



# BROOKFIELD NEWS

SUMMER EDITION 2025



# HOUSE ROUND UP



Congratulations to Froggatt House who have won the House Points Cup this year. This is Froggatt's second win in a row!



Congratulations to Birchen House who have won the Brookfield Cup this year. This was earned through the Inter-House competitions through the school year.



## SPORTS DAY RESULTS 2025

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Froggatt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Curbar
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Birchen
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Baslow
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Gardom's



# NEWS & EVENTS



## SPORTS DAY SPECTACULAR!

2025 saw the return of our annual Sports Day, which did not occur in 2024 due to adverse weather. At Brookfield we run a house based Sports Day where students represent their houses in games activities, challenges and athletics competitions. It is also an opportunity for our Year 6 students to experience their first Sports Day during their transition week. The day was delayed due to yet more adverse weather, however that did not deter our fantastic students who approached the day with positivity and enthusiasm.

In the morning our Year 6 students participated in an Endball competition and a multi-skills session. Our Year 7 students participated in a Scatterball competition and a rowing challenge. Our Year 8 students participated in a cricket competition and a Basketball challenge and our Year 9 students participated in a rounders competition. In the afternoon, our Year 6 students participated in a long relay competition and our Year 7-9 students participated in an athletics competition.

Throughout the day students demonstrated outstanding levels of commitment, teamwork and togetherness and supported their house teammates in some very competitive sports competitions. In the athletics competition we had a unprecedented number of school records broken, with 8 students breaking records which had stood for over 20 years!

The Physical Education department would like to thank all staff and students for their efforts in making Sports Day 2025 a successful memorable day.

Mr Thompson - Head of PE







## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

In July we hosted our first gig for our six newly formed bands . The event was attended by 70 friends and family with mocktails served by our student SSLT. Bands played a range of songs from Oasis to The Cranberries and it was a wonderful way to celebrate their talent. Students are now preparing for their next gig in November. One of our bands, Emily and Daisy, have a gig at Brampton Social Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> of August – why not check them out.



During our year 6 transition week our musicians entertained students at lunch with ukulele performances in the willow tree area. We hope to see lots of year 6's join our music clubs next year.

Our student tech team won “team of the year” at our Excellence Awards evening recognising their hard work, commitment, organisation and the ability to work well under pressure.



Principal actor Jonas in year 8 has been selected for a place on a television workshop course that will give him exciting opportunities to meet agents and work with professionals. He had two auditions and was selected from 300 students for one of the 25 places available, well done Jonas, don't forget us when you're famous!

Dance club continues to run each week with our dancers now preparing for “Chesterfield's Gotta Dance” in the new term.

The final week of term saw 4 performances of our sell out production of “Annie Junior”. Over 60 students took part and wowed audiences with their talent!! The show was a condensed version of all of the favourites with rousing numbers such as “A Hard Knock life” and the beautiful ballad “Maybe”. This was the first production for year 7's and they rose to the challenge. We are already busy planning next year's production, so watch this space!



Mrs Ashley - Head of Performing Arts



# EXCELLENCE AWARDS EVENING 2025

Congratulations to all of our winners at our Excellence Awards Evening on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July. It was an amazing event celebrating student's outstanding achievements.

Below are some pictures from the evening, the full album is on our website.





# STUDENTS COMPLETE SUCCESSFUL BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP TO LOCAL COMMUNITY FIELD

A group of enthusiastic Biology students recently embarked on an educational field trip to a nearby Jim's community field as part of their ecological studies curriculum. The trip, designed to give students hands-on experience with fieldwork methods, focused on examining biodiversity and environmental factors across different parts of the field.

The day began with students splitting into small groups to sample plant species in two distinct sections of the field. This comparative approach allowed them to investigate how plant distribution varies across different habitats, noting differences in species richness and abundance. Students used quadrats and an identification app to classify plant types, recording their findings carefully for later analysis.

Following this, the students carried out a more detailed ecological study using a transect line. Stretching over 18 meters, the transect spanned a gradient across the field, offering a valuable opportunity to observe how environmental conditions can influence plant life.

Using tools such as pH meters, moisture probes, and light meters, the students collected data systematically. The experience not only reinforced their theoretical knowledge of ecological sampling techniques but also emphasized the importance of accuracy and teamwork in scientific investigations. Throughout the field trip, students demonstrated keen interest and curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and drawing connections between classroom concepts and real-world ecosystems. The students worked as two teams diligently, using the field experience to deepen understanding and appreciation for environmental science.

The trip was a successful blend of learning and exploration, and it highlighted the value of outdoor education in building both scientific skills and environmental awareness.

Mrs Ramsdale - Teacher of Science



# POETRY BY HEART CELEBRATIONS

We've had an incredibly successful year with Poetry by Heart. Not only did Year 7, Year 8 and some Year 9s wow us with their performances in school earlier this year but Jonas J, Year 8, went on to win the Redhill Trust Poetry by Heart competition with his fabulously energised performance of 'The Listeners' by Walter de la Mare.

He and Pippa S from Year 9 went on to be entered for the national competition and Pippa was chosen from thousands of entries as a finalist for Key Stage 3. She was given the opportunity to travel down to London to perform two poems in Shakespeare's Globe theatre, meet some poets and receive a special tour of the theatre.

Her performance of 'The Hyena' by Edwin Morgan and 'Casabianca' by Felicia Hemans earned her an honourable mention which is such an incredible achievement. We are so proud of the both - and of all of the other students who worked hard to memorise a poem and were brave enough to perform. We can't wait to hear students perform again next year.

Mrs Lloyd - Head of English

Pippa has wrote about her her experience at the Poetry at Heart Competition below.

"Nothing they tell you about the Globe in school does the theatre justice. When you arrive in the morning and stand on the main stage, only then do you see the Globe.

Knowing you are surrounded by equally keen students and knowing your poem is yours, if only for those few minutes is amazing. So if you want to learn a poem, learn a poem that speaks to you.

Learning a poem by heart is one thing but the true experience is to make that poem yours. It was truly an incredible experience and, given the opportunity, I will be trying again next year."





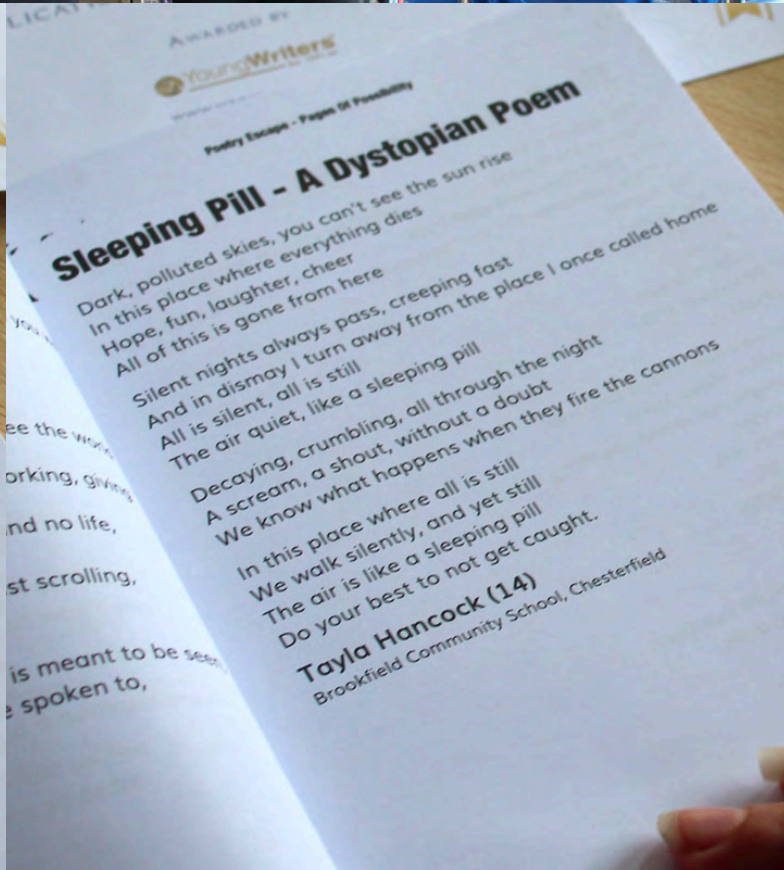
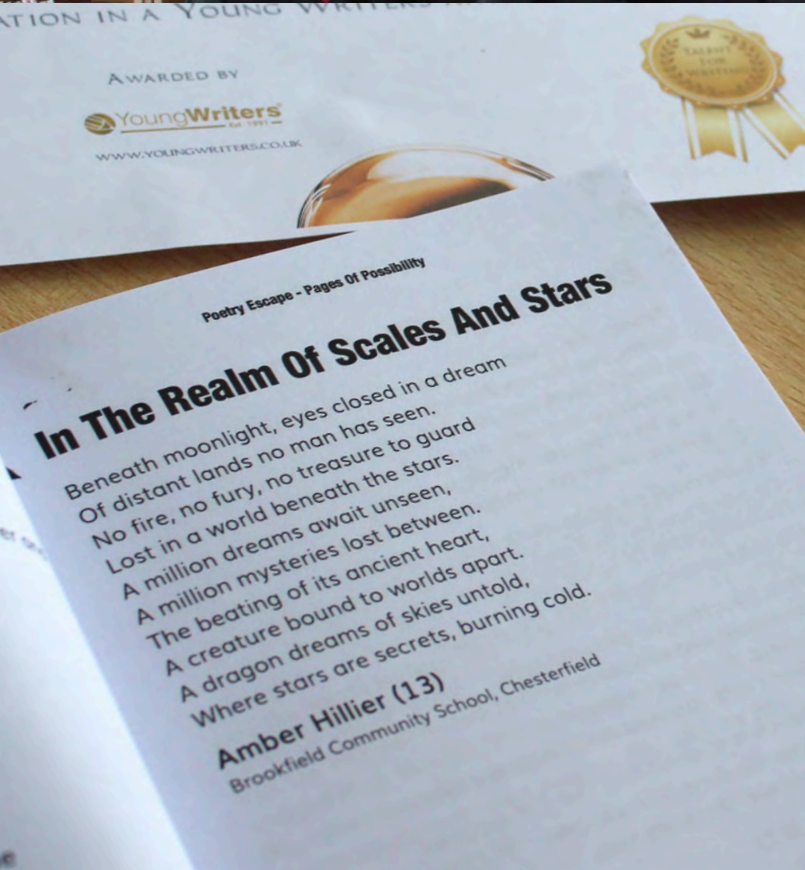
# CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to our Creative Writing Club competition winners.

Nine of our Y7 and Y9 students have successfully had their work published across two Young Writers' anthologies: Grim Tales – Legends Rewritten and Poetry Escape – Pages of possibility.

They produced imaginative and creative pieces that they should all be proud of. Well done!

Ms Henson - Teacher of English





## 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

- Years 7 & 12 in school only - 5<sup>th</sup> September
  - Year 7,8,9,10 & 12 school photos - 10<sup>th</sup> September
  - Year 13 Moving On Day - 10<sup>th</sup> September
  - A Level Biology trip - 11<sup>th</sup> September
  - A Level Chemistry trip - 12<sup>th</sup> September
  - Years 7,8 & 11 Parent Info Evening - 15<sup>th</sup> September
  - Year 10 Made in Chesterfield - 16<sup>th</sup> September
  - GCSE Geography Fieldwork trip - 16th-17<sup>th</sup> September
  - Years 9,10, 12 & 13 Parent Info Evening - 17<sup>th</sup> September
  - Oxford Student Workshop - 22<sup>nd</sup> September
  - Year 6 Open Evening - 24<sup>th</sup> September
  - Y12 University of Sheffield trip - 24<sup>th</sup> September
  - Sponsored Walk - 26<sup>th</sup> September
  - INSET Day - 29<sup>th</sup> September
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- Years 9,10 Redhill Winter Games - 1<sup>st</sup> October
  - Stellar Fair - 2<sup>nd</sup> October
  - Post 16 Open Evening - 7<sup>th</sup> October
  - Year 13 Drop Down Morning - 13<sup>th</sup> October
  - Year 7 Fieldtrip to Bakewell - 13th-14<sup>th</sup> October
  - Study Skills and Post 16 Taster Day - 15<sup>th</sup> October
  - Year 11 Study Skills Evening - 15<sup>th</sup> October
  - Year 7 Fieldtrip to Bakewell - 16<sup>th</sup> October
  - Year 11 & 13 Mock Interviews -22<sup>nd</sup> October
  - INSET Day - 24<sup>th</sup> October
  - October Half Term - 27<sup>th</sup> - 31st October