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# BROOKFIELD NEWS

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## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

KEITH HIRST - HEADTEACHER AT BROOKFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL



**Another very busy term draws to a close, and how different to this time last year when COVID-19 restrictions were very much in place. This edition of Brookfield News captures just how busy the term has been, with a wide range of activities taking place.**

**A great school is one which offers engaging and interesting academic provision, through a well-structured curriculum and with talented teachers delivering great lessons. Lots of work is taking place to ensure Year 11 and 13 - two year groups who have had a very disrupted run-in to their summer exams - are best placed to perform well. Be this through additional revision classes, Study Skills events or Easter school provision, we are striving to leave no stone unturned. In addition to the academic side of school life, the wider opportunities that good schools offer are vital. From the recent Dance Show, to sporting achievements, to Brookfield student success in the recent regional Public Speaking competition, I hope this newsletter paints a picture of a school focussing on two key strands on a young person's school experience.**

**On behalf of all staff, I would like to wish you a very peaceful Easter break.**

**Keith Hirst, Headteacher**



**NEW FOR THIS TERM...**

**Follow our Headteacher's insights in his new blog, 'Heads Up!'  
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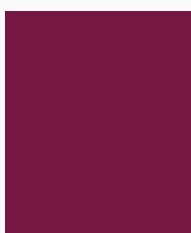


# PERFORMING ARTS 'Evening of Dance'

On Thursday 31st March, despite the snow and hail, Brookfield students presented their spring dance showcase. The evening celebrated all of the dance activities taking place at Brookfield, including examination work and extra-curricular clubs. The majority of the evening was choreographed by the students, and it was a joy to celebrate their creative talents with them. Students have also been developing their technical skills backstage, providing lighting and sound for the event. With this show we bid farewell to the A Level class of 2022 and wish them every success in their future careers, both on and off the stage. Myself and the dancers would like to thank everyone who came to support the event and would encourage everyone to attend in the future. We look forward to welcoming you to the Summer Showcase in July, where once again our performing arts students will demonstrate true Brookfield resilience and commitment to excellence!



Mrs Carter



## Summer Showcase Auditions

After incredible auditions for our Summer Showcase in March, the cast list is now up on the gym corridor for students to see. Well done to all of the incredibly talented and committed young people who took a risk and leap of faith to audition. We can't wait to start rehearsals in May!



More images can be found on our website at [www.brookfieldcs.org.uk/galleries/auditions-for-summer-showcase-2022](http://www.brookfieldcs.org.uk/galleries/auditions-for-summer-showcase-2022)



# HOUSE POINTS UPDATES

House Points	W/E 4.3.22	W/E 11.3.22	W/E 18.3.22	W/E 25.3.22	W/E 1.4.22
Highest scoring student	Katrina P	Hailey MA	Millie HG	Madoc R	Beth W
Highest scoring form	Ga6	Ga6	Ga6	Ga6	Ga2
House Total	3806	3592	3263	3382	3034

**A new addition to the Brookfield News is our House Points updates which highlight 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](http://www.brookfieldcs.org.uk)**

House Points	W/E 4.3.22	W/E 11.3.22	W/E 18.3.22	W/E 25.3.22	W/E 1.4.22
Highest scoring student	Henry P	William DW	Cameron S	Ellie H	Jack L
Highest scoring form	Fr5	Fr5	Fr6	Fr2	Fr1
House Total	4366	3238	3246	3438	3177

House Points	W/E 4.3.22	W/E 11.3.22	W/E 18.3.22	W/E 25.3.22	W/E 1.4.22
Highest scoring student	Evie B	Yanbin K & Elise S	Abigail J	Jessica W & Jayden V	Sam Y
Highest scoring form	Cu6	Cu7	Cu7	Cu3	Cu6
House Total	3278	4181	3555	3065	3390

House Points	W/E 4.3.22	W/E 11.3.22	W/E 18.3.22	W/E 25.3.22	W/E 1.4.22
Highest scoring student	Evie H	Freya G	Al K	Imogen B	Megan G
Highest scoring form	Ba2	Ba4	Ba2	Ba2	Ba7
House Total	3092	3957	3311	2897	3040

House Points	W/E 4.3.22	W/E 11.3.22	W/E 18.3.22	W/E 25.3.22	W/E 1.4.22
Highest scoring student	Danny M	Charlie S	Charlie S	Luke J	Hannah L
Highest scoring form	Bi8	Bi5	Bi5	Bi1	Bi8
House Total	3520	3122	3258	2840	3125

Form Captains joined Mr Cliff, the new Head of House, for the Baslow Bake Off! Organised as a team building event with the challenge of baking enough cupcakes for all their fellow House students as a treat during form time. The end results were very tasty and looked great featuring the Baslow logo as the topper! Students involved had lots of fun whilst working together to produce something for their peers to enjoy. It was also a great opportunity for students to share their ideas for ways in which we can develop Baslow House.



# STAFF INSIGHT



**This term, we welcomed Mr Cliff as the new Head of House for Baslow, and after an interview with two of our Year 10 students, Evie H and Zav L, you can hear about Mr Cliff's aspirations for Baslow House.**

## **Why did you apply to be Head of House for Baslow?**

To be honest, my specialism is teaching A Levels in the Sixth Form – I was Head of Sociology, Criminology and Politics – but I'm a great believer in pushing yourself out of your comfort zone if you want to learn new things and move forward. So when the opportunity came up, knowing some of the amazing students in the House from around school, I jumped at the chance to lead Baslow.

## **What are your future plans for Baslow House?**

First and foremost I want to get to know our students, find out what our strengths are and the things we want to get better at. I've already had fascinating conversations with so many students who have got real talents and things they are proud of – dancers, sportspeople, bakers, mathematical geniuses and motorsport enthusiasts, to name a few! I want us to support each other and learn from each other, and to try out new things. I'm really excited to see what our students want to do next because every one of them has the potential to be a leader and be brilliant at something they haven't even tried yet.

## **What events are you planning to run in the future?**

I've started by running The Great Baslow Bake Off as a team building exercise for our form representatives and as an opportunity for me to get to know these House leaders. I'm really keen to get some inter-form competitions going (things like problem-solving challenges and quizzes) as well as inter-house challenges with other Houses. What I'd really love to see are our student leaders (form reps and student council members) stepping up and organising some events themselves, so if anyone wants to do this they should come and see me for a chat.

## **What is your favourite colour, and why?**

Given Baslow's House Colour is red I feel like I have to say red – but red is also the colour of Nottingham Forest who are Derby County's arch rivals! Having said that I do own a lot of red ties. But I think my favourite colour is blue. No idea why but I own loads of blue clothes.

## **What is your favourite football team (if you have one)?**

I've supported my local team, Derby County, since I was about 12, and used to have a season ticket. Obviously things aren't great at the moment, despite Wayne Rooney's best efforts, but there's no way I'd ever switch my allegiance to a different team. But if my daughter grew up wanting to support her local team (which is Sheffield United, near where we live now) I'd totally support her to do that. I think it's really important to support local teams, businesses, charities and shops because we are all part of the communities we come from and live in and it's important to value them.

## **How can Baslow make a difference in our everyday school lives?**

I think a lot of students probably think it's just about a colour of tie they wear, but for me it's about so much more than that. Our House is a community made up of a cross-section of students of different ages and backgrounds – like Mr Cronin said when the House system launched, every House is like a school in miniature – so for me it's about students knowing that they are all a valuable part of a community within the school, who look out for each other and have a friendly competition with the other houses.

## **How can you help individuals with any problems they may have?**

Everyone needs help at some point, regardless of how old they are, and whilst I know I can't solve every problem I promise any student that if they need help with an issue they can come and talk to me about it and I will listen to them. Talking really is such a powerful way of starting to confront and overcome the issues we face. I've been really lucky that when I've had problems I've always had people I could talk to, and I want to be there for the students of Baslow House when they need someone to talk to.

## **What can we do collectively to improve Baslow House, other than through achieving more House points?**

The main thing for me is about supporting and helping each other, and looking for opportunities to do positive things for others. When we help and support other people, even in small ways like being polite and doing the right things for our teachers, not only do we improve the lives of others, we improve ourselves.

## **How do we make Baslow the best House and win the trophy next half term?**

This is really simple. Our new House Motto, which is my take on the values of the school, is the following: "It doesn't matter what my Gold is; what matters is that I don't settle for Silver." All I've asked our students to do is to aim for their personal Gold in everything they do – every lesson, every activity, every task, every day. If we are all consistently thinking about our goals and never settle for second best, we will be successful. For me, it really is that simple.



# HOUSE COMPETITIONS & PROJECTS



Our Geography Department are running a recycling competition and fundraiser for the 25 Scout Jamboree in 2023 for students who bring in the most aluminium drinks cans before Friday 6th May. House points will be awarded.

All students need to do is take a photo of themselves with their can hauls and send them to Mrs Williams ([a.williams@brookfieldcs.org.uk](mailto:a.williams@brookfieldcs.org.uk)) or bring them into school during the first week back after Easter.

The international event is taking place in South Korea where more than 40,000 Scouts from all over the world including one of our Year 11 students, Daisy H will gather to meet others from different cultures, enabling young people to make new friendships, learn new skills and support this incredible event that is celebrating its 100th birthday next year.

Chesterfield is proud to be sending eight local Scouts aged 14-17 and the money raised from this Recycling Competition and Fundraiser will go towards supporting Daisy's visit as well as contributing to funding scouts from less fortunate countries to ensure the event has the widest participation from around the world.

Can you help Daisy raise £550 for each ton of aluminium cans collected?

## Buddy Reading

Froggatt House are running a Buddy Reading project for Year 7 students, where they're able to become focused during Tutor Time as they read to some of our Year 11 students who have been great mentors for them.



## ATTENDANCE

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 1) 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](mailto: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 or 01246 568115 Extn 7133 or by email to [J.Sully@brookfieldcs.org.uk](mailto:J.Sully@brookfieldcs.org.uk)

# 'MONKEY MARCH'

## YEAR 12 FUNDRAISING COMPETITION

Each Year 12 Form had the month of March to organise and run charitable events to raise money for their chosen charity, The Monkey Sanctuary in Cornwall which is home to over 40 monkeys who have had a rough start in life, but the sanctuary is helping to provide the things they need to start enjoying monkey life!

It's been a busy month with a number of fundraising activities taking place during break time and lunch time. Mr Davey's Form 12NPD organised a cake sale and sponge throwing raising £105.70.



Mr James' Form 12CJ raised £97.90 from their ice pop sale.

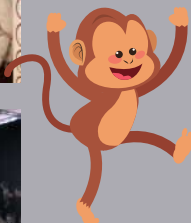


Mrs Brooker's Form 12DSB had a visit from Gary Gorilla & Charlie the Chimp during their bake sale and raised £159.55 from their bake sale.



Mrs Ashley's Form 12CEA raised £97.35 from their cake sale.

Mrs Judd's Form 12DJ organised a sponge throwing challenge which raised £187.11 and Monkey March finished with a head shave, organised by Mr McIntyre's Form 12JMC raising £88.50.



Well done to all the students who took part in the organising, baking, selling, dressing up and getting wet for a great cause, and thank you to everyone who gave their support to help raise £736.11. The first £216 will be donated to the Monkey Sanctuary in Cornwall to allow each form to adopt a monkey for the year. The rest will be donated to the Red Cross to aid the Ukranian crisis.

And BIG congratulations to Form 12DJ who have been crowned 'Monkey Champions' for raising £187.11.



# EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

At Brookfield, we pride ourselves on our extracurricular offer with a 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. Below, are some photos from our football, maths and band clubs that meet after school.

With so many different clubs and activities happening throughout the week, we have made those available to view on our website at [www.brookfieldcs.org.uk/students/extra-curricular](http://www.brookfieldcs.org.uk/students/extra-curricular)

In addition to our extracurricular 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 students may use the Junior Library and key stage 4 and 5 students have the Senior Library space for their use.



**Year 7 after school Football club  
with Mr White**



**After school Maths club  
with Mr James**



**After school Band club  
with Mr Fisher**

## Extra Curricular Offer

Time	Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast Club 8-8.25am</b>	English		KS5 Revision			
<b>Lunchtime 12.15 - 12.55pm</b>	Art	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Studies D4	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Studies D4	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Studies D4	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Studies D4	6 <sup>th</sup> 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 PE 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		
<b>After School 3-4pm</b>	Design & Technology			Design Hospitality & Catering KS4 & KS5 3-4.30pm	D&T Club All Key Stages	
	Duke of Edinburgh					
	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 KS4 & KS5 Revision	
	Science					
	MFL	KS4 Spanish KS4 French		KS5 Spanish	KS4 Spanish (Foundation) KS4 German	
	PE	GCSE 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 GS		
	Psychology			Y13 Intervention/Revision S3 & S5 Staff: DSB & BPA		

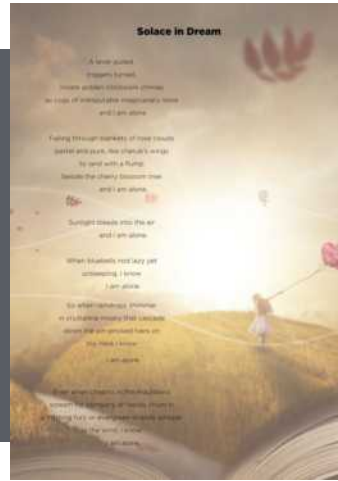
## BOYS MOVE PROJECT

'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 programme in Brookfield is being run for a group of 15, Year 8 boys, and is being supported by Dave Cartawick from Unit 1 Martial Arts who is taking the boys through a number of martial arts sessions themed around discipline, focus and respect.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Y11 student, Tess B who won Brookfield's 6th Form DREAM poetry competition with her poem, 'Solace in Dream'.



Y9 student, Rose S who entered the Chesterfield Rotary Club Public Speaking competition, got through to the final stage with 2 other entrants and Rose won with her winning speech about capital punishment which you can hear in a video on our Facebook page. Our Headteacher, Mr Hirst and English teacher, Mrs Ashley attended the event where Rose was presented with a trophy and certificate.



One of our Year 8 students, Joshua M joined Squadron 2326 6 months ago and recently graduated to being a 1st Class Cadet, and to his surprise was also awarded a certificate for the 'Most Improved Cadet' in his new recruits group. If you are interested in finding out more about being an RAF Air Cadet and all the exciting, challenging and adventurous opportunities they offer in the UK and overseas, there's lots of information over at [www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/](http://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/)



Gardom's House led by Mr Greenwood who scored the highest reward points last term, with a total of 21665. Their win was celebrated in an assembly where Mr Hirst, Headteacher presented the House with the winning trophy, complete with a yellow ribbon!



## \*\* Year 12 & 13 Easter Egg competition \*\*

Our Sixth Form celebrated Easter with a competition! With a total of 6 eggs up for grabs!! Staff and students nominated Year 12 or Year 13 students who they believed had gone 'above and beyond' in terms of effort or achievement, demonstrating the Brookfield core values or who had made exceptional progress in a subject area.



Year 12 winners are: 1st prize - Olivia G, 2nd prize - Archie S and 3rd prize - Skye B  
Year 13 winners are: 1st prize - Anja R, 2nd prize - William W and 3rd prize - Kian R



# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

On Thursday 17th March, the SHAPE Learning Partnership, the local School Sport Partnership for Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, hosted by Brookfield Community School, ran an 'Infant Agility' sport and physical activity event for Year 1/2 pupils from local Primary schools. The event was supported by a fantastic group of Year 9 leaders from Brookfield who recently earned their Sports Leaders UK Young Leader Award. The event was the primary children's first taste of indoor athletics, and they participated in a variety of activities which develop their agility, balance and coordination. The leaders were tasked with setting up and running all of these activities, supporting the children, and ensuring all pupils that attended had a positive and enjoyable experience.



**Our Year 8 rugby team represented Brookfield Community School in the SHAPE Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire Year 8 Rugby competition at Chesterfield Panthers Rugby club. The team comprised experienced players who play rugby out of school, but also students who have fairly limited rugby experience. We also took some of our more able Year 7 students to test themselves in the age group above. The team played really well with the experienced players leading and guiding other players on the pitch. Several standout performances were from David D who made some key tackles and lung bursting runs through the opposition defensive line. Noah L who scored 2 excellent tries.**

**Outstanding debutants were Jay-Jay T, Oscar HS and Caleb F who, despite very limited rugby experience, got stuck in and made some big tackles. The team reached the semi-finals of the competition and were equal third overall. Really well done to everyone who took part. Here's some photos of our team in training.**

**Mr Thompson**



# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

On Friday 18th March teams from Years 7 and 8 took part in the District Sportshall Athletics Competition at Queens Park. Each team took part in a variety of track and field events with the highlights being the team obstacle relay and the 4 x 2 lap sprint relay. A total of 9 schools took part in the event, which led to a very competitive (and loud) afternoon of athletics! Students from Brookfield showed outstanding effort levels, with some students competing in events for the first time. They cheered and congratulated each other throughout the afternoon. You should be proud of your achievements and results...

Year 7 girls 4th, Year 7 boys 3rd, Year 8 girls and boys 6th. Well done to everyone who took part.

Mr Cooper and Mr Knight



## BROOKFIELD JOURNALISM GROUP

Our Journalism Group of Year 12 and Year 13 students have reported on a number of events that have happened at Brookfield this term, and their article below can also be seen in the next edition of S40 Local.

### Dancing in the Sleet

March went out like a lion when, despite snow and hail, Brookfield students presented an evening of seasonal delights at their Spring dance showcase at the end of last month. The evening celebrated the plethora of dance activities taking place at the school, including examination work and extra-curricular clubs. The lion's share of the evening was choreographed by the students, and it was a joy to celebrate their creative talents with them. Students have also been developing their technical skills backstage, providing lighting and sound for the event.

With this show we bid farewell to the A Level class of 2022 and wish them every success in their future careers, both on and off the stage. Dance teacher and show curator Alison Carter said: "The dancers and I would like to thank everyone who came to support the event and would encourage others to attend future shows."

We look forward to welcoming you to the Summer Showcase in July, where once again our Performing Arts students will demonstrate true Brookfield resilience and commitment to excellence.

...but is it really "normal"?!

Relaxation of restrictions has encouraged school life to return to the much vaunted "new normal" - with Years 11 and 13 working hard towards their GCSE and A level exams and Years 10 and 12 students revising for mocks. However, students are finding time to get involved in other exciting projects.

The Year 12 community has been raising money in a number of ways to donate to the Cornish-based Monkey Sanctuary, the charity chosen by vote earlier in the year. Given events this year in Ukraine, many of the funds will be diverted to work being done by the Red Cross.

The Charity Committee, a group of students led by Mr Cameron, organised what we have called "Monkey March" - a competition between the forms to see who could raise the most. Bake sales, head-shaves, sponging teachers and students were among the fund-raisers. It has been wonderful to see so many already incredibly busy students make the time and effort to work on this together. Sixth Form tutor Mr James said: "They've just got on with it. It's been a great opportunity for them to show their work ethic and willingness to volunteer."

Always an important part of sixth form life at Brookfield, the hard work and willingness seen throughout Monkey March enabled more than £600 to be raised, with 12DJ raising almost a third of this total.

Eleanor Hayward, edited by Brookfield Journalism Group





# SCHOOL EVENTS

## World Book Day - 3rd March



Lots of students enjoyed sharing their favourite books with us and thanks to our expert and dapper looking team of English teachers and support staff who were on hand throughout the day, students managed to solve the clues to the murder mystery!

Thanks to Mr Hopkins (aka Sam Spades), Mr Davey (aka Cadfael), Mr Frost (aka Hercule Poirot), Mrs Lloyd (aka Sherlock Holmes), Mrs Henson (aka Vera), Miss Pickering (aka Daisy Wells), Ms Arrowsmith (aka Miss Marple), Ms Mountney (aka Clarice Starling), Miss Kitt (aka Philip Marlowe), Mr Cameron (aka George Smiley), Mrs Ashley (aka Dr Watson), Ms Hardy (aka Nancy Drew) and Miss Cooke (aka Pippa Fitz-Amobi) for making it such a fun and interesting experience for the students who took part and well done to all the students who took part from KS3 and Y10. There were 71 entrants in total, which is fantastic! It was a busy day but there's always time for a photo!

Some of our Year 7 and Year 8 students also entered the WBD Bake Off and there were some fabulous cake designs based on one of their favourite books from Olivia M, Evie B, Reanna H, Isabella B, Isobel R, Robert J, Maisie B, Alexia B and Isabella B.



1st Place  
Alexia B, Year 7



2nd Place  
Isobel R, Year 7



3rd Place  
Maisie B, Year 7

## Red Nose Day - 18th March

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who donated and bought a red nose. You have helped Brookfield Community School raise £1,358.85 for Comic Relief and their life changing projects that tackle the root causes of poverty, discrimination and social injustice in our world.

One member of staff was lucky enough to find the 'rare' Cam the chameleon. Can you spot him?



# SCHOOL EVENTS

## R&Be (Register & Be a Lifesaver Education Programme

In March, our Year 13 students had a visit with a presentation from the R&Be (Register & Be a Lifesaver) education programme, run by the amazing charity ASSET which saves and improves the lives of people with blood cancer. ASSET (Adrian Sudbury Schools' Education Trust) was founded by Kay & Keith Sudbury, parents of Adrian Sudbury who was a journalist and a healthy young man until he was struck down with leukaemia. He was told he needed a stem cell transplant to save his life which meant a donor had to be found who could give healthy stem cells to replace his own.



Adrian did find a donor but before his death at the age of 27, he campaigned for better education about donation and his efforts led to the R&Be education programme being set up. More details about this can be found at [www.asset.uk.com](http://www.asset.uk.com).

Throughout the presentation, students were given the facts about donating blood, organs and stem cells so that they can make an informed choice about becoming donors. Current figures show that 29,753 people have joined the Anthony Nolan stem cell register to be bone marrow donors, 15,879 have registered to give blood and 8,708 have signed up as organ donors, however 37,000 people worldwide are currently waiting for a bone marrow donation.

The incredible Anthony Nolan charity, founded in 1974 as the world's first stem cell register, by mum Shirley Nolan who was determined to find a bone marrow donor to save her son's life. Anthony who would now be 50 years old, sadly died when he was just 7. You can discover more about the life saving legacy he left behind to help others all over the world at [www.anthonynolan.org](http://www.anthonynolan.org)

Students can join the Anthony Nolan stem cell donor register if they are aged 16-30 and weigh more than 7st 12lbs (50kg) and can also register to be an organ donor, on the NHSBT Organ Donor Register and to give blood at [www.blood.co.uk/giving-blood/who-can-give-blood](http://www.blood.co.uk/giving-blood/who-can-give-blood).

Following this presentation, 25 of our Year 13 students registered to be bone marrow donors which is an incredible thing to do and we wish them all the best as 'life saving' donors.

## Movie Reward for 200 students



This terms Top 200 students who achieved the most House points, enjoyed a movie afternoon watching 'The Greatest Showman'.

Congratulations on your achievement, keep up the great work!

## BPFA Easter Hamper raffle

Our BPFA have been running a raffle to win this fabulous seasonal hamper to raise funds for another school project, and the lucky winner is Year 13 student, Joseph C. Enjoy your Easter treats!





# SCHOOL EVENTS

## International Women's Day - 8th March



As part of A Level Drama, students create work in the style of a theatre practitioner and this year they chose to explore 'The Paper Birds' who are expert theatre-makers. They have their own trademarks, unearthing women's stories on hard-hitting themes through verbatim material and subtle movement'.

To celebrate International Women's day, we had a visit from British former professional tennis player, Anna Fitpatrick who is now an Athlete Mentor with the Youth Sports Trust 'Active in Mind' programme that helps to improve and inspire young people's education and development through sport and play. During Anna's first visit in December 2021, she worked with a number of our Year 12 students, who are now mentoring some of our younger students through the programme and also during other school lessons.

Anna shared her love of tennis and raised awareness of future possibilities beyond school life. During her visits, Anna has been a true inspiration to some of our students at Brookfield and it was great that she returned on a that celebrates women's achievements globally, and its mission to help forge gender equality.

Here's a few photos from the morning, with some of our female students taking the opportunity to jump in a photo with Anna before she left, leaving us with these inspiring words, "There is no limit to what we can accomplish when we have the right support".



So this year, our all-female group of Year 12 students chose to create a play that tackles misogyny and the experience of young women; the piece was inspired by the recent protests for Sarah Everard. It seems fitting to share photographs from their rehearsals on International Women's Day, as the piece explores gender equality and the experience of women from the 1950's onward.

Performing Arts Dept.

## Pi Day - 14th March

Every year on 14th March, mathematicians, scientists and math lovers around the world celebrate Pi Day to commemorate the mathematical constant, Pi which is the irrational number of approximately 3.14 that results from dividing the circumference of a circle by its diameter. We've had our very own Jack Sparrow and his crew in school today (aka Math's Department) running a Treasure Hunt for our students who have been testing their mathematical knowledge. We hope everyone enjoyed taking part, and receiving their prizes and house points, and well done to Megan H in Year 8 and Amy C in Year 10 for their Pi Day Bake Off entries, they looked fantastic!



Megan H, Year 8

Amy C, Year 10



# SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

## Year 13 Chemists Experience Sheffield Hallam University

As part of National Science Week, our Year 13 chemists travelled by road and rail to attend a Science Week event at Sheffield Hallam University. The purpose of the day was a challenge to the students to synthesise a viable sample of Ibuprofen – a common drug taken to treat pain, fever and inflammation. Our students had the opportunity to see what a reflux set-up looked like, to use purification techniques such as rotary evaporation and to analyse purity using IR spectroscopy – all of which will stand them in good stead for any practical questions in their A Level exams! In total our students managed to produce some excellent Ibuprofen – (99.2% pure), ....although it took around 28 man-hours to produce just 0.2 grams! It was a great day experiencing a university laboratory environment.



## Year 11 Geography Field Trip Longshaw Estate & Sheffield City Centre

Our Year 11 Geography students recently spent the day conducting a couple of location studies in preparation for their Component 3 examination in June 2022.

Field work is an essential part of Geography studies because it provides a 'real-world' opportunity for our students to develop and extend their geographical thinking, and it also adds value to classroom experiences and deepens their understanding of key concepts.

In the morning, students collected primary data on visitor pressure and management strategies at Longshaw Estate where they completed several data collection methods including Bi polar surveys, mood mapping and questionnaires. In the afternoon, students travelled into the centre of Sheffield to examine a number of questions including, 'Does Sheffield city centre have specific features that creates a sense of local identity?', using a variety of qualitative methods to collect primary data such as a sustainability survey, photographs, questionnaires and a clone high street survey.



Earlier this month, some of our A Level Dance students travelled to the McArthurGlen Designer Outlet to take part in an immersive VR Dance Experience. The students who study Jasmin Vardimon Company as part of their A Level course, were able to talk to dancers from the company as well as experience their latest work, 'Alice in VR Wonderland'. Students and staff donned their VR headsets and headphones to view the 15 minute dance piece in a fully immersive 360 degree experience, jumping from theatre, to fields, and viewing from all angles. Everyone had a fantastic experience.





# SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

## Year 12 Visit to the University and Apprenticeship Show

As part of National Careers Week, our Year 12 students visited the University and Apprenticeship Show at the University of Sheffield. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to speak to representatives from a large number of Universities and Post 18 Apprenticeship providers. The visit was incredibly useful for both students who already have a clear idea of what they would like to do and those who have not yet decided.

## A Level Students' Parliamentary visit

A level Politics students from Brookfield Community School visited Parliament on Wednesday 30th March. It was an exciting day, with protests taking place outside Parliament and key debates inside, with Prime Minister's questions followed by debates on the Ockenden Report and the government's response to P&O's sacking of its workers. The students were lucky to be in the gallery for both of these key debates and were then able to grab photo opportunities with Boris Johnson and Rishi Sunak before enjoying a tour of Parliament and a workshop on law-making that involved a heated debate. The visit concluded with a question and answer session with local MP, Toby Perkins, who talked to students about the role of an MP, his own work as a constituency MP and some of the key issues facing the Labour Party.



## Duke of Edinburgh Awards Update

This month, we've had a great take up from our Year 10 students who are keen to start working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, and similarly for our Year 12 students who have signed up to start their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. Enrolment meetings have taken place with our DofE Co-ordinator, Mr Knight for students to hear about the next steps on their journey to starting their respective DofE Awards.

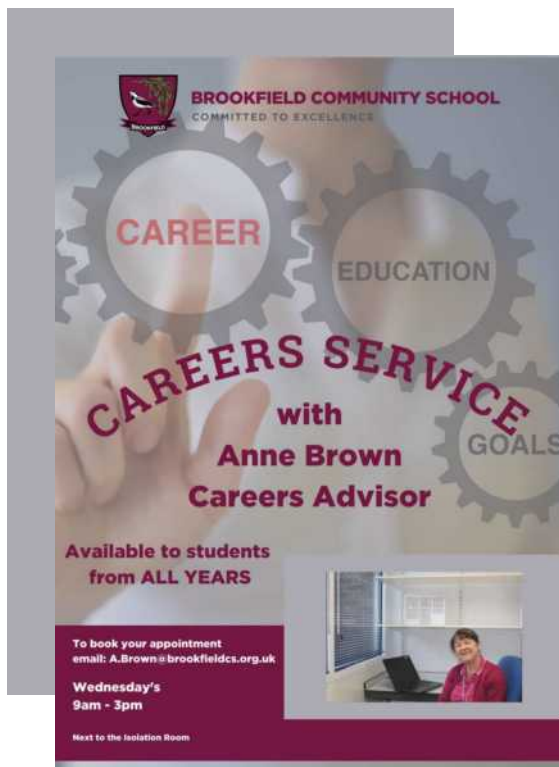


To ensure students receive important updates, about future meetings and other relevant important information, Mr Knight has set up a DofE group on Show My Homework.



For more information about the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, please visit our website at [www.brookfieldcs.org.uk/students/extra-curricular](http://www.brookfieldcs.org.uk/students/extra-curricular)

# SCHOOL UPDATES



## 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.

Recently, our School Council met to discuss the proposed cycle path after 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 at

[www.brookfieldcs.org.uk/students/school-council](http://www.brookfieldcs.org.uk/students/school-council)



## 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.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th April - School closes for half term  
25th April - Return to school  
25th April - 6th May - Year 10 Mock Exams  
2nd May - Bank Holiday  
30th May - 3rd June - School Holiday  
8th June - Years 8 and 9 Vaccinations  
8th June - Year 10 Parents Evening