



BROOKFIELD NEWS

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to this final edition of Brookfield News of 2024. Once again I think you will agree that this captures what has been another incredibly busy term and one which has provided a strong combination of the academic with the extra-curricular.

Long summer days and short sleeves were still in order when we returned in September, jubilant and proud of the excellent results achieved by our students.

We certainly 'hit the ground running', with students straight back into school life and keen to pick up after the summer holidays. Our 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 2025 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 incredible term. Well done to Year 8 student, Isabella B, for her fabulous drawing chosen for our school Christmas card.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas. Keith Hirst.



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NEWS & EVENTS

CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE

On Wed 11th Dec we held our annual “Tin to a tenner event”. The evening saw a packed out audience who all generously donated food or money for our local foodbank; we filled a truck with food and raised £250 to buy further supplies. Audience members were treated to festive songs, carols, readings, live music and dance. Our BPFA provided drinks and mince pies and our wonderful year 7 shoe-box theatres were on display in a gallery. The event was a lovely way to start the festive season and showcase the talent here at Brookfield. May the Performing Arts team take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you at the upcoming production of Chicago: Teen edition in February.



CHARITY DANCE SHOW

Congratulations to all those involved in this year's Charity Dance Show – Diva. It was an evening celebrating the music of female legends as well as raising £929 for Macmillan Cancer Support. It was a brilliant evening that saw participants from years 7-13 perform in a range of styles, all choreographed by the year 13 A Level Dance students – there was even a special appearance by some of the staff body cutting some shapes!

The excellent work of the performing arts students will continue into 2025 and we can't wait to see them all on stage again soon!



SCHOOL CHOIR

On Thursday 12th December our school choir took part in 2 performances alongside students from 4 other Derbyshire schools. In the morning we sang at the Carers Celebration service at The Crooked Spire, followed by a short drive to Matlock where we spent the afternoon in rehearsals with experts from Derbyshire Music Education Hub. In the evening there was a concert where our choir performed 2 of their own songs as well as songs with the massed choir of over 100 young people.



BCS REMEMBRANCE 2024

On Monday the 11th of November 2024, at 11 O'clock, exactly 106 years to the day, Brookfield Community School fell silent in order to remember those who lost their lives in the First World War and all conflicts since. Remembrance is an important part of the national fabric and it is vital that we, as a school, remember those we owe so much to.

In overcast conditions, with a slight breeze, students and staff gathered in an open square, each house, the sixth form and staff stood together in perfect, respectful silence. Proceedings were opened by Headteacher, Mr Hirst, followed by an address by Deputy Chair of Governors, Mr Barker. Head student Ruby F-H read the poem by John McCrae, 'In Flanders Fields', followed by fellow Head Student, Ruby W, who read the Royal British Legion's Exhortation. Mr Tanner then played the Last Post, followed by an immaculately observed 2-minutes silence at exactly 11 O'clock, where all that could be heard were the birds in the air and the bells of local churches ringing in the distance.

Reveille was then sounded. The Head Students laid a wreath on behalf of the whole school community, followed by representatives of the Old Cestrefeldian Society who laid a wreath on the behalf of our predecessor school, Chesterfield Grammar School, and in doing so remembered the 83 Cestrefeldians who died in World War One and the 71 who passed in World War Two. The occasion was drawn to a close by Head of Gardom's House, Mr Greenwood, himself a former army captain, reading the Kohima Epitaph.

Simultaneously. A delegation from Brookfield consisting of Assistant Headteacher Ms Williams, accompanied by students Pippa S and Roman N, laid a wreath at the site of the former school on Sheffield Road.

Furthermore, the school raised £427.16 for the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal. Many thanks to Mrs Y Myers and all the Reception Team for there help with this.

C D Greenwood
Head of Gardom's House.





BPFA CHRISTMAS MARKET

The BPFA held another hugely successful Christmas Market again this year, managing to raise £1.350 which will be used to support the school.

The BPFA's main sponsor, Specsavers Chesterfield, provided funding for House teams to create Christmas-themed games and activities. These included 'Pin the tail of the Donkey', Giant Jenga and a range of other games which kept the crowds entertained. A wide range of stall-holder were present, along with a vibrant and very popular Tombola stall.

The BPFA does an incredible job in raising funds for students at Brookfield. These funds help to enrich the experience of students at the school and we are incredibly grateful for the hard work and support of members of the BPFA.

If you would like to be involved, contact
BPFA@brookfieldcs.org.uk



FOODBANK DONATIONS

A big thank you to the Brookfield Community who donated food items for the Redhill Trust Foodbank Appeal this year.

Chesterfield Food Bank came to collect donations last week and have expressed their thanks for another incredible donation.

Our main bulk of donations came in at our 'Tin to a Tenner' Christmas showcase, where we also raised over £300 for the foodbank and our lovely BPFA also donated some of the money from refreshments.





YOUTH AWARD TEAM GIFT BAG APPEAL

The Youth Award Team led by Mrs Gilbert have been running a Gift Bag Appeal this month. They were able to make 36 Christmas gift bags for the patients at Ashgate Hospice. Mrs Gilbert said they had some amazing donation from the Brookfield Community including donations from Tesco and Morrisons.

Adele from Ashgate Hospice visited Brookfield on Tuesday afternoon to collect the gift bags, saying how incredible the team had done!

KS3 TEXTILES CLUB CHARITY PROJECT

The KS3 Textiles Club have been busy making Calico Dolls for Epsom and St Helier Hospital Children's Ward,

The dolls are used for a number of different means, including using them to help convey emotions, indicate injuries and allow staff to demonstrate procedures.

All of the students have had to learn how to use a sewing machine for the project. Ms Judd said that they have done an amazing job!



DEBATING TEAM

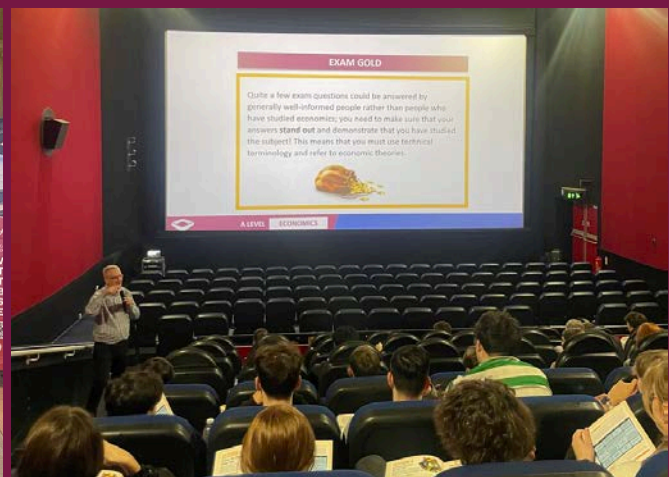
On 27th November, our Debating Society participated in the first round of the ESU Schools' Mace, the oldest and most prestigious debating competition in the country. Competing against Nottingham High School on their turf and opposing a motion to implement a four-day school week, our team performed brilliantly and progressed to the second round of the competition, which will be held in January.

After several years of the first round of this competition being held remotely via Zoom, it was the first time a team from Brookfield have won a live debate and progressed on merit – a fantastic achievement which has taken weeks of intensive work by a small team.



ECONOMICS TRIP

On Wed 20th Nov Y13 Economics students headed to Manchester's Trafford Centre for the day to take part in a 'Strong Foundations' revision workshop on the Odeon Cinema's big screen! Everyone had a great day and learnt a lot. We returned home with some prizes for great answers and participation.



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

- Y11 Mock Results Day - 09th January 2025
- Y13 Mock Exams - 13th- 24th January 2025
- Y11 Parents Evening - 14th January 2025
- Y9 Parents Evening - 22nd January 2025
- Y9 Guided Choices Evening - 28th January 2025

- School Production 'Chicago' - 11th - 14th February 2025
- Economics New York Trip - 13th - 19th February 2025
- February Half Term - 17th - 21st February 2025

- Y13 Parents Evening - 5th March 2025
- Move it Dance Trip - 7th March

- Y7 Trip to Derby University - 02nd April 2025
- Trust Handball Competition - 02nd April 2025
- Easter Holidays - 07th - 21st April 2025