



Brookfield News



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I hope this newsletter provides you with an update and an insight into the wide variety of educational trips, visits, sporting activities and other educational events offered at Brookfield Community School.

In what has been a very busy term, both in and out of lessons, some highlights worth mentioning include the amazing School musical production of Beauty and the Beast with a cast of over 90 students, the success of the School badminton teams at County level; the continuing success of the Duke of Edinburgh competitions and the German and Spanish Exchanges.

The Year 11 and Year 13 students' exam season is fast approaching and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them good luck in their examinations.

Finally I would like to thank parents, carers and members of the local community for their continuing support.

Wishing you all a pleasant Easter holiday.

Richard Cronin
Acting Headteacher



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Brookfield Sixth Form Life-Savers



Brookfield's Year 13 students have been becoming potential future life-savers by signing up to the Bone Marrow register. Keith Sudberry from the Bone Marrow organisation said:

" A magnificent 70 came along to join the Stem Cell register on Friday. This was a tremendous response from your Year 13 Students. Please pass on our sincere thanks."

Brookfield Sixth Form Win Competition To Create Dream Prom



Brookfield Community School pupils are celebrating after winning a Sheffield Hallam University competition to help bring their dream prom to life.

Join in the
Big Summer
Celebration



The Big Y12 Alton Towers Summer Celebration 2019

One for
your
diary!

Letters for
this trip will
be
distributed
from Tues
7th May.

Thursday 18th July

8.30am – 7pm (door to door)

Cost: ticket - £16.50 (half normal price)

Coach – around £15

Total cost: £30 - £35 (approximately)

Careers in the Curriculum Update

We have some fabulous projects taking place at the moment where we are embedding careers in the curriculum in a number of areas across the school. This is building on a number of projects that took place last year that brought together Year 7 Science students with United Cast Bar, Y10 English students with S42 radio, Y13 Health and Social Care students with Chatsworth Surgery, Y8 Art students with Eastmoor Nature Reserve and Y13 PE students with a local physiotherapist.

We will update you next time on the outcome of this year's projects which include:

Year 10 Catering students linking with William Davis Homes to create a new eatery for a new housing project. The students have visited the building site and have then put together their own proposals and sample menus which have been judged by the William Davis team. The standard of food created was 'exceptional' and the students all commented on how the project had helped them understand how their Catering GCSE would link to the real world of work. A huge thank you to Ms Bolsover and Mrs Taylor for championing this project.

Year 10 Textiles students have created some botanical designs which will now be printed onto scarves, mugs and bags and sold in the Ashgate Hospice shops to help raise money for this wonderful charity from our local area.

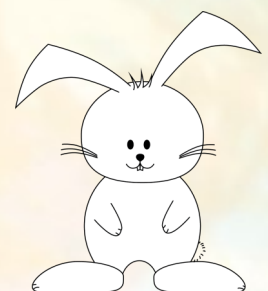
This has enabled students to see how all modes of art has an outlet in the world of work. A huge thank you to Miss Judd for championing this project.

Year 9 Maths students are involved in a project linked with the Army where they are using their mathematical skills to complete army based tasks such as 'building barracks'. We will have more information on this project in the next newsletter. A huge thank you to Miss New for all her hard work with this project.

KS3 and KS4 PE students will be getting stuck in with the fire service next term by completing endurance tests and taking a look inside a real fire engine. Again the aim of this project is to help students make the link between their PE skills and knowledge and how that would link to a real life job. We will let you have more information on this project in the next issue. A huge thank you to Mr Thompson for taking the lead on this one.

We are always looking to make links with local businesses. If you or someone you know has a local business or would like to make links with the school to be involved in any future projects, please contact:

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Magistrates Court Mock Trial Competition

Brookfield Community School in Chesterfield is celebrating after 17 students took part in a regional competition on 16 March 2019, at South Derbyshire Magistrates' Court in Derby's historic Courthouse.

The Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition is a national active learning project organised by **The Citizenship Foundation**, an independent charity which helps young people to engage with their community through education.

The Competition involved a team of students taking on the roles of magistrates, lawyers, witnesses and court staff to prepare a specially written case. Schools compete against each other in a live format at a real magistrates' court. The team, comprising Year 8 and Year 9 students, rehearsed over a number of months, supported by former participants in Years 11 and 12, as well as local magistrates and members of the legal profession. The competition was tough, with the Brookfield team enjoying the day but not able to pip the winners to progress to the next round.

Hope remains in the shape of the Year 8 Court Artists and Reporters who will now submit their entries to their respective competitions, based on images and events in the court proceedings.



Design and Technology

Please take a look at the Design Technology department's Twitter page where we are sharing some of the incredible work produced by our students.



Pi Day 2019

The results of this year's pi recital were:

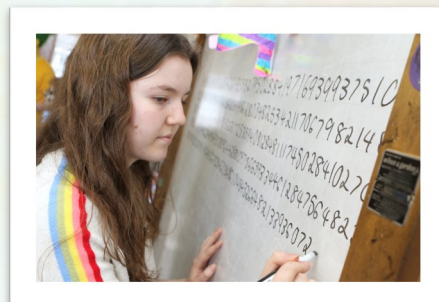
First Place	Kirsty Barnett	907	Y13
Second Place	Lizzy Murray	161	Y9
Third Place	Kieran Browne	151	Y9
Fourth Place	Evie Hooton	134	Y7

The Pi bake-off winners were Eleanor Hayward and Sky Harris, both Y9.

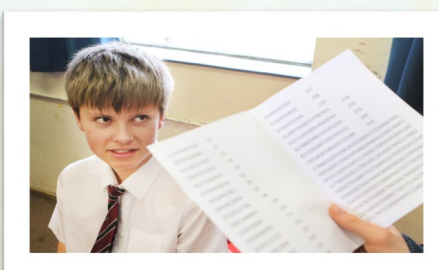
Kirsty's record of 1255 digits in 2018 is still the school's standing record. Kirsty leaves us this year to study Maths at Bristol University which means Pi Day 2020 will be interesting as there is a lot of competition coming through for the top spot.

We celebrate Pi Day on 14th of March each year as it is the 14th day of the 3rd month (3.14....).

Photos courtesy of the Derbyshire Times.



Kirsty Barnett reciting her 907 digits



Kieran Browne reciting his 151 digits



The Maths teachers in celebration

Year 11 Revision Weekend

As GCSE exams rapidly approach, a group of Y11 students recently spent a weekend at Castleton YHA to help kick start their revision with sessions in English, Maths, Science and Geography. The students also participated in a 'How to Revise' session to help plan and prepare their revision schedules. As students prepare for their examinations, they can find top tips on BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zw8qpbk>.



Brookfield's Duke of Edinburgh Award

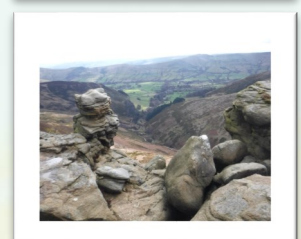
With the arrival of spring the new D of E season has properly begun. First out were the Gold cohort on their Gold Day Walk. This usually takes place in November, but was switched to March. The day dawned bright and breezy and whilst the weather threatened all-day the rain held off. The students undertook a challenging route up and around the southern edges of the Kinder Plateau, before reaching the Kinder Low, one of the very highest parts of the county. The other half of the route was along Jacob's Ladder and the Pennine Way to Edale. In all both students and staff had a great day on the hill, with many of the lessons from Bronze and Silver DofE being remembered prior to the forthcoming Practice Expedition in May.

March also saw the Bronze cohort out on their first proper D of E weekend as they all took part in the Bronze Training Expedition. The teams were split between two start points, with all groups walking to Barn Farm, Birchover. The main aim of this walk is to bring the lessons of the classroom to life with the reality of having to navigate, pitch camp and cook for real. Again the weather was really kind, with bright skies and sunshine for the most part, with only a stiff breeze and a brief overnight shower to complain about. On this expedition the students are accompanied by the staff throughout and whilst the first day is more about instruction, the second day is about letting students begin to make their own decisions and mistakes in order to prepare them for their Practice Expedition. Once again it was another great weekend thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff alike.

There has continued to be a steady trickle of awards completed with eight Gold Awards completed – many of whom have been invited to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party to receive their awards. Whilst last year's Bronze cohort stands at 35 completions, with only one student left to finish. Hopefully it will be another cohort of 100% bronze completions.

As ever the D of E relies heavily on the Brookfield staff past and present who continue to volunteer their time freely in order to make, in particular, the expeditions such a success. It has been great to see a number of new staff out on expeditions for the first time and whilst it can be as much of a learning curve for staff as for students their support, presence, contribution and desire to help are very much appreciated. There is also continuing thanks to the staff within the school who help to prepare letters, laminated maps, deal with the financing of trips and the purchasing of equipment; their contributions are equally as invaluable.

Mr Greenwood
BCS D of E Coordinator



Derbyshire Schools Badminton Championships

Brookfield Community School completed on three fronts in the 2019 Derbyshire Schools Badminton Championships at John Port School on 28th and 29th March 2019.

Outstanding performances at the Chesterfield SSP Badminton competitions saw the schools KS3 boys team, KS4 girls team and KS4 boys team all qualify for the Finals.

The KS3 boys team of Oliver Baggeley, Leo Fretwell, Dylan More and Rory Randall were by far the strongest team on the day and battled through the group stages before seeing off QEGS in the semi-final and winning a nail biting final against Ockbrook.

The KS4 competition was even closer. The girls team of Rebecca Riley, Maddie Scott, Eleanor Goodall and Billie-Marie Webster lost to Eckington school in the group stages but beat Derby More in the semi-finals to set up a re-match with Eckington in the final. Outstanding performances from all the girls saw them win a final deciding doubles game to gain sweet revenge on Eckington and lift the trophy.

The KS4 boys team of Jack Barker-Sabido, James Allen, Ben Laben, Luca Finch and Abee Kapoor were up against some tough opposition. They played some remarkable badminton on their way to the final setting up a mouth-watering contest against Chapel who were reigning champions. Our lads truly played out of their skins and pushed Chapel all the way but ultimately we came up just a little short. They could however be truly proud of their achievements and performances on the day. As could all members of the Brookfield badminton team.

An unprecedented two Derbyshire Champions and one runner up saw 2019 the most successful badminton year in Brookfield's recent history."



Key Stage 4 Badminton Team



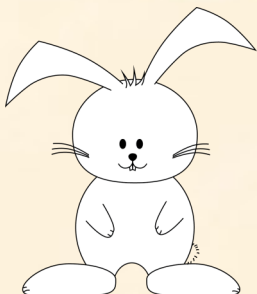
Key Stage 4 Boys Badminton



Key Stage 4 Girls Badminton



Key Stage 3 Boys Badminton



Year 10 Young Enterprise



Sixteen students from Year 10 took on the challenge of setting up and running a mini-enterprise company to represent Brookfield in the NE Derbyshire Young Enterprise competition. However, they had to overcome a major disadvantage, they were starting over three months later than the other companies in the competition.

Nonetheless, Inspired Designs, formed in January, have shown impressive flair for enterprise, and have achieved great success. After some market research they set about producing and selling seasonal inspired gift boxes with a focus on visual appeal and sustainable packaging. With boxes containing chocolates and jewellery for special occasions such as Valentine's Day, Mothers' Day and Easter.

Part of the competition involves a trade fair where companies have to display, promote and sell their products directly to the public. This year it was held in the Pavements Precinct in Chesterfield from 10am to 3pm. As a result of some 'go out and get them' selling techniques and by targeting the little old lady market segment they quickly sold out of stock and took over £300 on the day. Great work by Emily Banks, Alice Woodcock and Max Henshaw. But ever member of the company played their part that day. And by keeping a close eye on costs the company has been able to make over 50% gross profit on sales.

At the Showcase Final held at the Chesterfield Library on Tues 2nd April companies were required to set up stall again, present a company report and be interviewed, Dragons' Den style, by a panel of judges. Not for the faint hearted. Then the final challenge was an evening presentation before a large audience of students, teachers, business advisers, judges and parents. Quite daunting for most but Nathan Dave, Gabriella Mainiero, Max Henshaw (the Beast) and Emma Barron performed with great gusto and confidence.

Inspired Designs were competing against older students and some excellent companies from St Mary's High School, Eckington, Dronfield Henry Fanshawe, Mount St Mary's and Lady Manners. However, they won the award for Best Financial Management but unfortunately were not able to make it through to the County Final. Congratulations to all company members for their teamwork and willingness to give it a go.

And finally many thanks to our Business Advisers Julie Taylor and Ian Greenaway of MTM Labels, Chesterfield for the support, encouragement and guidance given to our students.



Mr W Taylor

News From The Performing Arts Department

Students who just keep on giving. After a very busy start to the year, we've not stopped in our second term of the year in the Performing Arts department. The last term has seen more theatre visits, further work out in our community and not forgetting the annual school musical, 'Beauty and The Beast'. Student's lives have been further enriched within the Arts with further trips, visits and shows.

Success within the Department

We had a very eventful summer in 2018, which saw a number of our Y13 students get into some of most prestigious acting schools within the country. A huge congratulations goes to: Phoebe Cooper (Jelli Studios), Millie Wilson (Millennium Theatre Arts), Caitlin Marklew (MADD) and Ashton Harkness (Doreen BIRD College). It was so lovely to catch up with some of the ladies at the events we have hosted this year. Keep us posted with your next ventures! The congratulations continues to Sarah Dave and Amy Brooks, two of our current A Level students, who were very successful in the re-call process for the film adaptation of 'Everyone's talking About Jamie'. Unfortunately the girls weren't in the final selection, but we are still incredibly proud of both of them for their achievements.

The School Musical (5-9 March 2019)

In March we presented our annual school show. This year we provided audiences with magic, romance and laughter in our presentation of Disney's 'Beauty and The Beast'. We didn't think we'd top the audiences we had last year, but again surpassed expectation, with sell out audiences for four out of the 5 nights of the run. The show came to life through a cast of 90 strong students from years 7 to 13. We are extremely lucky here at Brookfield, the talent showcased on stage each night was incredible.

I feel extremely privileged to work with such inspirational students. I was struck with how much of a team effort this show was, with students working across the years to support each other throughout the rehearsal process and for the run of the show.

Audience feedback came flooding in for weeks after the show closed congratulating both cast and crew on a truly amazing show.



Our Next Adventure

Mrs. Payton and the Performing Arts team are currently working the presentation of **'Matilda – The Musical'** which will hit Brookfield's stage on the **27th of June** this year.

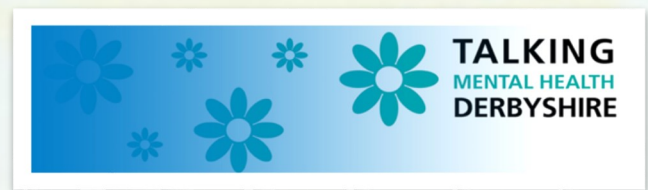
This will run alongside our Showcase evening, which will feature songs from: **'Everyone's Talking About Jamie'**, **'FAME! –The Musical'** and **'Guys and Dolls'**, to name but a few.



Tickets will be on sale soon. Keep up to date with our ventures by following the department in...
Twitter: @BCS_PA

We are delighted to announce that this performance will support the local charity: **'Talk Mental Health, Derbyshire'**. As pressure and expectations build for our young people we are acutely aware that we need to look after our mental health and therefore would like to support this charity to help them support our local community.

DRAMA



Here is a Summary of what else has been happening in Performing Arts...

Wow, what a busy term we have had in the Drama Department! Brookfield students have had a whole range of exciting opportunities this term to really help advance their learning.

In the Classroom

- A huge congratulations go to Y11, who have now completed the Text in Practise component of their GCSE Drama exams. Their pieces were taken from scripts including: **'Too Much Punch for Judy'**, **'Chatroom'** and **'As We Forgive Those'**.
- Y12 A Level students have been working as hard as ever. Students have just completed their mock exam for component 3, wowing audiences with their creativity through their exploration of both **'Hansel and Gretel'** and **'4:48 Psychosis'**.
- A huge congratulations must go to our Y13 students who have now completed all the practical elements of the course and are working hard in preparation for their written exam in the summer. We wish you lots of luck in your future, ladies.
- The final group of students to present their work this term were the Y10 GCSE Drama students, who performed their mock C3 scripted pieces. Again, this group of students provided some very thought provoking pieces as well as having the audience in stitches in some of the pieces. Here's to a fab summer term with more exciting and inspiring pieces as both Y10 and Y12 will complete their actual Component 2 exam.

Theatre Trips

Again, Performing Arts staff and students have again expanded their minds and been inspired by professional work at a range of Theatres. A Level students returned to Manchester's Royal Exchange to see a very thought provoking adaptation of Brecht's *'Mother Courage and her Children'*. Our GCSE cohort have been to the beautiful Theatre Royal, Nottingham, to see the National Theatre UK tour of *'Macbeth'* and **Bill Kenwright's** *'Blood Brothers'*. We were lucky enough to see Sean Jones again in the role of Mickey before he hung up his oversized pullover and catapult for good. We wish him all the best for the future! The theatre visits will go on to help students in their written exams and were all great examples of high quality performances, enriching the lives of our students further.

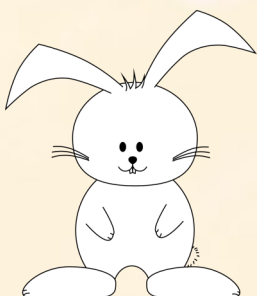
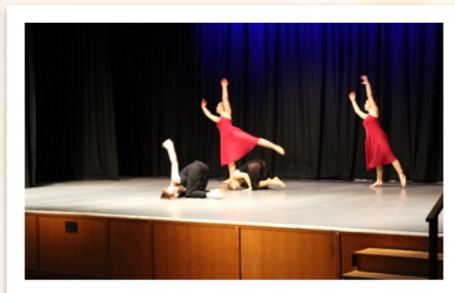


Dance

This term our dancers have been working extra hard both in lessons and out. All our extra-curricular groups have been creating themed pieces, while our A Level students have been working on assessment tasks and somehow we found time to attend Move IT!

Brookfield Evening of Dance

As always our A Level students presented a broad range of work that they have been creating for assessment. The exam topics covered in the choreographies included the theme of sleep and an exploration of echo and reverberation. Our 3 lower school companies created themed pieces that showed yet again the excellence of our students. Y7 created a fabulous piece exploring the ideas of homelessness and asking for help. Y8 used extracts of a previous GCSE set study to create a technically challenging piece about searching and finding and our senior group worked with the music of Andrea Bocelli to create a beautiful piece about supporting each other.



Move It!

On Friday 8th March our Y13 students went down to London to attend Move It 2019. The dance expo was a great chance for students to see a range of performances, learn about careers and further study opportunities in the performing arts. As well as watching dance, students took part in 2 workshops, a brilliant classical Indian dance workshop with V Fusion Dance Company and an energetic commercial workshop with CAPA College. Miss Leigh even got the chance to be part of Rambert Dance Company's discussion on their new Creative Contemporary qualification! It was also great to see former students Josh Crowther and Phoebe Cooper at the event representing their current educators, Performers College and Jelli Studios.



Dance Clubs

It's been great to see so many students taking part in extra-curricular clubs this term, and while we might not be able to get in the gym for a little while, Dance clubs will return after the Easter holidays to get started on their contributions to Summer Showcase!

Music

Extra-Curricular

As well as peripatetic music lessons, students have all been turning out in force for the reformed Brookfield Choir. Students from all year groups have been raising their voice to develop a seasonal repertoire which has been heard at Open Evenings and the Brookfield Christmas Market. Rehearsals will start again soon for our Summer Showcase, which will see the choir tackle the challenging score of 'War of The Worlds'.



News from the Modern Languages Dept

German Exchange

On Wednesday 27th February 18 students from the Viktoriaschule in Darmstadt came to England for the first leg of the Viktoriaschule and Brookfield School exchange. Many of the German students had never visited England before so this was a new experience for them. They went on many trips such as the medical museum in Leeds and Treak Cliff Cavern in Bakewell. One of the trips which both the German and English students went on was to York which was a great chance to get to know our partners whilst doing some sightseeing.

At the start of the 10 days we understandably didn't know our partners but seeing them leave was "sehr traurig" (very sad)! At the weekend we had the chance to give our partners an insight into our preferred activities in and around Chesterfield. On the Wednesday the students came to school with us and accompanied us to our lessons which gave them a feel for life in an English school. On the last night of their visit the whole group went bowling together which was a great chance to spend some quality time with our partners before their departure.



We would highly recommend an exchange to anyone who is given the opportunity to do so because not only is it beneficial to your language skills but also it is a great way to make friends with someone of a different cultural background. We are extremely excited about our return visit to Darmstadt in May.

Maisie Cook and Faye Bramley

Spanish Exchange/Work Experience

The return leg of the Spanish Exchange took place from Wednesday 30th January to Friday 4th February with a total of 20 Brookfield students from Years 11 and 12 taking part this year. They were hosted by their partners, from our partner school in Andújar, Jaén, who had visited Chesterfield in November 2018. During their 9 day stay, the students enjoyed a guided tour of Andújar and a reception with the Mayor at the Town Hall and excursions to Seville and Granada. In addition to these visits all the English students completed three days' work experience in local primary schools. All the English students were glad of the opportunity to practise their Spanish. George Harris (Year 11) had this to say about their experience of this leg of the exchange.....

"Right now in school I'm taking GCSE Spanish and last month I took part in the second half of my Spanish exchange program and I can honestly say it's one of the best things I've ever done.

I was so nervous when we started travelling to the little town of Andújar in the south of Spain, primarily because I was going there to live in a stranger's house for ten days and I'm not very good at Spanish. Don't get me wrong, I know the basics and I'm not the worst in my class but I'm certainly not the best, so having to speak Spanish for over a week in a completely foreign place was obviously daunting.

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I found myself on the coach from Málaga airport to my "Impending doom" frantically flicking through the little, overpriced phrasebook I bought at East Midlands' W H Smith. That turned out to be a futile attempt though because my overhead light was broken, it was pitch black outside and Spanish street lamps don't seem to be very powerful. I gave up and just started stressing which was probably not productive but at least it wasn't just jumping out of the coach and walking back to Chesterfield which did cross my mind at the time.

It all turned out ok though. My host family were amazing, I went to Seville for a day trip and I even got to watch Real Madrid vs Barcelona in a basement which was very special for me. And turns out, to my surprise, not once was I banished from the country because of my shoddy use of the local lingo.

If I had given in to my nervousness and fear I would never have been able to experience some really great moments. (And have ten days off school) I'm also glad I didn't wuss out because of the improvements to my Spanish, listening to people talk in a language you don't really understand is unsurprisingly a great way to improve your listening skills. So go outside your comfort zone, even if it makes you feel nervous or awkward. You could reap great rewards from it. I know I would have regretted it if I hadn't."

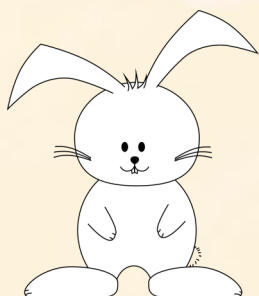


Viktoriaschule Work Experience in Chesterfield

This week eight 15 and 16 year old students and two teachers from our partner school in Darmstadt, the Viktoriaschule have been visiting Chesterfield as part of our mutual work experience programme.

Although we were unable to run a Work experience trip to Darmstadt this year, the German students have still been able to come to Chesterfield to do two weeks work experience in primary schools in the area. They have enjoyed helping in lessons and experiencing the British School system. They had the opportunity to meet up with some of our Year 12 students at the weekend and also visited Chatsworth House and Meadowhall.

They have found it a very valuable experience where they have been able to improve their English language, experience the world of work and experience a different culture.





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Easter

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