



BROOKFIELD NEWS

WINTER EDITION 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to this final edition of Brookfield News of 2023. Once again I think you will agree that this captures what has been another incredibly busy term and one which has provided a heady mix of the academic with the extra-curricular.

Long summer days and short sleeves were still the norm when we returned in September, jubilant and proud of the excellent results achieved by our students. To be the top performing school in Derbyshire at GCSE is an achievement of which we are very proud.

We certainly 'hit the ground running', with students straight back into school life and keen to pick up after the summer holidays. Our second whole school Sponsored Walk was another incredible community experience and one that will become a feature of the school calendar.

There have been many success and achievements, and these are well-documented in this newsletter. It is now important to look forward to 2024 and the further opportunities this will present. For many students - particularly Years 11 and 13 - next year assumes even greater importance, where every lesson is important. All students will be supported in their academic studies and wider school life. I hope this edition provides you with an insight into what has been a fantastic term. Well done to Year 12 student, Laura H, for her fabulous photograph chosen for our school Christmas card.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

Keith Hirst



REDHILL
ACADEMY TRUST

Equality and Achievement

HOUSE ROUND UP



HIGHEST SCORING STUDENTS

Matilda A	FR1
Charlie S	BI7
Charlie R	BI2
Roman N	BA3
Imogen C	BA4
Emily F	BI4
Emily A	BI1
Abbie E	GA4
Sid T	BI5
Emily B	FR6
Will D	FR2

HIGHEST SCORING FORMS

BA3
BI5
CU7
FR2
GA6

HOUSE ACHIEVEMENTS

Most Brookfield reward points



Highest Co-curricular attendance



Highest attendance



OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



NEWS & EVENTS

This term has seen over 50 co-curricular clubs and trips on offer for students to take part in, from Chess Club, Warhammer to Football and Stem Club. All offer our students a rich and interesting curriculum that builds skills outside of the classroom.

We are building our inter-house competition portfolio too with this term's winners for inter-house cross country being Froggatt House and the Geography Urban Studies competition was won by Curbar House. As we draw 2023 to a close all students will compete in the end of year Christmas inter-house quiz which will test current affairs amongst other things that have happened in 2023, the winning House will be announced on Friday 22nd December 2023.

Next term promises to be equally as busy with many trips, after school clubs and revision sessions planned as well as some varsity competitions against Tupton Hall School. We are also entering a KS3 and KS4 team into the Redhill Handball competition which is due to take place on 24th April 2024. Taking part in inter-house competitions adds house points towards winning the annual Brookfield Cup which Gardom's House currently hold for last year.



CHESTERFIELD SCHOOLS EXHIBITION AWARDS

Current and Ex-Brookfield students received awards for their art work at the Chesterfield Schools Exhibition.

Lily, Eve and Maddy received awards presented by Helen Parker from Chesterfield Rotary and Liz Sharples from St Andrews Church.

Special thanks to Mrs Gordon who awarded Lily the Ian Gordon Award.

Ian was the founder of the exhibition and the award is presented annually in his memory.



BCS REMEMBRANCE 2023

On Friday the 10th of November at 11 o'clock the whole of Brookfield Community School fell silent in order to remember all those who had lost their lives in the First World War and all conflict since.

Remembrance is an important part of the national fabric and it is vital that we, as a school community, remember those we owe so much to.

In cold, crisp sunshine, under a light blue sky, students and staff gathered in perfect silence. On the all-weather pitch, forming an open square, each house and the sixth form stood together in respectful silence. Proceedings were opened by Deputy Headteacher Mrs R Mason followed by an address by Chair of School Governors Mr J Barker. Head Girl, Tess B then read the poem by John McCrae 'In Flanders Fields', before Head Boy Zac L read the Royal British Legion's Exhortation. Mr J Charles-Tanner then played the Last Post and a 2 minutes silence was immaculately observed.

Reveille was played and then the Head Girl and Boy laid the school's wreath. The occasion was drawn to a close by Mr Greenwood, a former army captain, reading the Kohima Epitaph.

In attendance were Mr D Priestley and Mr T Hine from the Old Cestrefeldian Society, representing our shared history with our founding schools and remembering directly the 83 Cestrefeldians who died in World War One and the 71 who passed in World War Two.

On Saturday the 11th of November a delegation from Brookfield, consisting of Headteacher Mr K Hirst, Chair of Governors Mr J Barker and Assistant Headteacher Ms A Williams accompanied by students Pippa S, Sonny B and Bess D gave readings and laid a wreath at the site of the former school at the Chesterfield College site on Sheffield Road.

In addition the school raised £759.78 for the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal. Many thanks to Mrs Y Myers and Mrs A Wagstaffe for their help with this.

C D Greenwood
Head of Gardom's House.

CHARITY DANCE SHOW 2023

On Thursday 23rd November 68 students from across the school came together to dance and raise money for Mind UK. Students had been working hard since September to learn and rehearse dances on the theme of "A Night At The Movies" under the supervision and direction of the Year 13 A Level Dance Class. The Year 13 students took responsibility for music, choreography, cake sale and raffle all with the aim of raising as much money as possible for their chosen charity. The final total this year was £1,3016 a new record for a Charity Dance Show and a great example of the aspiration, resilience and dedication of our students. I am extremely proud of everyone who performed, not just for the excellence on the evening but their commitment and enthusiasm in preparation.

Mrs Carter.



KS4 ENGLISH THEATRE TRIP TO A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Seasonal celebrations started early for some students when on Wednesday 15th November the English Department took a group of 100 Year 10 and Year 11 students to Nottingham Playhouse to watch a performance of 'A Christmas Carol.' The Dickens classic is one of the texts they study as part of their GCSE Literature course. The adaptation embraced the text's gothic genre, with spooky special effects and a few jump out of your seat moments as Scrooge's ghostly visitors began to arrive.

Adapted by Mark Gatiss and starring Keith Allen, the production proved popular both with Brookfield students and in wider theatre reviews. This is the second year running this adaptation has toured and a recording of the performance, which screened last Christmas Day, is still available to watch on BBC iplayer for anyone wishing to catch up on some Christmassy culture.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001gmwp>



BPFA CHRISTMAS MARKET

The BPFA organised the Christmas Market on the 17th November. Stall holders, sponsors, donators, staff, students, parents and supporters together raised over £1,600 for BPFA funds.

The BPFA's main sponsors, Specsavers Chesterfield, Hannah Helps You Save, and Feel Good Dog Training donated prizes and set up the festive games. Alongside local stall holders, Leets Treats, Wendy Cooper Temple Spa, Cleodore Designs, Forever Fairies, Dashing Designs, Wren Cottage, Tropic with Esther Thelwell and Heavenspun.

The BPFA will be able to support more enrichment projects for Brookfield as a result of the funds raised.



The Year 12 Young Enterprise Team baked and sold gingerbread men and ran a 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' game at the Brookfield Christmas Market to raise funds to reinvest into the development of their Young Enterprise Company.

Every year a talented student in Year 10, Preston, goes out to local care homes and hospices to perform for the residents at Christmas. Preston has been to 9 homes so far and has raised £1400.

This year Preston is raising money for Dementia UK, if you are able to support, please follow the link below.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-12-care-homes-at-christmas?member=30508309&sharetype=teams&utm_campaign=p_na+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer



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.

6TH FORM APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR SEPTEMBER, DEADLINE 26TH JANUARY.

DATES FOR YOU DIARY

- Year 11 Mock Exams - 8th - 19th January
- Year 7 Tutor Review (early school close 1.55pm) - 9th January
- A Level Presentation Evening - 11th January
- Year 9 Parent Evening - 16th January
- Year 9 Guided Choices Evening - 24th January
- Year 13 Mock Exams - 29th January - 9th February
- Year 10 Tutor Review (early school close 1.55pm) - 1st February
- National Apprenticeship Week - 5th February
- Year 9 Guided Choices Deadline - 8th February
- School Production - 13th - 16th February
- Year 11 Mock Results Day - 14th February
- February Half Term - 19th - 23rd February
- Year 11 Parents Evening - 29th February
- Iceland Trip - 29th February - 3rd March
- Year 13 Mock Results Day - 1st March
- GCSE PE Moderation Day at Redhill - 6th March
- Move it Dance Festival - 15th March
- Dance Showcase 7pm - 21st March
- Barcelona Sports Tour - 23rd - 28th March
- Easter Holidays - 29th March - 12th April