



BROOKFIELD NEWS

AUTUMN EDITION 2023



SPONSORED WALK 2023



Y6 OPEN EVENING 2023



NO. 1 RESULTS IN DERBYSHIRE



REDHILL
ACADEMY TRUST

HEADTEACHERS WELCOME

HOUSE POINTS



Welcome to this first edition of Brookfield News of this academic year. I hope this provides a flavour of what has been happening across school since we returned in September.

You will have seen the fantastic news regarding the academic performance of Brookfield this summer. Alongside outstanding academic performance sits a growing co-curriculum programme – what we call Curriculum Plus. We want every student to have opportunities beyond the classroom, be this in trips and visits, competitions, clubs and societies.

We are about to launch a new Inter-House Competition, with different Houses competing to win The Brookfield Cup. I think you will agree that this edition shows a very busy term beyond the classroom.

Mr Hirst Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Biology in action - 6th November
- Chemistry in action - 7th November
- Y7/8 Winter Games at Redhill - 8th November
- Y9 Battlefield Trip - 9th - 11th November
- Remembrance Event - 10th November
- A Level Physics Trip - 13th November
- Y11 Christmas Carol Trip - 15th November
- 6th Form Open Evening - 16th November 6pm
- BPFAs Christmas Market - 17th November
- Physics in action - 21st November
- Charity Dance Show - 23rd November 6pm
- Careers Fair - W/C 27th November
- Performing Arts London Residential - 30th November
- Inset Day - 1st December
- Y11 Study Skills Evening - 7th December
- GCSE Presentation Evening - 12th December
- Ski Trip - 15th - 22nd December
- 'Tin to a Tenner' Christmas Showcase - 21st December 7pm

TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL IN DERBYSHIRE

Brookfield has secured its position as the number one school in Derbyshire for students at GCSE, with a Progress 8 score of +0.51, a figure significantly above national average. The government last week published performance data from the summer 2023 GCSE exams for all secondary schools, sixth forms and colleges. The main measure the government uses to judge secondary school academic performance is Progress 8 (P8). A school's Progress 8 score compares the progress made by its students

(from the end of primary school to the end of secondary school) with all schools nationally. In addition, 80% of students also achieved a grade 4 or above in both Maths and English, and 56% achieving grade 5 or above. This represents outstanding performance. These results improve even on last year's and represent the strongest in the school's history. Alongside our extensive and growing extra-curricular provision, this is a real platform on which future success will be achieved.

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SPONSORED WALK 2023

For the second year Brookfield students, staff and families - with the support of the local community have raised over £15,000 for Ashgate Hospice.

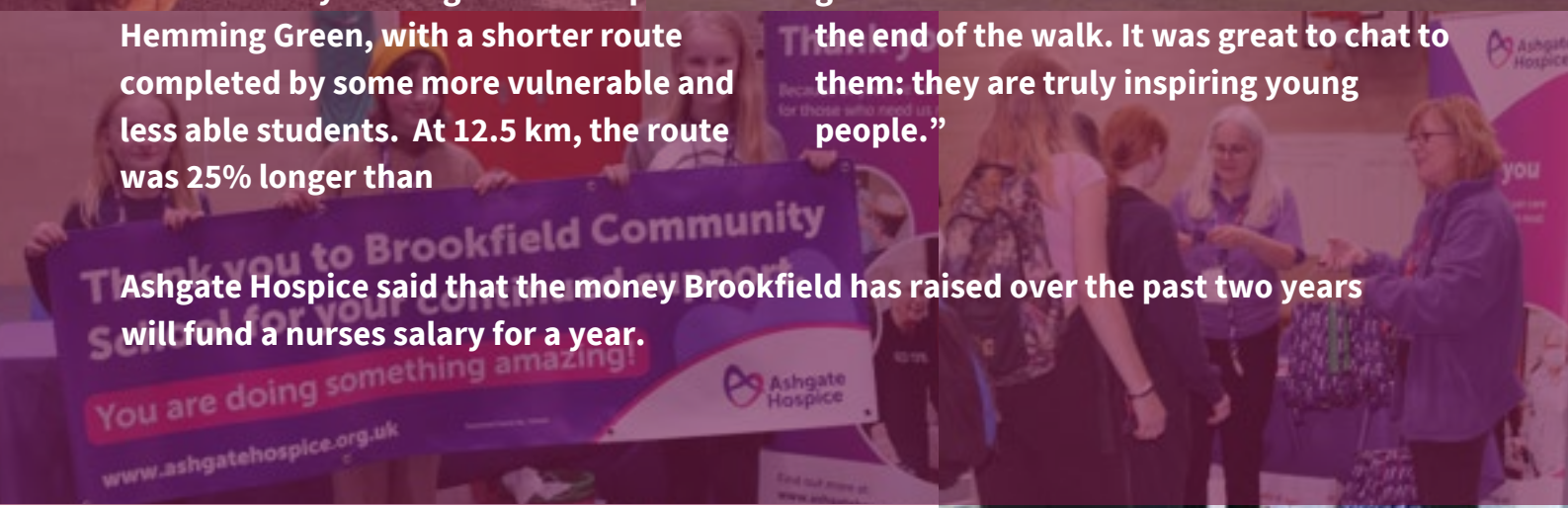
Following the success of the inaugural whole sponsored school walk last year, students and staff from Brookfield Community School again rose to the challenge of a longer route with the aim of beating last year's sum raised for Ashgate Hospice – as well as fulfilling the school's core values of Ambition, Resilience and Respect.

Over 1,000 students and staff took part in the 2023 walk, a circuit from school to Linacre Reservoirs and back via footpaths and bridleways through Old Brampton and Hemming Green, with a shorter route completed by some more vulnerable and less able students. At 12.5 km, the route was 25% longer than

last year but this did not faze the 11-18 year olds who completed the course. The school is particularly grateful to local residents for their support and to other walkers and users of the paths and bridleways.

Adele Taylor said: "I just wanted to say THANK YOU, from everyone at Ashgate Hospice to everyone at Brookfield School for your continued support. Everyone made us very welcome on the day and it was so nice to cheer the students on and give them their well-deserved medals at the end of the walk. It was great to chat to them: they are truly inspiring young people."

Ashgate Hospice said that the money Brookfield has raised over the past two years will fund a nurses salary for a year.



BPFA - 'RAISING FUNDS. ENRICHING LIVES'



A Level student Daisy using a new 3D printer

Brookfield Community School is a unique secondary school, as it has a very active parents and friends association (the BPFA). The BPFA is a fundraising body for the school and a charity in its own right. All monies raised are spent on projects that support, enrich and advance the education of our children during their time at secondary school. In the past year the BPFA has supported schools with the following funding:

- Textiles - Glue guns, heat guns, A3 lightbox and 4 irons.
- Performing Arts - Storage boxes and funds for costumes.
- Modern Languages - 32 Headsets for their laptops.
- Design Technology - 2 x 3D printers.
- Geography - 10 Anemometers and 10 Digital Thermometers.
- English - 2x class sets of The Bone Sparrow.
- Marketing & Media - 2x TV screens.
- Art - Funds for framing of their incredible art work.
- Learning Support - Funds to replenish their supply of games.

During the upcoming half term break, the main hall will have a completely new sound/speaker system. The long over-due project costs £16,000 and is being funded by the BPFA. We will bring an update of this new system next half term.



A Christmas Market - Friday 17th November

The main fund-raiser for the BPFA is the yearly Christmas Market, which this year takes place on Friday 17th November. Do come along to grab some early Christmas gifts, and to support the BPFA and school.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you would like to support the BPFA, get in touch at BPFA@brookfieldcs.org.uk.

TRIPS & EVENTS

Urban Studies trip – Year 7 Geography and History

All of Year 7 have visited Chesterfield town centre to learn about its history from the Roman Fort through to the Victorians. Students also got to practice some of their geography skills with land use mapping, questionnaires about changes to the high street and compass bearings. The Geography Department are also running an inter-house competition about their fieldwork day with a piece of creative writing, the winners are Curbar earning themselves 30 house points.



1st - George T 7B



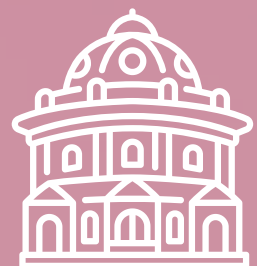
2nd - Oliver F 7R



3rd - Jack C 7F

Oxford University Visit

Year 11 and Year 12 students were invited to a presentation by Oxford university. Students were supported with application advice, what the university is like to live and study at along with a personal statement workshop.



Tech Fest visit – Derby Arena

All of Year 9 were invited to attend the TechFest event at Derby Arena. The event is a new careers event dedicated to inspiring the next generation of technicians. From apprenticeships in arts, exciting opportunities in engineering and

rewarding roles in research, technical careers are for everyone. Technicians are the backbone of the UK workforce, yet many people don't know about the range of technical jobs which play an important role in our world.



United Cast Bar Year 7 Visit

They learnt about how iron bar is manufactured and about the very varied jobs that are on offer in the sector. The students gave their winning presentations to the board of United Cast Bar which was followed by an awards presentation of Amazon vouchers. We are immensely proud of all the students involved.

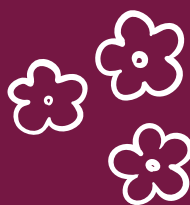


Year 11 Geography Fieldwork

Year 11 geographers completed their component 3 fieldwork preparation with a flooding enquiry at Porter Brook and then an urban investigation in Sheffield city centre. Students were investigating how risk has been mitigated since the regeneration of the Moor has been completed and carried out several data collection methods which they will need for their examination in June.



CHESTERFIELD IN BLOOM



Charlie E met the Mayor of Chesterfield at the Town Hall on Thursday 14th September to collect his award along with Krista P on behalf of Brookfield Community School for coming first in the "wheelbarrow challenge" that Chesterfield Borough Council

had set as part of its "Chesterfield in Bloom" theme. The feedback they got 'A great use of your props and a really good planting arrangement'. The students had lunch with the Mayor afterwards and said it was an enjoyable day out.



Stellar Fair

Enrichment plays a key role in the development of our 6th formers, our current Year 12's got to choose which enrichment activities they would like to take part in. Opportunities range from charity work, helping in classrooms with younger students, visiting local primary schools to assist with reading programmes, volunteering, Gold Duke of

Edinburgh, to name but a few. This 12 month programme enables students to develop softer skills along with team work, communication, along with independence and facing challenges without giving up. They will need to complete a minimum of 20 hours of enrichment to reach bronze, 30 hours for silver and 40 hours for the gold award.



Economics Conference

6th Form Economics Students attended a virtual conference on the 10th October on the current macroeconomic issues in the UK. They had the opportunity to listen to professionals in the subject and gain real world economic knowledge and references.

Y6 Maths Morning

On 25th September we welcomed 28 Year 6 students to Brookfield to take part in a maths morning. In groups they took part in building paper towers, crossing a river, codebreaking, a horse race and a treasure hunt around school. We really enjoyed getting to know some of the students and look forward to seeing them next year!

A big thank you to all our amazing Year 8 and 6th Form students who helped to run the event.



The Performing Arts department have hit the new term with a bang!

We have over 130 students taking part in the whole school production of Disney's "The Little Mermaid", with our new technical training academy being introduced this year. Choir and Glee club are busy rehearsing for Christmas events, dancers are busy creating work for the Charity Dance Show and drama club is about to start work on The Grinch!



‘Wannabe’ Authors

A selection of Year 8 and Year 9 students attended Geri Halliwell’s book launch at Sheffield Hallam University. They had the opportunity to listen to her read an extract from her new children’s book “Rosie Frost & The Falcon Queen, as well as asking her questions about her career as an author. Each student was also provided with a signed copy of Geri’s book. It was a great opportunity to visit a local University and also meet a famous author (who just happens to be a Spice Girl).



A busy start for PE!

It has been a very busy term 1 in the Physical Education department at Brookfield Community School.

All of our school football teams have been involved in district, county and national league competitions and have all represented the school with enthusiasm. We have also had some notable results. The Year 7 boys team have progressed into round 3 of the national cup by beating Quarrydale school. The Year 8 boys team have also progress into the 3rd round of the competition by beating St Thomas Wharton away from home. The Year 8 boys team are also into the 2nd round of the Derbyshire Schools Cup after a nail biting away win at Buxton Community School which was won on penalties! The Year 10 boys team have also progressed into the 2nd round of the Derbyshire Cup by beating a strong Frederick Gent side 2-0.

Our Year 9 and Year 10 students have represented Brookfield in the Redhill Winter Games this term. The event was held at Hall Park Academy and involved students from across the Academy Trust competing in netball, tag rugby, badminton and table tennis. All students demonstrated outstanding levels of effort, ambition and resilience on the day and were a credit to the school. A special mention should go to the mixed netball team who were unbeaten and won the competition.

We also sent a team of students to the SHAPE KS3 Panathlon at Outwood Academy Newbold. The team of students were exceptional on the day and an absolute credit to the school. They came third and all come home with a bronze medal. Really well done. Here’s looking forwards to an equally successful term 2!

SCHOOL UPDATES

A NEW LOOK!

The term started with some newly equipped classrooms. The programme of refurbishing Science rooms has continued, with three rooms being completely developed. In addition, our second Food Technology room was completely re-equipped and refurbished to become a modern and professional learning space. Improvements to school facilities and classrooms are being funded through Redhill Academy Trust. In the past 4 years Brookfield has accessed over £1.5million of funding from this process.



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.

Brookfield Community School has been awarded with the BERT Bronze Award for its PHSE Curriculum.





OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



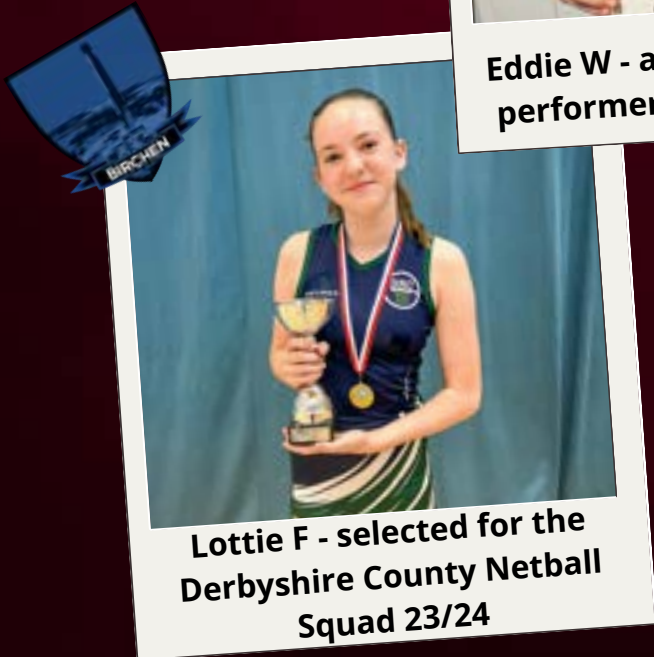
**Bobby & George L -
Chesterfield YBC Champions
2023**



**Charlie S - Derbyshire U14s
Boy's Tennis Singles Champion**



**Eddie W - awarded best child
performer at Buxton Fringe**



**Lottie F - selected for the
Derbyshire County Netball
Squad 23/24**



**Marli R & Anna G - 1st & 3rd at the
AAD Intermediate Scholarship
finals**

If you would like to share a students out of school achievement, please email enquiries@brookfieldcs.org.uk.