



***“Maximising students’ abilities, ambitions and academic potential”***

Broadoak Mathematics and Computing College is a comprehensive, co-educational school for 11-16 year olds. The college is located in a suburban area of Weston-super-Mare, a seaside town with easy access to countryside, market towns and the university cities of Bristol, Bath and Exeter, as well as easy access to the M5 junctions 21 and 22. The College prides itself with its modern facilities, particularly for ICT including our own Internet Café and the extensive use of tablets to enhance students’ methods of learning. 2014 saw the opening of a new state of the art floodlit Artificial Turf Pitch for all year round use, new tennis courts which are also designed for netball and basketball. We place a strong emphasis on working with parents and the community, giving students the chance to maximise their abilities, ambitions and academic potential in everything they do.

Broadoak is a successful, vibrant and oversubscribed school where achievement and relationships are vitally important, and where all students and members of staff are valued. We foster values of courtesy, consideration and individual responsibility, we offer a high level of challenge accompanied by high levels of support so that all can achieve.

Young people are at the very heart of the College; not only do we value academic performance, but we also believe that students should enjoy their time at school and achieve across a whole range of areas. We provide a happy and safe environment within which students can experience opportunities beyond the classroom so that they can become engaged, independent learners and responsible and confident adults. Most importantly, our students are supported in making the right choices regarding their qualifications. This starts when students select their GCSE subjects in Year 9, but also in Year 11 when deciding on post-16 pathways. As part of this, we offer university trips, including a residential trip to Cambridge University as well as visits to local FE institutions.

Our students can develop their skills, knowledge and understanding by participating in a range of enrichment and enhancement activities. For those with a linguistic bent, there is the opportunity to learn Spanish or to be part of the school’s online newspaper team. For those who are talented performers, we can offer a range of school productions such as Glee Club, choir or perhaps an opportunity to be part of our Performing Arts Showcase or a whole school production such as “Little Shop of Horrors” which received fantastic reviews before Christmas. We also have very success partnership with the Taunton Music Services for peripatetic music and singing lessons.

Of course, for those with a penchant for adventure, we can provide opportunities to participate in Forest School, the Duke of Edinburgh programme or trips abroad to Paris and expeditions to Morocco. There is a well-stocked and lively Learning Resource Centre and the dedicated team run a daily breakfast club, a huge choice of interest groups and regularly organise visits from well-known authors.

We believe that students should have a range of opportunities to develop leadership skills from playing a role in our school sports teams, being a tutor representative, a school council representative, and when they reach Year 11, perhaps even a prefect! All of these roles provide opportunities for our students to celebrate their achievements and skills and act as a positive role model to others.

Within lessons and across the age and ability range, there are high expectations of attainment for all students with our More Able & Talented students being provided with opportunities to extend their knowledge, understanding and skills. More able students can expect to develop their independent study skills through completing research and personalised learning tasks. We also offer students the opportunity to complete accredited courses such as the FCSE in French, Triple Science or perhaps a Level 3 qualification. All those identified as being more able, will have a personalised learning record available to staff and parents to ensure that personalised provision is delivered within lessons and across the curriculum.

We have excellent relationships with our local partner primary schools, enabling us to offer a comprehensive transition programme. The majority of our students continue their further education within the area, supported with strong links between us and the colleges.

Broadoak offers all new members of staff a pleasant and friendly atmosphere to work in and encourages participation in social as well as professional opportunities, whilst striving for improved standards and results. Every teacher is given a lap-top, and there is a strong emphasis on staff development, training and teamwork. We actively encourage staff to get involved with all aspects of college life and extra-curricular opportunities.

### **Mission Statement:**

We aim to be an outstanding College with a vibrant and innovative learning environment, where all students can maximise their abilities, ambitions and academic potential.

### **Values and Vision:**

We strive to help young people understand the importance of tolerance and respect for themselves and for each other. The College seeks to instill in all our students the significance of their role in both the College and local community.

We prepare our young people for life as active citizens in modern Britain. We actively encourage students to be independent and lifelong learners, acquiring the key skills of resilience, perseverance and independence.

### **Values and Ethos:**

- We will work proactively with parents and carers throughout their time here to ensure that students leave with the skills to help them succeed as adults.
- We place students at the heart of the college so that they enjoy their time here and achieve across a wide range of areas.
- We encourage students to strive for their 'personal best' in everything they do.
- At Broadoak relationships matter and we foster values of courtesy, consideration and individual responsibility.
- We aim to develop curious, knowledgeable, creative and articulate lifelong learners.
- We actively encourage students to adopt healthy, active, and safe lifestyles.
- We believe that success is built upon self-esteem.
- We offer a high degree of challenge together with a high level of support so that all can achieve.

For further details please visit [www.broadoak.n-somerset.sch.uk](http://www.broadoak.n-somerset.sch.uk)

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