



July 2018

What a year!

It has been such a fantastic year – thank you for the overwhelming support for Broadoak this year. We truly are a community surrounding our young people supporting them to be the very best they can be.

2017/2018 has seen significant changes within the school itself and I am incredibly proud of the team here. Staff and students have stepped up to the challenge of change and tackle what needs to be better. The implementation of “Ready to Learn” is just such an example – a radical change for the school but one which places students at its heart. It has been incredibly successful with the overwhelming majority of lessons now being free of any low level disruption. Thank you to all parents, staff and students for embracing the change and discussing where we can fine tune and improve it so our students get the best teaching and learning.

The summer term is always tinged with sadness as we wave goodbye to colleagues as well as to our wonderful Year 11s. You will see the Prom pictures later in the newsletter but suffice to say they all looked glorious and it was a joyous night celebrating their hard work over five weeks of gruelling exams and five years of being at the heart of Broadoak. To give you a sense of scale, there were 3460 individual exams this summer – wow! We are looking forward to welcoming back Year 11 and their parents on **Thursday 23rd August at 10am** to receive their **GCSE results**. Whilst we will be saying “*au revoir*” to some colleagues as they retire or head to pastures new, we will equally be welcoming others as they join our school family in September – they were all in school recently for induction events and are looking forward to getting in the classrooms in September.

We will have a new pattern to our school day in September – the start and end times remain the same but we have adjusted other timings to try and have a swifter start to learning in the morning as well as a slightly earlier lunchtime as students felt they were quite hungry by 1.25pm!

Finally, I wish you and your families a restful summer and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September for another fantastic year at Broadoak.

Ms K McGillicuddy (Headteacher)

School Day 2018/2019

Time	Period
8:45-9:45	lesson 1
9:45-10:45	lesson 2
10:45-11:05	break
11:05-12:05	lesson 3
12:05-13:05	lesson 4
13:05-13:40	lunch
13:40-2:00	lesson 5 (tutor/PSHCE)
2:00-3:00	lesson 6



8:42 – warning bell
8:45 – lesson bell

11:02 – warning bell
11:05 – lesson bell

13:37 – warning bell
13:40 – lesson bell

YEAR 11 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



On Friday 25th May, Year 11 students at Broadoak celebrated their time at the College with a celebration assembly. Families and members of our community were invited to join students to



celebrate their time at Broadoak, sharing memories and achievements. Each tutor presented one student in their tutor group with a "Tutor Excellence Award" and this year's winners were Max, Zaira, Ellie-Mae, Katie, Sona, Charlotte and Sam with the Year Leader Excellence Award being presented to Josh.



Everyone was interested to hear the memories of Head Boy (Dylan) and Head Girl (Maddie). They talked fondly of how they have developed throughout their time at Broadoak, the relationships they have formed and the memories they will take with them.



Assistant Head Teacher, Mr Kirkby, has been learning to play the piano during the time this year's Year 11 group has been working on their GCSE's. He

demonstrated what hard work and perseverance can produce by playing "Easy" by Lionel Richie for the students and families as they arrived.



Headteacher, Kathleen McGillicuddy, talked about how impressed she has been in her first year at Broadoak, by the dedication and commitment of the students. Their hard work will be fruitful for successful future education and beyond into adulthood. She said, "my only regret is that I have not been your Headteacher longer".



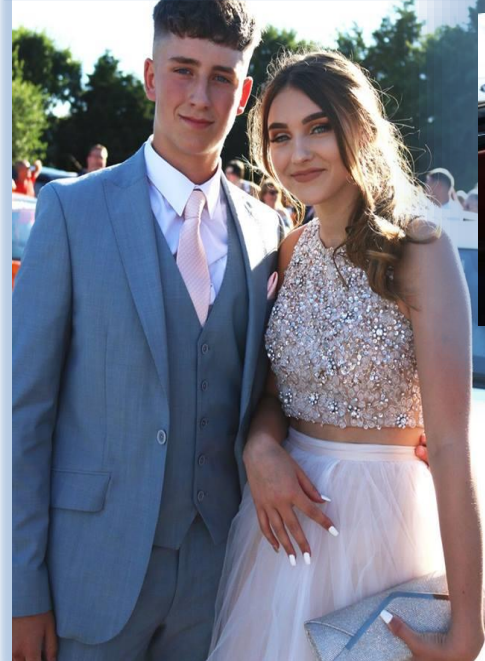
Year 11 Leader, Mr Perham, said, "I am extremely proud of the commitment that this group of students have shown to Broadoak and their studies over the past 5 years. It has been a privilege to serve as their Year Leader and there is no doubt in my mind that these young people will go on to have the most amazingly successful futures. We will all miss them dearly but wish them every success for their future endeavours."

YEAR 11 PROM

The Year 11 Prom was held at the Rookery Manor Hotel on Tuesday 26th June 2018.

Despite the scorching temperature, all students and staffed looked very glamorous and the atmosphere was amazing, with students and staff dancing the night away after a delicious 3-course meal.

A fantastic evening was had by all!



CAMPING AT WOODHOUSE PARK, ALMONDSBURY

For enrichment week, Broadoak staff took 40 students to Woodhouse Park for three days of camping and activities. The weather was beautiful which meant they could spend plenty of time outside enjoying the fresh air.

After settling in to their rooms and unpacking, the activities began straight away. There were a range of team building challenges and races to get everyone working together. They even brought back some

retro sports day favourites and had some excellent wheelbarrow racers!

Over the next couple of days, the students all took part in a variety of activities including the aerial trek. The ten meter high course meant some of them had to face their fears, but

everyone had a go and pushed themselves to succeed. Erin even managed to complete the course backwards with her eyes closed! Down on the ground, the students had a go at crate stacking, where they scaled stacks of crates whilst in harnesses. The Woodhouse Park record of 16 was reached and the pairs all worked really well together.

In the woods, students (and very excited staff!) completed the extremely muddy assault course. They had to climb walls, crawl through tunnels and wade through muddy water to complete the challenge. Afterwards, everyone was coated in mud but definitely smiling! Konrad managed to bag the record for the fastest lap. The record for muddiest person, however, was harder to decide!

There was also a shelter building contest, where students had to forage for materials to build an effective shelter to fit all of their team in and protect them from the elements. Mr Knight's team constructed an impressive shelter with many added design features – it didn't keep them very dry though!

After a long walk, they had a camp fire on the first evening where they told stories, sang songs and toasted marshmallows. On the second evening, we had a superb talent show with a variety of acts including singers, dancers and some very impressive gymnastics. We then played spotlight in the dark and had hot chocolate before bed. It was a fantastic few days where we saw great team work, determination, kindness and hard work from all of our students. They were a credit to themselves and the school in their attitudes to everything.



"LONDON"
BY HUGO (7M)

"I had a great time in London. There was so much to do and see and London itself was just amazing!

Our first stop was the National History Museum. It was so big and busy but so interesting. After, we walked to Hyde Park to have our lunch. It was such a hot day!

From there, we walked to Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace and saw the Grenadier guards. I was fascinated as to how they kept still for so long! We actually saw them marching too.

We went for dinner at the Rainforest Café which was very

nice. Then walked to the West-End to see "Aladdin" – the show was absolutely fantastic and enjoyed by everyone.

On Thursday, we went to the London Aquarium, London Dungeons and the London Eye. I found the dungeons creepy and very scary! It was amazing to have a birds-eye view of

London on the Eye and it went around very slowly so you could take in the sights.

Friday morning, we visited the Houses of Parliament and sat in the Public Gallery to watch a debate in the House of Commons. It was very interesting and they were discussing social media and technology being allowed in prisons.

After lunch, we travelled back home.

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They always made sure we were okay by doing anything to make our trip very enjoyable.

I would just like to say a huge “Thank you” to all the teachers involved. We all had a great trip!”

I had an amazing time experiencing London and it was so nice because of all the work the teachers did to make it enjoyable and they made sure we got around London safely.



“The London trip was awesome! We did so many things there; London Eye, Museums, West-End Show and the Houses of Parliament were just some of the great activities we did there. Also, the food was good at the Rainforest Café and Pizza Express. My favourite thing we did was the London Dungeons because there were so many unexpected surprises.” – Tom (7M)

“I loved the London trip. It was amazing spending time with all of my friends and the teachers. My favourite part was the

dungeons. The acting was brilliant! I would recommend London to loads of people.” – Jessica (7S)

“The London trip was really fun! The London Dungeons was the best bit and the actors were fantastic! Spending time with friends was really fun. I would definitely go again.” – Kara (7W)



DISNEYLAND, PARIS



Wow who knew how many people would look, not only alive, but excited at 6.15am! Having dragged Mums, Dads or Great Aunty Nellie out of bed, everyone was ready for the long trip to Paris.

Understandably, the coach was very quiet to begin with, some had obviously been up far earlier to prepare!

An uneventful journey to the tunnel was spoilt a little by our train being delayed, but everyone was still in great spirits.

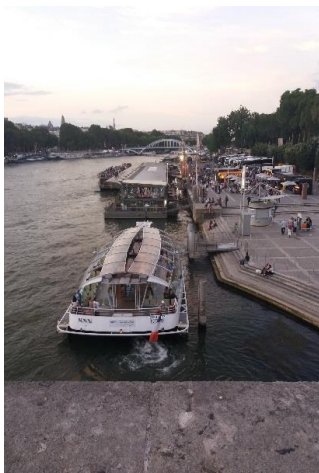
No one even spotted the fish as we travelled under the sea! Some didn't even believe me!



En France at last! Our drivers were absolutely superb and did their very best to get us to the hostel quickly to unpack. Ms Evans led us on a lovely walk along the river with a fab photo opportunity under the Eiffel Tower.

The next morning breakfast was followed by the main event, DISNEY! Nearly twelve hours to get thrown upside down, sprayed with water, sit through "It's a Small World" which is a definite for those who have never experienced Disney.

Two parks to take in, big queues but well worth waiting for! The parade was as usual a Disney-spectacle and from the amount of bags, it would seem that Disney needed to restock the cuddly toys and ears!



The excitement was clear to see, Caiela and friends having been on Space Mountain four times!

The wakeup call took a little longer on Friday; it had been a hot,exhausting day on Thursday but so worth it!

It was a very long journey home meant we were late return but there is one thing for sure; the magic of Disney doesn't wear off no matter how old you are! Our students were a credit to themselves and look forward to maybe going again next year!



CYCLING



During Enrichment Week, Year 7, 8 and 9 students participated in a full day's cycling from Yatton to Axbridge. They completed the rigorous 18-mile round trip in under 4 hours, stopping for a leisurely lunch on the steps of Axbridge Church.

YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

On Monday 9th July, Year 10 Geography students visited Weston's sea front and new Dolphin Square development to investigate whether our coastal management is keeping us safe from flooding, and whether Dolphin Square is helping to successfully regenerate our town centre.

We braved the hot weather to have a look at our coastal defences in action, and students brushed up their interviewing skills by speaking to members of the public about what they thought about our flood risk, and the new restaurants and facilities on offer in Dolphin Square.

Students had a very successful day collecting their evidence and data, and we look forward to them putting all of this information to good use in the classroom when they write up their findings.





VISIT TO THE RAF AIR TATTOO

On Friday 13th July, a group of 41 Key Stage 3 students were taken on a trip to the Royal International Air Tattoo at Fairford, Gloucester.



The students were selected by a draw in tutor groups as having achieved fantastic attendance throughout this academic year. The Tattoo was also celebrating 100 years of the formation of the Royal Air Force.



As we approached the airfield, we were fortunate to catch sight of the Battle of Britain Flight which consists of a Lancaster bomber, together with Hurricane and Spitfire fighter aircraft. These aircraft played a prominent part in the Battle of Britain.



Having passed through tight security, we were quickly entertained by an exciting display by The Red Arrows. Soon our eardrums were blasted by the sound of an American Airforce F 35A which was put through its airborne manoeuvres.



The flying displays continued and included displays by both Spanish and Swiss Air Forces. There was also a display by an RAF Chinook helicopter.

Students also had opportunities to view static aircraft from all around the world and also early aircraft flown by the RAF.

The students thoroughly enjoyed their day and represented Broadoak admirably throughout the day.



STRANGER SAGAS

This academic year, we have participated in the “Young Writers” creative writing competitions and were delighted to say we have had four more students’ work published into an anthology allowing them to become published authors. The brief from Young Writers was to write a mini saga in just 100 words. This is not an easy task. Students had to include a beginning, middle and end as well as ensuring it engages the reader with its gripping content. Amelia, Sophie, Kitty and Caiela have all produced fantastic sagas which are now available to



read in the LRC.

“A MONSTER CALLS” TRIP

Many Key Stage 3 students have participated in “The Broadoak Big Read” of “A Monster Calls” by Patrick Ness. To celebrate completing the novel, we attended a performance at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre. The students and staff were all thoroughly impressed with the production and deeply moved with how beautifully the cast dealt with such a sensitive story.



DEAR TUTOR COMPETITION



“Drop Everything and Read” was successfully introduced to tutor times this year. Year 7 read “Private Peaceful” by Michael Morpurgo and Year 8 completed “Millions” by Frank Cottrell Boyce. To celebrate the completion of these novels, each tutor group created a range of posters, diary entries, reviews and character profiles. The winning tutor group celebrated their fabulous efforts by being awarded a tutor breakfast. Well done 7B!

There were so many beautiful entries that there were also many individual winners across Year 7 and 8. Each winner got to choose their very own brand new book as a prize for their wonderful entries.

MIMI THEBO VISITS

Over the last two terms, we have had the pleasure of having Mimi Thebo (our patron of reading) visit us twice. Creativity was buzzing around both Broadoak and Uphill. The students were very lucky to participate in a creative writing workshop with Mimi in Uphill. They poetry bombed Uphill Nature Trail with words inspired by Walt Whitman. The students collaboratively composed a poem with Mimi which they will be able to treasure.



YEAR 10 TASTER DAYS



Year 10 have taken part in two successful college taster days, both at Bridgwater and Weston College.

Students took part in a variety of college course activities, from Performing Arts, Animal Care, A-Levels, Mechanics and Construction and many more.

Students conducted themselves professionally, taking full advantage of the opportunity on offer, experiencing the full variety of courses that Bridgwater and Weston College have to offer them once they finish Year 11.



INTERVIEWS FOR THE YEAR 7 STUDENTS



Throughout the year, Key Stage 3 students have been working on developing their 'Extras'. These are a collection of 10 extracurricular competencies which will hopefully enable students develop skills and self-confidence as well as enhance their enjoyment of life and personal well-being.

This week, staff and student ambassadors from Weston University have come in to interview each student in order to assess how well they have achieved each of the 10 competencies. This project

has been very successful with a great many students engaging in things that they might not have otherwise done whilst the experience of being interviewed at such a young age will hopefully stand the students in good stead for the future.



CHARITY BEGINS AT BROADOAK

We are delighted to announce that Year 7 and 8 students raised a grand total of £970.43 for the charity "Wateraid". Richard Hanks, a Wateraid representative (pictured above) accepted the cheque on behalf of the charity and informed us that a total such as this would pay for 500 toilets in somewhere like Madagascar, 330 taps in Tanzania or two wells serving 120 people each in a country like Mozambique. This was a fantastic effort from Lower School students – well done indeed!

YEAR 9 CHARITY WEEK

Year 9 Charity Week this year was a great success. The tutor groups voted for the charity that we wanted to support several weeks prior to the week itself. MacMillan Cancer won by some distance.

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Mrs Jay Kissane, a MacMillan cancer nurse, who came to assembly to tell us all about her work and the importance of fundraising for the charity.

One of our main fundraising events was a sponsored walk. Teachers and over 30 students headed off for a stroll to the pier and back, with Miss Quan leading the way.

Of course there were the usual cake sales and a raffle as well, organised by tutor groups.

We are thrilled to announce that we raised £817 which we will be sending to the charity. Well done Year 9!



WORK EXPERIENCE FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS



From Monday 2nd – Friday 6th July, Year 10 undertook a week of work experience, working with a wide variety of employers, both local and national. Students worked in Catering, Education, Sports provision, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Retail, Entertainment, Hotels, Offices and in law firms. Feedback on students work was excellent, with students reporting that the week was incredibly useful as an insight into the world of work. There have been some employers who have been that impressed with our students work that offers of part time employment have been made.



BROADOAK COLLEGE AWARDS EVENING



Parents, carers and staff joined together to celebrate the many achievements of Broadoak students last night in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Weston-Super-Major, Councillor and Mrs Michael Lyall. The annual event is a highlight of the community calendar and honours

students for achievement, progress and citizenship with a Year Leader Award going to outstanding individuals.

Year 7 Year Leader Award: Hugo

Year 8 Year Leader Award: Jackson

Year 9 Year Leader Award: Poppy

Year 10 Year Leader Award: Ebony

The evening also saw a special presentation given to Mr John Brock for over twenty years of service to the school as part of the governing body. Mrs Susan Marshall, current Chair of Governors, outlined his lifetime of commitment to the education of young people in Weston whilst John himself reminisced about key memories before reminding the students that the future was all about them.



Ms McGillycuddy, Headteacher, said, "It was wonderful to be able to celebrate our great students in this way and to remind them how proud we are of them. The packed room was full of smiles as I asked the students to remember that they are powerful beyond measure and to make sure they didn't hide their brilliance. The whole event, preceded by our "Creative Arts" student showcase, is a testament to how fantastic the young people of this community are. It was a joyous event."



Award winning “Careerpivot” have visited Broadoak delivering 1:1 and paired careers sessions to over 35 Year 10 and 11 students.

Careerpilot recently received an award from the Careers Development Institute (CDI), the national careers professional body, in the category ‘Providing Careers and Job Information’. The Careers Development Institute (CDI) declared Careerpivot to be the best in its field. www.careerpilot.org.uk.

Students have found these sessions very useful in helping them match their skills to employability qualities, arrangement of study routes and jobs sectors. These personalised sessions focus on the students interests in preparing students for their future after Broadoak.

Through mentoring, the “WIN Higher Education Adviser” (Wessex Inspiration Network) based at Broadoak can organise and tailor individual enrichment opportunities. We look forward to seeing Careerpivot again in the Autumn Term.

CAREERS CAROUSEL WORKSHOP

A group of Year 9 students have been taking part in a “Careers Carousel Workshop” run by education organisation **IntoUniversity**.



Students identified key skills and considered how these could be usefully applied in future careers. A series of engaging activities focused on creativity, analysis, communication and team work.

Students have been invited to join a free after-school academic support programme run by the new **IntoUniversity** centre just 15-minutes walk from Broadoak. Contact Nikki.charge@intouniversity.org for more information.



A VISIT TO THE UCW CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE

Year 10 Art, Photography and Textile Students visited the UCW Creative Arts Showcase in June. UCW Graphic Design degree students presented their work to Broadoak students and also took part in Art and Photography taster sessions led by University Lecturers.



This was an insightful experience for Year 10's exploring future pathways in Art and Design and an opportunity to see a wide variety of Art and Design work by talented degree students.

Overall, there were three trips to UCW, facilitated and organised by The WIN – Wessex Inspiration Network, an organisation made up of a partnership of Universities and Colleges in the South West (UCW, University of Bath, & Bath Spa University, Bath College and Wiltshire College) which organises events and activities for young people considering their future.

The WIN are looking forward to organising more enrichment events and activities for Broadoak students for the year ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Year 7 student, Billy who acted as midwife during the birth of his baby brother, Teddy.

Billy took care of younger siblings and then returned to Mum, following instructions on the telephone from paramedics. A spokesman from South-West Ambulance Service said "Well done to Billy for helping to deliver his new baby Brother.

Childbirth can be very traumatic for anyone, but Billy dealt with it in a mature and responsible way. Billy listened carefully to the instructions given over the phone to him by "Calvin" in our "999 Control Hub" and did everything that was asked of him."

Well done to Billy! A magnificent achievement! We hope mum and baby are both doing well.



BROADOAK SPORTS DAY

Well done to everyone involved in Broadoak's Sports Day 2018. It was a fantastic day with large levels of participation and it was brilliant to see so many giving their all and putting in their "Personal Best" for their Tutor Group. The way that the students supported and encouraged each other was a real joy to see and they showed real teamwork.

There were some outstanding individual performances with the following records being set:-

Ellie – Year 9 Girls 200m
Isaac – Year 10 300m record
Lacey – Year 7 Girls High jump
8S Tutor Group – Set a new Boys Relay record
Joshua – Year 8 Boys Long Jump record
Remo – Year 7 Long Jump record
Ellis – Equalled Year 7 Boys High Jump record
Sienna – Year 8 Girls 200m record
9Q – Set a new Girls relay record
Kiera – Year 9 Girls Long Jump record
Jade – Year 10 Girls Long Jump record
Georgia – Year 10 Girls 200m record

A massive well done to you all! Not forgetting, the tutor groups who came in first place:-

Year 7 – 7M
Year 8 – 8S
Year 9 – 9Q
Year 10 – 10S



OUR TIME SUMMER TRIPS FUNDED AND SUPPORTED BY SWAN
(SOUTH WESTON ACTIVITY NETWORK)

Please find below a poster for 'Our time' summer trips funded and supported by SWAN. Tickets are available from the Information Station at St Andrews Parade for £5 per person. There are a limited amount of tickets for each trip and is based on first come first served. They have opened the trips up as more of a family approach and the children will need to be accompanied by an adult (up to 3 children per adult).

The lunch club will also happen every day in Coniston park there will be 60 lunches available for **FREE** every day (excluding bank holiday and the last Friday of the holidays where there will be a BBQ). There will be a range of activities to get involved in too. These will be from 12.00-14.00 Monday – Friday.

The theme of the lunch club this year is "our time", some of you may have seen this promoted for their lottery campaign which they were successful in getting. They hope at the end of the holidays to complete a time capsule which will include lots of things from the summer activities and will be buried in the youth centre garden.

There will be other events taking place so get people to keep an eye on the SWAN Facebook page and in the windows at Information Station.

'OUR TIME'
SUMMER DAY TRIPS
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES LIVING IN SOUTH WARD

 **WEEK 1: CANOEING, CLIMBING - BRIDGWATER**
Wed 25th July 2pm - 7pm

 **WEEK 2: ARCHERY, BUSHCRAFT - MENDIPS**
Wed 1st Aug 2pm - 7pm

 **WEEK 3: SHREK - BRISTOL HIPPODROME**
Wed 8th Aug 5.45pm - 10.30pm

 **WEEK 4: THE WILD PROJECT - BRISTOL**
Wed 15th Aug 2pm - 6pm

 **WEEK 5: CLIP 'N' CLIMB - BRISTOL**
Wed 22nd Aug 2pm - 6.30pm

 **WEEK 6: BLAISE CASTLE PICNIC**
Wed 29th Aug 2pm - 7pm

TO BOOK AND PAY FOR YOUR TRIPS POP INTO THE INFORMATION STATION, BOURNVILLE.

Tickets cost £5 per person and are restricted to either 3 children per adult or 2 adults per child (max number of adults per child is 2). Families must live in South Ward or have a child that attends one of the local schools. Proof of address may be asked at time of booking. Payment by cash only.

 **SOUTH WESTON ACTIVITY NETWORK**

 **The People's Projects**

Week 1: July 25th – 27th (Wed – Fri)		
Activity Provider(s):	StreetSpace & Our Neighbourhood	
Evening Coach Trip (Wed 25 th July)	YMCA Bridgwater – Leaving the HLC at 2.00pm – Arriving back to the HLC by 7.00pm. Activities will include Bell Boating, Canoeing, Low Ropes and Climbing Wall.	Lead: John / Kally
Week 2: July 30th – Aug 3rd		
Activity Provider(s):	Boombox Youth Project & Rap Workshop from In2Gear	
Evening Coach Trip (Wed 1 st Aug)	Mendip Outdoor Pursuits – Leaving the HLC at 2.00pm – arriving back by 7.00 pm – Activities include Archery and Bush Crafts. A snack and drink will be provided.	Lead: Alli / Annabel Manhire PCSO/ Kally
Week 3: August 6th – 10th		
Activity Provider(s):	Children’s Scrapstore & the Fire Service	
Evening Coach Trip (Wed 8 th Aug)	Shrek at the Hippodrome (50 Tickets Booked) – Leaving the HLC at 5.45 pm (show is at 7.00pm) arriving back to the HLC by 10.30pm.	Lead: Alli and Kylie/Kally
Week 4: August 13th – 17th		
Activity Provider(s):	Revealed	
Evening Coach Trip (Wed 15 th Aug)	The Wild Project Bristol – leaving the HLC at 2.00pm, arriving back by 6.00pm approx. Activities will include the Swing and Leap of Faith, visiting the zoo.	Lead: John / Kally
Week 5: August 20th – 24th		
Activity Provider(s):	Create Together ‘Our Neighbourhood’ and School Sports Coaching	
Evening Coach Trip (Wed 22 nd Aug)	Bristol Clip & Climb (50 Places Booked) – Leaving the HLC at 2.00pm, arriving back by 6.30pm – activities include clip and climb and bouldering.	Lead: Alli / Annabel Manhire PCSO / Kally
Week 6: August 28th – 31st (Tues – Fri)		
Activity Provider(s):	YMCA & In2Biking	
Friday 31st Aug	BBQ in the park followed by Time Capsule at Youth Centre. YMCA, Police team & Alliance team.	
Evening Coach Trip (Wed 29th Aug)	Picnic at Blaise Castle – Leaving the HLC at 2.00pm, arriving back by 7.00pm – picnic in the park and family games.	Lead: John / Annabel Manhire PCSO / Kally

STUDENT DROP-OFFS AND PARKING

We have had some concerns raised by local residents and parents here about road safety issues in relation to our students being dropped off and collected from the school. Can we please ask parents and carers to not park on the yellow zig-zags outside the school or block residents' driveways in any way, and to be considerate of other road users at the start and end of the school day.

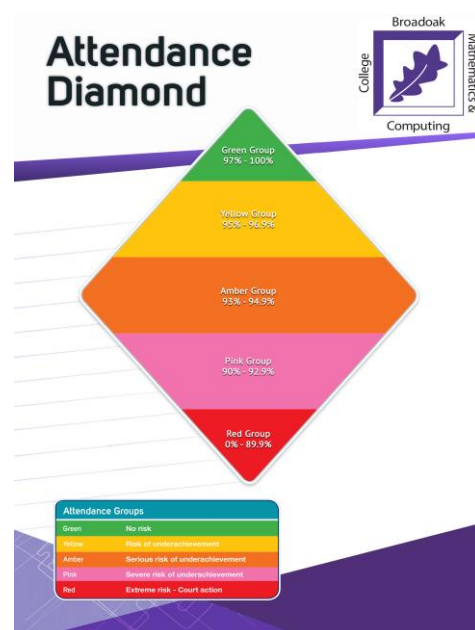
We very much appreciate your cooperation with this matter, and in ensuring the safety of our school members and local community.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We wish to work in partnership with parents and carers and so are seeking your full support in ensuring that your child attends every day and on time. We are always pleased to work together with parents/carers in resolving any difficulties but we are also committed to improving attendance levels.

The target attendance figure for all pupils is a **minimum of 97%** attendance. Based on current attendance figures your child will be placed in one of the following groups below. Your child will be informed of their Attendance Group.

Regular attendance is a legal requirement, but it is also vital for students to maximise their learning and achieve full potential here at Broadoak. There are a number of important steps that you can take to ensure your child maintains a high level of attendance:



- Ensure your child attends every day, on time, equipped and ready to learn. Lesson time begins at 8.45am.
- Ensure the school has up to date contact details. We will contact you by text, email, via schoolcomms or by telephone if your child is absent and you have not contacted us by 9.30am. This ensures that truancy is quickly identified.
- If your child is ill, contact us via the absence line or Schoolcomms. Please make sure you advise us every day your child is absent.
- If no contact is received regarding the absence, it will be recorded as unauthorised. Ultimately we are responsible for deciding if the absence is acceptable or not. Only genuine absence will be authorised. You may be asked to provide medical evidence if your child has a poor attendance record.
- Ensure that all medical/dental appointments are made outside of academy time.
- Avoid trivial absence such as, 'buying new shoes'. This would not be accepted as a reasonable absence.
- Holidays should not be taken in term time. Holidays will not be authorised and may incur a fine.

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- Contact your child's Tutor or Year Leader if you are experiencing difficulty in getting your child into College.

Did you know that **90% attendance = ½ day missed** every week!! That is a lot of learning missed!

We expect students to attend **everyday on time**. The **minimum** percentage we expect is **97% attendance** – this means missing no more than **5 DAYS IN THE YEAR**

Every week your child's Tutor will tell your child their attendance colour. Each week your child will be able to look at the display and see if their attendance has improved, **A GREEN** arrow will tell him/ her that they are improving.

Good and improving attendance will be acknowledged and rewarded, and this could be in the form of a postcard home, a telephone call, a certificate, a badge or entry into a prize draw.

It is never too late – **Attend EVERY DAY and be in TEAM GREEN**

Thank you for working with us in order to achieve the highest possible level of attendance and punctuality for your child.

School Matters!



TERM & HOLIDAY DATES - 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

TERM1			
Inset Day (college closed to students)	Monday	3	September 2018
Inset Day (college closed to students)	Tuesday	4	September 2018
Start (for students)	Wednesday	5	September 2018
End of Term	Friday	26	October 2018
TERM 2			
Start	Monday	5	November 2018
End	Friday	21	December 2018(12.25pm finish)
TERM 3			
Start	Monday	7	January 2019
End (for students)	Thursday	14	February 2019
End (Inset Day-college closed to students)	Friday	15	February 2019
TERM 4			
Start	Monday	25	February 2019
End	Friday	5	April 2019
TERM 5			
Bank Holiday	Monday	22	April 2019
Start	Tuesday	23	April 2019
Bank Holiday	Monday	6	May 2019
End	Friday	24	May 2019
TERM 6			
Start	Monday	3	June 2019
End (for students)	Friday	19	July 2019 (12.25pm finish)
Inset Day (college closed to students)	Monday	22	July 2019
Inset Day (college closed to students)	Tuesday	23	July 2019