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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

KEITH HIRST - HEADTEACHER AT BROOKFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL



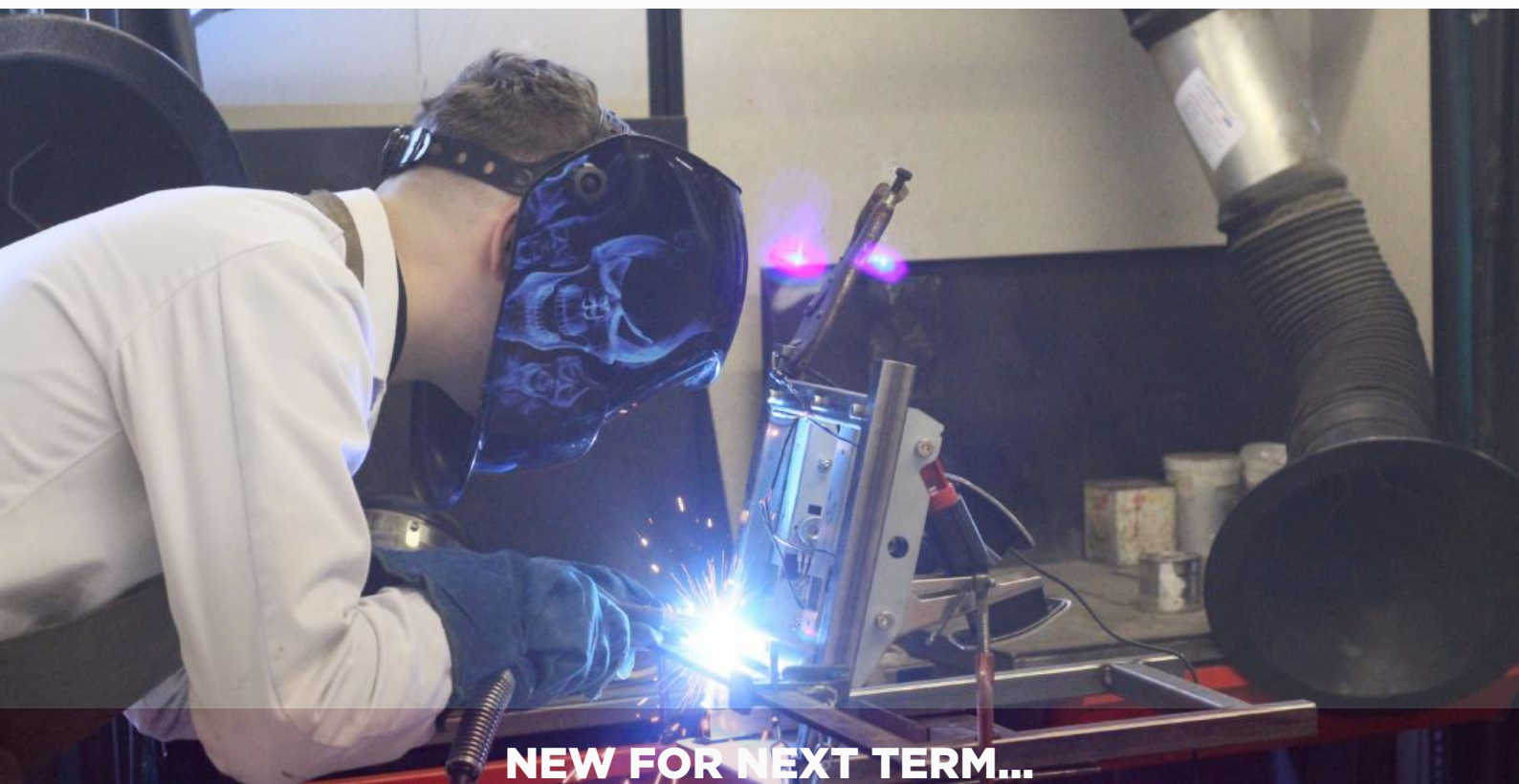
Welcome to the latest edition of Brookfield News. The Christmas break is now a distant memory, the mince pies and turkey long-devoured. The Spring term gains traction and school is starting to feel with every day, like we are moving into territory not visited for almost two years.

There has already been an enormous amount of activity and success this term and this edition provides a snapshot, from the achievement of 183 students who achieved 100% attendance in the Autumn term, to the powerful live webcast by the Holocaust Memorial Trust for Year 9-13 students last month.

The House system continues to develop and provide opportunities for student engagement, leadership and healthy competition and on page 3 you will find some of the House Points data from this term.

A reminder that if you have any need to contact school, details of staff and teams are contained on our website at www.brookfieldcs.org.uk.

Keith Hirst, Headteacher



NEW FOR NEXT TERM...

Follow the weekly insights with our Headteacher's blog, 'Heads Up!' More details will be shared on social media so give us a FOLLOW on...



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PERFORMING ARTS take us Back to the 80's

Finally after a long pause, our amazing performing arts students have welcomed back our annual school production this week, taking us Back to the 80's... and what a show it was!! An incredible jukebox musical that had the audiences rocking in the aisles! "Back to the 80's, the school musical" has been running this week to sell out audiences. Our talented cast and band have raised the roof night after night and are absolute stars!! It has been wonderful to be back in the theatre and to hear incredible songs, listen to our talented student band and see the phenomenal dancers and actors.

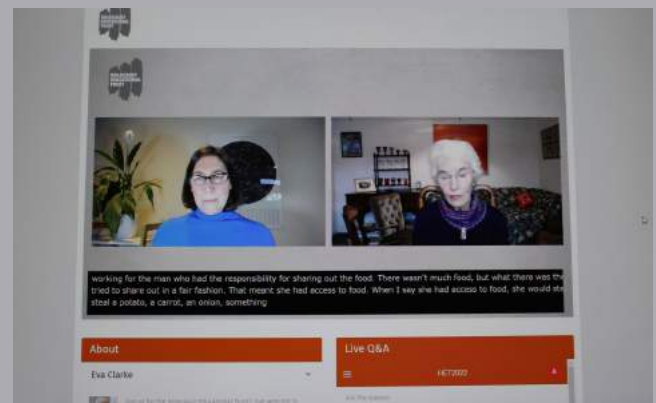
In addition, the student-led technical and front of house team have been an incredible support throughout, as have our sixth form students who created our fabulous stage. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone from your proud Performing Arts teachers. Enjoy a well deserved rest.

In other news... we're now pleased to offer GCSE Dance as an option along with music and drama. This is an incredible opportunity for many of our aspiring dancers.

We are also proud of our A Level Drama and Dance students who are currently auditioning for a range of Performing Arts schools and Conservatoires, and have students with offers already with call backs and further auditions to go. Students are balancing auditions alongside their studies and we are so proud of their resilience and dedication.



Thanks to a live webcast with the Holocaust Educational Trust, students in Year 9-13 were able to listen to the incredible testimony of survivor, Eva Clarke who was born on a train on its way to Mauthausen concentration camp, just days before its liberation in April 1945. We heard about her parents' incarceration in Terezin and her mother's extraordinary struggle to survive whilst she was pregnant in Auschwitz-Birkenau. If you visit the Imperial War Museum, you will see Eva's original birth certificate on display. After the war, Eva and her mother moved to Wales, and she now gives regular talks to schools as part of the Trust's Outreach Programme.



Holocaust Memorial Day - 27th January

HOUSE POINTS UPDATES

House Points	W/E 14.1.22	W/E 21.1.22	W/E 28.1.22	W/E 4.2.22	W/E 11.2.22
Highest scoring student	Millie HG	Finlay BG	Abbie E	Amber B	Kaiden B
Highest scoring form	Ga5	Ga5	Ga4	Ga5	Ga8
House Total	5686	2949	2803	3021	3416

A new addition to the Brookfield News is our House Points updates which highlights the highest scoring student, the highest scoring form and the House total each week. Below, you will find these different scores for each of our Houses. If you would like to see the current Half Termly House Points, please visit the Home page on our website at www.brookfieldcs.org.uk

House Points	W/E 14.1.22	W/E 21.1.22	W/E 28.1.22	W/E 4.2.22	W/E 11.2.22
Highest scoring student	Bella B	Will S	Atiya F	Edward S	Oliver W
Highest scoring form	Fr 6	Fr 1	Fr 3	Fr 8	Fr 6
House Total	5591	2927	2806	2881	3226

House Points	W/E 14.1.22	W/E 21.1.22	W/E 28.1.22	W/E 4.2.22	W/E 11.2.22
Highest scoring student	Abigail J	Oscar H	Holly C	Chloe W	Faye H
Highest scoring form	Cu7	Cu3	Cu2	Cu7	Cu3
House Total	5059	2341	3135	2896	3347

House Points	W/E 14.1.22	W/E 21.1.22	W/E 28.1.22	W/E 4.2.22	W/E 11.2.22
Highest scoring student	Niki C	Willow B	Elius WL	Al K	Willow B
Highest scoring form	Ba2	Ba2	Ba6	Ba2	Ba4
House Total	2871	2302	1734	2529	1972

House Points	W/E 14.1.22	W/E 21.1.22	W/E 28.1.22	W/E 4.2.22	W/E 11.2.22
Highest scoring student	Henry C	Olivia T	Rowan ES	Ivy W	Charlie EH
Highest scoring form	B8	B1	B5	B5	B7
House Total	5097	2451	2119	2379	2634

Thank you to Mr Anderson who has recently stepped back from the position of Head of House for Baslow



I write these words on the very last day of my tenure as Head of Baslow House. Stepping down from this role was a profoundly difficult decision, but I know that my successor - the amazing Mr Cliff - will keep the Baslow values of tolerance and inclusion alive and well. I wish him every success. These 17 years in Pastoral Leadership have been quite a journey - indeed, a series of journeys, but the destination has always been the same: people, because before we are students or teachers, we are human. That is the common thread which binds us, and it has guided my practice ever since I started in the field of education - and will continue to do so. Have a fantastic half term, all of you! Ben Anderson

SCHOOL VISITS

On the 3rd February, Labour MP Toby Perkins visited Brookfield to talk to our A Level Politics students about the role of an MP. After an engaging and thought-provoking presentation, our students had lots of questions to ask, and had some great feedback about the visit.

"It was refreshing to gain a different perspective on politics and hear about the subject from an insider's point of view, as that adds to what we're learning about in the curriculum" said Eve Bazeley. Whilst Ben Chappell enjoyed the open forum that Mr Perkins offered to share his personal and honest views on today's political arena. Rebekah Handley thought, "it was interesting to hear about the variety of different things that Toby Perkins does as part of his working week, including campaigning, speaking in the House of Commons, meeting his constituents, attending committee meetings and visiting schools to share some of his experiences".



EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

At Brookfield, we pride ourselves on our extra curricular offer with the variety of activities and clubs available for all our students to access. We endeavour to cater for different interests through our offer so we hope there is something here that you'd like to try.

In addition to our extra curricular programme, both our senior and junior libraries are open at break, lunch and after-school until 4pm for homework related activities, reading and for taking out library books. Key stage 3 are in the junior library and key stage 4 and 5 students are in the senior library.

Extra Curricular Offer						
Time	Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club 8-8.25am	English		KS5 Revision			
Lunchtime 12.15 - 12.55pm	Art	6 th Form Studies D4	6 th Form Studies D4	6 th Form Studies D4	6 th Form Studies D4	6 th Form Studies D4
	Chess Club		Chess Club D6 (all yrs) (wk1 only)	Chess Club D6 (all yrs) (wk1 only)		
	Design & Technology	KS4 & KS5 Drop in	KS4 & KS5 Drop in	KS4 & KS5 Drop in	KS4 & KS5 Drop in	KS4 & KS5 Drop in
	Performing Arts	KS5 Drama	GLEE Club H1	School Choir (all yrs)	Y7 & Y8 Dance Club Gym	KS3 Drama Club (wk 2 only)
	Book Club	Y7 & Y8 Book Club Junior Library Mrs Henson				
	Maths	KS3 Maths Club				
	PE	KS4 Basketball Sports Hall Mr Mason	KS3 Trampoline Sports Hall Mrs Cooper		Y7 & Y8 Dance (Gym)	GCSE & A Level Theory Intervention P1 Advanced Trampoline Sports Hall Mr Thompson/Mr Mason
	English	Yr 8 & 9 Library	Library open	Library open	Library open	Library open
	Textiles		Textiles KS4 Y11	Textiles KS4 Y10 & Y11	Textiles KS4 Y10 & Y11	
	Computing		Revision Club Y11	Coding Club KS3 & KS4		
After School 3-4pm	Design & Technology			Design Hospitality & Catering KS4 & KS5	D&T Club All Key Stages	
	Duke of Edinburgh			3-4.30pm		
	Geography	KS4 Intervention T1 KS5 Intervention T2			KS4 Intervention T1 KS5 Intervention T2	
	Sixth Form Debating Club	KS5 S2				
	Performing Arts	Student Band Club H3	Y7 & 8 Guitar Club H3	Y9 -13 Dance Club Gym GCSE Music Intervention	School Production Club	
	History/RE	Y11 History Revision E2 Y13 American Dream Revision E3	Y13 Unit 1 Revision E1			
	Maths	Y11 Period 6 (Invitation Only)			Drop in session All Years Welcome	
	Science				KS4 & KS5 Revision	
	MFL	KS4 Spanish KS4 French		KS5 Spanish	KS4 Spanish (Foundation) KS4 German	
	PE	GSCE PE Practical Intervention Sports Hall		KS3 Badminton Sports Hall Y9+ Dance - Gym	KS4 Badminton Sports Hall Mr Knight	
	English		Creative Writing Club (all yrs) Senior Library	Y11 Revision Club Library	KS5 Revision Club Library	
	Business Studies			Y11 Revision G5		
	Psychology			Y13 Intervention/Revision S3 & S5 Staff: DSB & BPA		

THIS TERM'S DUTY STUDENTS



In Years 8 and 9, all students have the opportunity to work on the student reception. This enables them to have some additional responsibility in the school day, using a school radio communication system to support the admin and pastoral teams in delivering messages, helping to locate students for appointments, returning misplaced lost property, collecting and delivering work to students that are working in other areas of the building and completing different administrative tasks.

There is an expectation that duty students complete their classwork set in between duty tasks. Students complete reception duty in pairs from their learning groups and have their breaks and lunch as normal. The duty students that have been given this opportunity so far have enjoyed their day on duty and the staff here would be lost without them!

They play such a big part in making the day to day duties of the busy admin and pastoral office run as smoothly as possible so a **BIG THANK YOU** to all of our duty students who have been a great support this term.




COMPETITIONS

The winner of the Design & Technology Departments Lego Mechanism Competition was Max G in Year 11 and the runner up was Matthias A in Year 9.

Max designed and made a remote controlled drawing machine which produced interesting geometric curves at the press of a button, and Matthias designed and built a remote controlled steam train to his own specification.

Lots of students entered the competition and the judges were amazed by the quality of the lego mechanisms which were produced.

Congratulations to all who took part.





D&T LEGO CLUB

** MECHANISM COMPETITION **

BCS Design & Technology After School Club
Thursdays – Open to All Key Stages

- Design and build a mechanical device with a function of your choice.
- Examples could include, a car, a digger, a machine to press snooze on your alarm clock, a machine to help do your makeup or stroke the dog, etc.
- You can make the mechanism in D&T club after school every Thursday, or at home if you have your own Lego.
- Your mechanism could be powered by hand or by electric motor.
- See Mr James, or your D&T teacher for more info.

Closing date: Thursday 10th February

Year 7 Poetry by Heart



POETRY BY
HEART

**Yr 7 Student
Performances**

Year 8 & 9 Poetry by Heart



Brookfield have recently run their version of the Poetry by Heart competition with Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students. The Year 7 competition took place on 10th February with the winning prize going to Jaiden L; second prize was taken by Noah Y and Jack L; third prize was Holly C and Martha B.

Design



The Year 8 and Year 9 competition took place on 18th February.

In Year 8, the winning prize went to Cooper H; second prize was taken by Obi L; third prize was Josh M and Marcus H. In Year 9, the winning prize went to Sonny B; second prize was taken by Rose S; third prize was won by William W, with Rose and William both performing their own poems.

Prizes were awarded in each year group: £20 for 1st, £10 for 2nd and chocolate for 3rd place.

Any students can enter the national competition where the top entrants get the chance to perform their poem at the Globe theatre in London.



CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Students' with their certificates for 100% attendance during Autumn Term 2021

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

A huge thank you to the parents and carers of students at Brookfield Community School for their support in ensuring student attendance and punctuality. The school appreciates how difficult it has been during the past 2 years. It is vital that the school, parents and carers continue to work together in ensuring good attendance remains a priority.

As you know, only a few days of absence can significantly affect a student's overall attendance. The school appreciates that appointments and illnesses are inevitable and therefore 100% attendance is not always possible. Brookfield's attendance target is 97%.

If your child will be absent from school, please call the attendance line 01246 568115 (Option 3) before 9am, and if they have a medical appointment, evidence of this is required by the school office or by emailing attendance@brookfieldcs.org.uk

Low levels of attendance can often indicate pastoral concerns, so should you require any support, please contact Jane Sully, Senior Attendance Officer on: 07483 111181/ 01246 568115 Extn 7133 or by email to J.Sully@brookfieldcs.org.uk



Congratulations to our newly elected Year 12 House Captains who are now looking at developing leadership opportunities to support our younger students.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



On Thursday 13th January, SHAPE Learning Partnership, the local School Sport Partnership for Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire (hosted by Brookfield Community School) ran a 'Space Invasion' sport and physical activity event for Year 3/4 pupils from local Primary schools. The event was supported by a fantastic group of Year 9 leaders from Brookfield who have just earned their Sports Leaders UK Young Leader Award, and a brilliant group of Year 11 leaders who are currently completing a WJEC qualification in Sports Coaching. The event was themed 'Outer Space' and focused on inspiring, motivating and encouraging young people to start a positive relationship with physical activity.



The leaders were tasked with setting up and running different activities, and ensuring all pupils that attended had an experience that was out of this world.



On 17th February, Brookfield Community School hosted a Year 1/2 Mixed Early Racer Competition in the sports hall. The event, ran by SHAPE Learning Partnership, featured a variety of suitable activities for the young learners to participate in. Our Year 9 Sports Leaders were responsible for running the activities and supporting 103 pupils in their small groups, whilst ensuring that everyone had a fun and interactive experience. Well done to everyone involved.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Brookfield on Top – Match Report from KS4 Basketball Competition. The KS4 basketball team recently took part in the Redhill basketball competition and won the final at Park Vale Academy in Nottingham. All of the Redhill schools were split into three groups to play other local schools. Brookfield played Bolsover and Tupton in the first round and were convincing winners. They then went on to play Park Vale and Redhill in the final.



The first game was played against Park Vale with some excellent defensive work and some fast breaks the Brookfield team looked a class act and came through easily. They then progressed onto the second game against Redhill. Redhill took an early lead scoring several three pointers with some ex shots. The effect of playing two games in a row was clearly evident in the Brookfield team and a few mistakes meant that the Redhill team were well out in front at half time. In the second half Brookfield played better, moving the ball well and setting some excellent offensive screens, and when the buzzer went the scores were tied. The game went to extra time and to their credit the Redhill team were victorious. Redhill and Park Vale played then played their game. A tired Redhill team were outperformed by Park Vale and this led to a three-way tie with each team winning 1 game. The end result was awarded to Brookfield, having scored the most baskets in their game.

The KS4 team have shown a huge amount of development in recent weeks. They are dedicated to training each week during Monday lunchtime and the newer players are developing in confidence alongside those players who have more experience. The team consisted of Ryan M, Oliver A, Myles R, Aidan AS, Harry W, Joe S, Max H and Harry M.

Congratulations to Evie B (16th), Caitlin R (25th) and Ani P (44th) who competed in the Derbyshire Schools' Cross Country Championships for Junior Girls with 66 other runners.

NEW YOUTH PROJECT - BOYS MOVE

'Boys Move' is a Youth Sport Trust funded project with a vision of supporting boys to increase their physical activity, improve their health and wellbeing and unlock their potential. The project allows the group to work together to co-create a physical activity intervention that will improve their general wellbeing and provide them with the opportunity to achieve their best, both in and out of school.



TEACHERS' INSIGHTS

TEN THINGS YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR TEACHER

Q: What three words might describe the person you were when you were at school and what advice would you offer your sixteen year old self?

A: Insecure, studious and anxious. I would tell myself that the people you compare yourself to are also fighting their own battles and love yourself now as these years fly by and you find yourself longing for them. I would also say – challenge yourself – fear holds us back from so many experiences.

Q: What would you have been if not a teacher?

A: I worked as a chef for many years and loved it, I would still be in hospitality – running my own restaurant maybe...

Q: Why did you decide to teach?

A: I did a mini teaching module in second year of uni (purely for the payment they offered) turns out that I loved it when the kids “got it” and then to see their confidence grow with support and praise.

Q: Which teacher from school can you remember best – and why?

A: Mrs Hill my drama teacher and Miss Flanagan my English teacher: both glam, kind and yet firm. Both instilled a love of creativity and learning for me.

Q: What did you want to be when you were twelve?

A: A journalist/news reporter

Q: Who was your role model as you were growing up? And now?

A: I don't remember having a role model growing up; I aspired to be either Kate Adie or Kylie Minogue. I wouldn't say she's a role model to me now but I do follow Em Clarkson on social media as I think she's a fantastic role model to young women.

Q: What do you get up to outside of school?

A: I love being outside so lots of walking and exploring/river dipping/wild swimming etc. I love the theatre and this year I've seen so much online theatre, it's been amazing. I'm also not local and so I spend a lot of time catching up with people from “back home”.

Q: What's your best memory from your time as a teacher/working at Brookfield?

A: I've only been here a short time but the resilience shown by my performing arts students to create an entire virtual show before Christmas, days before we locked down was epic!!

Q: Why are you so passionate about your subject area?

A: Creativity is what people need, to help them cope with life – we need to explore the world around us, to make sense of it, to question it and to look at ourselves. Drama allows us to do this and it also develops so much confidence in young people which is vital in supporting them for the rest of their lives. Drama in schools isn't just “how to act” it's the softer, employable skills that really matter: team work, creative thinking, confidence, problem solving, public speaking, resilience and empathy.

Q: Finally, can you tell us a joke?

A: Where do marsupials like to go on holiday? Koala Lumpur.

Mrs Caroline Ashley
Head of Performing Arts

TEN THINGS YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR TEACHER

Q: What three words might describe the person you were when you were at school and what advice would you offer your sixteen year old self?

A: I would say more than 3 words: competitive, positive and excitable, as immaturity could get the better of me; and Titch, as that was my nickname. I would tell myself that everything's going to be alright and don't worry about what you think other people think about you as none of it matters; also, don't pick your spots!

Q: What would you have been if not a teacher?

A: Anything that helps people – or a poet, even though I'm not very good at poetry. I have had jobs outside of teaching such as working in a furniture factory, being a van driver and bar work; I believe that as a teacher it's important to have experience working in the real world.

Q: Why did you decide to teach?

A: I have 2 answers to this: I think that history is a very important subject and I believe people need to know about it; at the end of my degree, my friend said that I would make a good teacher and after that I thought I fancied it. I also wanted to continue with and use my subject after university.

Q: Which teacher from school can you remember best – and why?

A: My history teacher from school, Mr Slater: he was a big Hull City fan and we often chatted about football. Also, my form tutor from years 8-10, Mr Nadin, who was formidable and absolutely hilarious. I model how I teach from both.

Q: What did you want to be when you were twelve?

A: When I was 12, I wanted to be an RAF pilot; however, when I was a bit younger, I wanted to be a train driver.

Q: Who was your role model as you were growing up? And now?

A: My mum and dad: we were not from the wealthiest of backgrounds but we still went on holiday every year. My dad has worked in the same place his entire life and has never taken a day off – even during Covid – and my mum has had all manner of jobs. They both work unbelievably hard; a lot of people look down on blue collar work but they really shouldn't. My role models now are everyone I work with and my wife who is a doctor in the NHS.

Q: What do you get up to outside of school?

A: Spend time with my kids. Big Scunthorpe United fan so I go whenever I can in normal times – usually aim to get to one away game a season and one home game a month. I play 5-a-side every Monday: I like keeping fit. I love gardening and nature. And finally, I like having real ale at proper pubs

Q: What's your best memory from your time as a teacher/working at Brookfield?

A: Sounds clichéd but I don't have a specific one. The students and staff here are a pleasure; there have been some amazing leaving speeches from teachers. I like being told I'm doing well and getting recognition so I value cards and letters from students and staff – for example, “Thank a teacher” day: I keep every one.

Q: Why are you so passionate about your subject area?

A: Fundamentally, it is an interesting subject. It's important to know about as it shaped the modern world we live in; it's even more important in the age of social media as we live in a post truth world where facts don't matter. I enjoy getting to find out about things I didn't know about when learning a new course. I'm allowed to be passionate about it because of the people I work with. Lastly, it's in my nature: I'm obsessive and competitive, constantly changing lessons to make them better.

Q: Finally, can you tell us a joke?

A: What do you call a French shoe maker? Philipe Flop (reporter laughed). Grimsby Town's defence!

Mr Richard Ireland
Head of History

SCHOOL UPDATES

Vertical Tutoring Update/Personal Development Programme

Brookfield students have adapted extremely well into our new vertical tutoring system since it was introduced in September 2021.

Two of the key benefits to this system are:

1) smaller tutor group sizes, meaning form tutors can dedicate more time to individual students.

2) increased social and academic interaction between students from different age groups.

Brookfield's Life 360 personal development programme is also delivered during tutor time twice a week. During Term 2, the following topics will be covered: physical health and wellbeing, consent, the Holocaust, young carers, employability skills, tackling extremism, celebrating success, World Book Day, empowerment, anti-racism day, World PI day, enrichment, exam preparation and diversity.

LOST PROPERTY UPDATE

We love to reunite lost property with it's owners so if your child has lost an item at school, please contact our Pastoral Team on 01246 568115



Please remember to label all school uniform clothes so we can ensure they get returned to the right student.

NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS



Andy White
D&T Technician



Janine Hudson
Cleaner



Jordan Pirie
Apprentice TA

School Council - 2021/22

Student leadership opportunities are very important at Brookfield and the School Council is an influential group which ensure that the student body is represented and has a voice when it comes to making key decisions at school. The group is made up of elected representatives from each of the five Houses, House Captains, plus Head Girl and Head Boy. The meeting was chaired by Headteacher, Mr Hirst, and Senior Head of House, Mrs Williams.

On Tuesday 25th January, our School Council met to discuss the proposed cycle path and an update from the council meeting was given in which the decision was made to proceed, with local press coverage in S40 written by current sixth form student, Skye Harris. Students had gathered data from their respective Houses about whether the cycle path would be used and if more students would cycle to school. All Houses said there would be an increase in usage of bicycles, but felt there was a lack of awareness in the local & school community.

More details about this and the plans for the proposed cycle path can be accessed on our website at

<https://www.brookfieldcs.org.uk/latestnews/proposed-plans-for-cycle-route-on-chatworth-rd>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th - school closes for half term

21st - 25th Feb - Half Term holiday

28th Feb - 11th March - Year 11 Mock Exams

3rd March - World Book Day

8th March - Year 12 Parents' Evening

16th March - Year 11 & Year 13 Leavers Photographs

18th March - Red Nose Day

23rd March - Year 8 Parents' Evening