- Transition for Year 6 - Mon 8th July
- Year 10 Work Experience - 8th - 12th July
- Gold DofE - 8th - 12th July
- Sports Day - Weds 10th July
- Summer Matinee & Evening - Thurs 11th July
- Bronze DofE - 15th - 19th
- Year 10 Parents Evening - Tues 16th July
- GCSE A Level Art Exhibition - Tues 16th July
- A Level Arts New York Trip - 22nd - 29th July
- Summer Holidays 22nd July - Sep 2024