



# BROOKFIELD NEWS

SUMMER EDITION 2024

---

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As the end of term is now upon us, this is a good time to reflect on what has been another busy and productive year. This newsletter provides a snapshot of what has been happening in the last term we hit the ground running in September and continued in this manner all year. Co-curricular activity has been extensive, with sporting events, fantastic productions, such as 'The Little Mermaid', and success in local, national and Redhill Trust competitions.

A massive 'Well Done' to Froggatt House on their success in the House Points Competition. Look out for some exciting inter-house competitions next year...

The recent Excellence Awards Evening once again was a fitting end to a year that showcased the excellence that we strive for at the school.

From everyone at Brookfield, we wish you all a very restful summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

Keith Hirst

REDHILL  
ACADEMY TRUST   
Equality and Achievement



# HOUSE ROUND UP



## FROGGATT WINS THE HOUSE CUP!



Congratulations to Froggatt House who have won the House Cup this year with 166674 points!

## OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Ava O who has competed in her swimming club championships at the Dronfield Dolphins and won all 4 races taking home 4 gold medals!



# NEWS & EVENTS



## YEAR 8 GIRLS SHINE IN ROBOTICS COMPETITION

In an inspiring event at Redhill Trust, a group of talented Year 8 girls from Brookfield showcased their programming skills in a thrilling Robotics competition. Equipped with Microbits, they embarked on a journey of innovation and creativity, facing two exhilarating challenges that tested their skills in building and programming robots.

The competition was more than just a display of technical ability; it was a celebration of the spirit of learning and teamwork. The girls, an asset to Brookfield, demonstrated remarkable resilience, determination, and enthusiasm throughout the day. Their robots not only navigated the room but also danced to their favourite tracks, bringing a unique blend of technology and fun to the event.

A highlight of the day was the guest speaker, Becky Patel from the charity "Teach We Can." Becky engaged the girls in a compelling discussion about the crucial role of women in the computing industry and introduced them to a world of amazing job opportunities in computer science.

The event was a resounding success, leaving the girls with not only a deeper understanding of microbits but also a sense of accomplishment and enjoyment. Miss Wear extends a heartfelt well done to all the participants for their excellent attitudes and the hard work they put into making the day a memorable one.

The girls from Brookfield have truly set a benchmark for what can be achieved with passion and a willingness to learn. Their day at the Robotics competition was a testament to their potential and the bright future that lies ahead in the realm of computing and technology.

Well done to Iris B, Tayla H, Elizabeth H, Alice H-G, Olivia K, and Pippa S!







## RACE TO THE LINE

The Design and Technology department have taken part in the Race To The Line rocket car competition this half term. Every student in year seven worked in house groups to design and model a car powered by a CO2 cartridge.

Students completed theory work on aerodynamics and how the shape of a vehicle can be used to reduce drag and improve efficiency. We were pleased to see many students clearly make use of this information during the design process.

The competition this year was very kindly sponsored by Kingfield Electronics Limited, a local company who specialise in the manufacture of high reliability electronics and electronic systems for a range of internationally renowned organisations such as Boeing and Rolls Royce. We thank them for their ongoing support.

<https://www.facebook.com/KingfieldElect/>



## GCSE & A LEVEL ART EXHIBITION

Thank you to everyone who came to the exhibition this month, showcasing students' incredible art work from the past year.







# PERFORMING ARTS STARS DAZZLE AGAIN THIS TERM!

This term we have had a number of performing events where our talented students have showcased their work.

At the Winding Wheel Awards Evening our choir performed a range of songs to a packed theatre, the audience were then treated to two musical numbers that were as slick as any professional performance. Ruby F, Evie F, Chloe G and Joe C performed “You can’t stop the beat” and “Seasons of love” to open and close the event.

Over 100 students also performed our Summer Showcase for our new year 6 students – they were treated to an afternoon of music, song and dance in preparation for the evening event later in the week. The showcase was run by our incredible tech team of students and was a fantastic afternoon to show our new students the talent we have here at Brookfield.

Students should now keep their eye out on the Performing Arts notice board and tutor messages as we will be holding auditions for our upcoming productions in the new academic year. We are sure that you will be “razzle dazzled” when you hear what we are performing in February next year; especially as we will also have a lower school production in the summer. You can “bet your bottom dollar” you’ll have heard of it!



It has been a jam packed year for dancers at Brookfield!

The Charity Dance Show organised and run by our Year 13’s raised £1200 for Mind, which is an amazing result! We have also seen all years represented in showcases throughout the year, demonstrating the continuing dance excellence of our students. We have also continued our work with FABRIC, the midlands dance agency, and 30 Year 7&8 students undertook a workshop with them in May. We are looking forward to continuing this relationship next year with other projects and events.

This year has seen the introduction of an Interhouse Choreography Competition. Students were awarded points for participation and placing within the competition. The individual winner was Lillie C and the overall winning house was Curbar. Hopefully this will continue as there are some great up and coming choreographers!

I can’t wait to see what the next school year brings for dance at Brookfield.....keeeeeeeep dancing!!

Mrs Carter







## A TRIP TO THE WIZARDING WORLD

To celebrate their success in Accelerated Reader some Year 7 and 8 students were invited to visit Harry Potter studios. The students attended a lesson where they learnt about character's costumes and got to see the genuine costumes worn by the actors in the film.

Students then started the tour where they saw the Hogwarts Express, Gringotts bank and narrowly missed an unfriendly meeting with a dragon. The students had a great time and were given a free guide at the end of the tour. Well done to all the students who earned their place on the trip and behaved exemplarily throughout the trip.



## MOCK TRIAL REWARD TRIP

Our mock trial champions visited the National Justice Museum on Monday as a reward for their hard work and determination. The students participated in a criminal trial, deciding whether Valentine Marshall had incited a riot. The team decided guilty, sentenced to death.

The second half of the day, students experienced prisons through time, as well as an investigation of old age punishment. Great fun was had by all.







## NORMANDY TRIP

In June we had the pleasure of taking 49 wonderful students from Year 7 and 9 to sunny France for a week. We stayed in a beautiful French château where the students had the opportunity to participate in activities such as ziplining, fencing, archery and wall-climbing.

We could not believe our luck with the weather; the clear skies and sunshine everyday allowed us to fully take in the incredible historic sights of Mont Saint Michel and Fougères Castle, practise our French speaking skills at the St Hilaire Market, and of course enjoy our amazing day at Disneyland Paris. We had an absolutely fantastic week and came back with 49 very tired but very happy students who have made memories to last a lifetime.



## FOOD TECH CLUB

The Year 9 lads have smashed the after school food technology club in preparation for their GCSE studies next year. A selection of curries were made alongside homemade naan breads as well as fried chicken burgers on some fantastic brioche buns- one of the hardest breads to make. Massive well done! Miss Stephens.



Move over M&S!

## CHESS CHAMPIONS

Friday lunchtimes have been filled with fun and furious chess face offs this term. As well as taking part in Chesterfield Chess Club's Centenary School's Competition, the first Brookfield House Chess competition saw Froggatt crowned as champions. Chess Club resumes on Friday 20 September, with beginners and experienced players all welcome.

## 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

- A Level Arts New York Trip - 22nd - 29th July
- Summer Holidays 22nd July - Sep 2024
- Year 7 and 12 first day only - 6th Sep 2024
- First day of term - whole school - 9th Sep 2024
- Years 7,8,9,10 and 12 school photos - 11th Sep 2024
- Year 12/13 Parent Info Evening - 12th Sep 2024
- Inspiring Leaders Student Conference - 12th Sep 2024
- Year 13 Moving on day - 13th Sep 2024
- Year 8/9 Parent Info Evening - 17th Sep 2024
- Year 13 Psych' On-Line Conference - 17th Sep 2024
- Year 10/11 Parent Info Evening - 18th Sep 2024
- Year 12 Sheffield Uni Trip - 18th Sep 2024
- Primary Liaison Evening - 25th Sep 2024
- Sponsored Walk - 27th Sep 2024
- Year 7 Parent Info Evening - 1st Oct 2024
- Year 11 Geography Trip - 1st - 2nd Oct 2024
- Year 7 Geography Fieldwork - 3rd - 7th Oct 2024
- Year 10 H&C Trip to Chesterfield College - 8th Oct 2024
- Post 16 Open Evening - 8th Oct 2024
- Year 11 & 13 Mock Interview Day - 14th Oct 2024
- Year 10 H&C Trip to Chesterfield College - 15th Oct 2024
- Year 11 Study Skills & Post 16 Taster Day - 16th Oct 2024
- Year 11 Study Skills Evening - 16th Oct 2024
- Year 7 Derbyshire Uni Trip - 23rd Oct 2024