



# 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, this newsletter offers a flavour 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 student have had outside of the classroom. This year's school production - 'Chicago' - was a triumph, as was the superb performance of our Year 8 and 9 students in the Young Citizens Mock Trial competition, winning the regional heat for the second year running. 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 after the break.

Mr K Hirst - Headteacher

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# NEWS & EVENTS

## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

This term has been an incredibly busy, one filled with the immense talent of our students. February saw our sell out run of "Chicago: Teen edition" which wowed audiences with slick musical numbers, extensive choreography and incredible performances.

This term we also said "goodbye for now" to Mrs Carter who leaves us for maternity leave; we welcome Miss Scattergood who will join us for a year after Easter.

GCSE and A level dance, drama and music students have also been busy preparing for their final practical exams, the department has been buzzing with extra rehearsals and practices; our students have made us incredibly proud by demonstrating their commitment and pride.



## STUDENT SUCCESSES

This term a number of A level students have been auditioning at the most prestigious performing arts schools and conservatoires across the UK. So far we have had so many successes for our A level dance, drama and music students.

Both Katy M and Megan T have secured places at Guild Hall School of Music and Drama, Katy will study Production Arts in design and Megan will study costume.

Katie B has secured places at two of the most prestigious music schools in the country; Birmingham and Leeds to study music.

Ruby W has secured a place at Performers College to study musical theatre and dance.

Cole P has been offered places at Wilkes, Laine and Performers and also has call backs for Urdang and Rambert Ballet School.

These courses see hundreds of applicants every year with limited placements, we are so proud of their achievements and can't wait to see their work in the future.

Two other students, Evie F and Ruby F-H, have both received unconditional offers to study a one year intensive musical theatre course with KTCO Studios on their accelerate programme, the girls had to undergo intensive auditions to secure their places that will prepare them for industry auditions and securing a place at drama school next year.

Every year we see a large number of students gain successful places at some of the best performing arts schools in the UK, this is part of the offer here at sixth form for students who choose an art form with comprehensive support on the process including audition tapes, audition showreels and portfolios and selecting the right work for auditions.



## MOCK TRIAL SUCCESS

Since September, the mock trial team have been working tirelessly to prepare for their latest case. The case involved a tense football game, rival fans and a smashed broken bottle at the center of the chaos. The students took on various roles such as lawyers, witnesses, magistrates, an usher and a legal adviser. They spent hours revising and practicing, perfecting their case.

Practice which paid off as on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 20 students visited Derby Magistrates Court and achieved a winning result. Students were up against five other secondary schools from the local area, but this proved no challenge for the Brookfield team, who were praised for their professionalism and skill.

## NEW PRINTER FOR D&T



The Design and Technology department are the very grateful recipients of a brand new Bambu Lab P1P 3D printer, which was kindly donated by Nick Taylor, Managing Director of Kingfield Electronics. Kingfield Electronics is a Chesterfield based company which provides extensive Contract Electronics Manufacturing solutions to companies operating in a wide variety of high technology, high reliability, and high expectation market sectors.

The generous offer was made after members of the Design and Technology department went on a tour of the hugely impressive 46'000ft manufacturing facility. The addition of a high speed, high quality 3D printer has increased the departments capacity to manufacture 3D printed parts for project work and GCSE and A Level coursework. The image features year 11 students who have made great use of the technology in the prototyping and manufacture of their GCSE final products. Both staff and students are hugely grateful to Nick and the team for the gift.





## POETRY BY HEART BY FRAN B YEAR 8

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, accompanied by Mrs. Ashley, several students and I headed to Bolsover School full of excitement.

Upon arrival, we were met at the entrance and handed glossy A5 booklets with the timetable for the day and all the fabulous poets who were getting ready to perform. Firstly, we were welcomed by Mr. Hallam (Head of Literacy) who delivered the poem *Invictus*. At around 10:25, the KS2 students began their performances.

By 11:10, they had finished and we had all had a break to prepare for the KS3 acts. The opening act for this group was our one and only Jonas J who left us all gob smacked by his emotive and captivating performance followed by some other fantastic acts which lasted to about 11:50.

Tips and praise were given by the judges and lunch was had. Finally, awards were handed out with all participants receiving a poetry novel and a photograph. The winner was announced and we jumped for joy as Jonas' name sounded through the auditorium.

We gave our thanks to the organisers and said our farewells. On arrival back at school, we were congratulated by Mrs. Mason and Mr Hirst: we brought home the shield for Brookfield!

This is what the students who visited said about the day:

Dylan P "The poems were great, the performances were even better."

Jonas J "I am grateful I was chosen when there was a great deal of deserving competition."

Chloe M "There was an amazing variety of poems and there were smiles all round."

Jake C "Today was a blast, all the performances were spectacular."

Edward B "Jonas deserved the win, his performance was phenomenal."

Fran B "Very fun day, everyone participating did fab!"

# YEAR 8 GUTS TRIP

On Wednesday 19 March 2025 the whole of Year 8 went to the 'Getting up to Speed' future education and careers fair at the Magna Science Adventure Centre, Rotherham. The trip was as part of the school's wide-ranging approach to careers and was to allow the Year 8s to see the opportunities that exist beyond school.

There were a huge number of local and regional education providers, alongside regional and national employers, with over 50 stalls, stands and displays. The event was hugely well supported, with thousands of students and young people attending from across Yorkshire and the Midlands. Dignitaries were aplenty with representation from the Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire and the mayors of both Sheffield and Rotherham, which underlines the size, scale and importance of the two-day event.

The Year 8s had a great time visiting stands, watching displays, asking questions and trying to collect as many free pens, pencils and notepads as possible. There was a central stage with a rolling series of presentations, displays from the armed forces that included vehicles, kit, equipment and even a marching band, there was a sports car from McLaren alongside the opportunity to race cars, fly drones, engrave metal, cast steel, programme computers and interact with AI amongst other activities. It was a diverse, busy, engaging and informative environment that undoubtedly sparked the minds and the imaginations of our Year 8s as they look to the future and to what direction that they would like to go in.

Many thanks to all the staff who helped support such a large trip.

C D Greenwood  
Head of Gardom's House

# GOLD STAR WORK

Well done to some of this term's Gold Star Work winners. Every fortnight, teachers award a prestigious gold star to a student who has produced a piece of truly outstanding work. Here we can see some of our winners exchanging their work for a well-deserved chocolate bar!





# REDHILL TRUST INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Brookfield took a full squad of 20 students to the Redhill Trust Rowing competition at Tupton Hall School, with 2 girls and 2 boys from years 7-11. The students performed incredibly well throughout the day, with some serious determination and resilience being displayed by all – some of whom had never been on a rowing machine before!

Some particularly impressive performances from the day were by Joe S (Year 7) and Esme W (Year 10) who achieved silver and bronze medals for their individual races against the other students from their year groups in the trust. The year 7, 8 and 11 teams also achieved top 3 positions in their relay races to receive bronze (Y7 and 11) and silver medals (Y8), working together to complete 2000m as quickly as possible. A special mention to Jonas J (Y8) who managed to row a whopping 768m in 3 minutes, smashing his PB that he has been committed to improving every week at rowing club!

Overall Brookfield came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 10 schools at the championships which is a mighty achievement, we have our sights set on placing top 5 next year, so get yourselves to rowing club on Monday/Tuesday lunchtimes in the rowing room with Mr Greveson and Miss Wilby.



## PI DAY

Brookfield held another Pi Day in March. The Maths department dressed as their favourite 'Pie' and students were tasked to learn the digits of Pi as part of an inter-house competition. This year we had over 100 students take part and they were excellent!

A special mention to Isla W Year 9 who quoted 230 digits and led Gardom's house to victory!







## TREE DEDICATION CEREMONY

Last month almost 20 former Brookfield Community School staff, both teaching and non teaching, including a retired Headteacher, governors, clerical and support colleagues, gathered outside the front entrance to plant a tree in dedication to Rosemary Thompson, a former, much loved English teacher and Senior Leader at the school, who sadly passed away in November 2023.

Rosemary's husband, Bryan, led the short ceremony with a speech, followed by a few words from former teacher and current governor, John Barker. As well as representing Rosemary, the acer tree is intended as a tribute to all staff who have passed away after contributing so much to the lives of students who attended the school.

It is hoped that the tree will flourish with wonderful autumn colours as a fitting memory of the many colleagues who served with such enthusiasm and dedication. They all contributed greatly to the success of the school.





## OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT



Bobby L Year 8 has recently completed in The South of England tournament at Dunstable. He won gold both in the singles event and in the All event for the under 15's division.

The Bowlers Club 2017						
George Latham						
27	28	19	Round 1, 13th Sep 2017			
1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
197	204	188	214	174	200	1177

George L Year 8 has recently completed in The Bowlers Club at Mansfield Superbowl.. He won his division in the under 22's division.

## 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

- Y10 Mocks - 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- Derby University and Apprenticeship Fair - 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Year 7 Parents Evening - 6<sup>th</sup> May
- Y12 Geography Fieldwork to Whitby - 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> May
- GCSE Exams start - 8<sup>th</sup> May
- Y12 Work Experience - 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May

May Half Term - 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May

- Y8 Exam Fortnight - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June
- Y10 Parents Evening - 4<sup>th</sup> June
- Y10 Geography Trip to Lakes District - 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Y12 Mocks - 16<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 11 Prom - 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 13 Prom - 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Excellence Awards Evening - 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Y8 Parents Evening - 8<sup>th</sup> July
- Y10 Work Experience - 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July
- Sports Day - 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Y12 Parents Evening - 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Art Exhibition - 22<sup>nd</sup> July
- KS3 Production - 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> July
- Start of Summer Holidays - 25<sup>th</sup> July