

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting term we have had full of lots of fantastic events and extra-curricular activity opportunities!

One particular highlight was our Year 9 and 10 trip to Krakow, Poland – staff and students saw what a beautiful city Krakow is and had an emotional and thought provoking trip to Aushwitz and Birkenau to learn about what happened during WWII holocaust. Please see our website for more details about other activities that have taken place to mark Holocaust Memorial Day this year at Broadoak.

Our Festival of Literature was another great success, with staff excelling themselves with fabulous fancy-dress costumes of a vast array of literary characters, and many activities, author visits and events encouraging and inspiring our students to engage in reading.

Comic Relief Day on 24th March saw a non-uniform day, a "LOLathon" joke competition and cake sales raising over £800 to help transform lives in the UK and across the world. Meanwhile, our Year 7 and 8 charity weeks saw students busying themselves with magic shows, "splat the teacher" (with wet sponges – very popular!), sponsored silences, and sending Valentine roses to raise an impressive £736 for Weston Hospicecare – well done to all involved in these fabulous fundraising activities.

Our whole school production of "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" on 15th and 16th March was a huge success with fantastic performances from all the cast – months of dedication and enthusiasm in rehearsals really paid off in a polished performance that received rave reviews!

I know that our Year 11 students will be starting their revision for rapidly approaching GCSE exam. There will be revision sessions running throughout the two week break.

The final event of the term was the "Battle of the Bands" competition and what a terrific way to end the term it was. The competition was fierce and I am glad I wasn't judging! The winners were 'Los Hombres' comprising Alex Harvey, Jimmy Portlock and James Feltwell.

Finally I would like to wish the staff and 40 students who are off to Austria skiing over the break, a safe journey. I hope they have a great experience and all return unscathed.

I would like to wish you all a lovely Easter break.

Ms S Pritchard (Headteacher)



YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENTS VISIT POLAND

At the end of February, 40 students from Years 9 and 10 visited Krakow in Poland with the Humanities department.

We chose to visit Krakow because of the opportunity it offered to allow students to explore aspects of the Holocaust and the treatment of Jewish people throughout

history.
Both year groups had previously taken part in our activities for Holocaust Memorial Day and the trip to Poland offered a fantastic chance to connect with the stories and events of the

time even further.







All students
who attended the
trip behaved
impeccably,
representing
Broadoak well. It
was a pleasure to
be able to have
conversations with

students who were so clearly interested and passionate about the topic.





Whilst in Poland, we visited some incredible sites and discovered that Krakow is a truly beautiful city with a rich and intricate history.

The fundamental element of our trip was to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau. This was a very moving day, for both staff and students. as we discovered



first-hand the conditions in the camps and learned in detail about the treatment of those who were taken to the concentration camps. Many students were shocked by the size of Birkenau.

We also visited the Galicia Museum, where we looked at the progress of Jewish culture through time in a series of photographs. Whilst there, we were privileged to meet a survivor of the Holocaust, Monica Goldwasser, who told her story about how she was saved from the concentration camps.

Overall, the trip was incredibly rewarding for both students and staff. I would like to say a huge thank you to all who attended, for their mature and thoughtful attitudes throughout the trip. Overall, the trip was incredibly rewarding for both students and staff.



Emily Hitchins (10K) said, "I really enjoyed my experience in Poland because I felt it was a really insightful and once in a lifetime opportunity. I felt that even though it was incredibly

emotional, I was still able to appreciate and understand what it was like."



HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

This year to celebrate
Holocaust Memorial Day, the
Humanities faculty ran a
collapsed curriculum project.
Year 9 students had a
fortnight to take part in
learning activities around the



Holocaust and were then given four lessons to express themselves artistically. The theme this year was 'How can life go on?' Students explored real life stories of people whose lives were affected by the Holocaust and by more recent genocides. We were delighted with the pieces of work that students created. They responded in a mature and very thoughtful manner. Some students made models that were symbolic of the events during the Holocaust, others expressed themselves through poetry and some created moving pieces of art that expressed the emotions of those that suffered.

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We had many students who sometimes struggle with social and emotional behaviour who engaged with the project positively and took the opportunity to display their artistic talents.

The collapsed project was a fantastic lead up to the Humanities trip to Auschwitz. The project offered a fantastic chance to connect with the stories and events even further.

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FUN MATHS ROADSHOW

On the 8th March, Broadoak hosted its annual "Fun Maths Roadshow" for top set Year 8 students. The afternoon consisted of a carousel of activities designed to engage the brain as a series of thought-provoking challenges.

From something as simple as working out how to get 2 children, a dog and a mother across a river in a boat, to the more complex understanding from the position of the Sun and the Moon in the sky,

that volume is scale factor cubed.

The winners were Harriet Parkman, Aimee Melville-

Bowering, Chelsea Bland-Nickels, Maisie Merrick, Danielle Seymour, Shaeley Ashenden and Erin Duffy. Well done to you all!



MATHS HIGHER ORDER THINKING DAY



On the 20th March, Broadoak held its annual "Maths Higher Order Thinking Day" where eight of our brightest mathematicians were joined by twenty other students from five different schools for teaching by Ted Graham.

After looking at formulae such as s = ut + 1/2at², the group went on to discuss the

speed particular items (e.g. a £5 note) would drop under different criteria, as well as on the moon, and discussing the effect of gravity on moving objects, such as a human cannon ball and whether or not survival was possible under certain conditions.



The day was very informative and students really enjoyed it.

FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE

To celebrate "World Book Day", the whole school had a week of activities to celebrate reading. Across the week, students from all year groups got involved in a variety of activities that promoted the benefits of reading and literacy.

At the beginning of the week, we had an author visit, Tracey Alexander, author of 'Hacked' and 'Alias', and she spoke to all of the Year 7 students about writing (pictured below). She spoke about how to engage a reader and gave a fascinating insight in to the work that goes in to producing a novel.

Midweek, we had 2 visiting poets who worked with 60 Year 9 students. These groups worked with the poets and their class teachers to write some original poetry in groups, and perform in a poetry slam. There was plenty of action and lots of poetic skill on show.





Thursday was "World Book Day". All the staff were encouraged to dress up as their favourite literary characters. It created some great conversations between staff and students about reading for pleasure. The effort put in to costumes was outstanding. The Learning Support Department all dressed up as Shakespearean characters, Technology were various incarnations of James Bond and there were several Harry

Potter favourites too. There was also a treasure hunt for students to complete during the day which encouraged them to find various characters and discuss these books with staff.

The week concluded with a busy lunch time where around 20 students from across the school competed in a well fought "Spelling Bee". We also hosted a book swap in the LRC. Tutor groups completed World Book Day guizzes across the week to see how much they really knew about literature. Year 8 also had the amazing opportunity to read a whole Anthony Horowitz story in a day,



with each of their class teachers reading them the next part of the story throughout the day. As well as all that excitement, students all received a £1 World Book Day token which they could exchange for a completely free book in the LRC. A fantastic week was had by all and there was a real enthusiasm about reading around the school, which we hope will continue.



<u>BATTLE OF THE BANDS</u> <u>2017</u>

Broadoak's 'Battle of the Bands' this year was a total sell out and if you didn't manage to get a ticket in time, then you missed out on what was one of the best



musical events Broadoak has held.

With such a diverse range of musicians and singers



performing, the competition was intense and the judges had an extremely difficult decision to make. I think it's safe to say though, that the staff



pleased to announce that the winning band is 'Los Hombres' who are an acoustic band

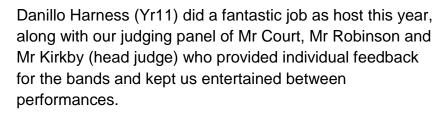
made up of year 11 students, Alex Harvey, Jimmy Portlock and James Feltwell. Their cover of Eric Clapton's 'Tears in Heaven' stole the evening and even reduced some people



to tears! A special mention has to go to our very worthy runners up, 'Walker' (Jack Walker Y8 and Madison Walker



who were by far the loudest!





The remaining bands: Tears, One Last Second and GNM must be congratulated too for their fantastic performances and with reference to GNM, Mr Robinson commented "It's great to see girls performing as a full band in an industry that is still heavily populated with male artists".

It takes a lot of courage to stand and perform in front of such a large audience of peers and as Head of Performing Arts, I am extremely proud of every single student who took part in the competition and congratulations once again to our winners 'Los Hombres'. And a very big thank you to Zoe Jardis and Lexi Schueler for the fantastic photography.



MATHS VISIT TO UWE



On Tuesday 4th April, 9 students from Year 10 attended the "Maths Is For Everyone" event at the University of Bristol with a number of other schools.

To start the day, the students had a few problems to solve. The morning activities began with a lecture on "Swarm Engineering" where the students got to see an analysis of the movements of flocks of birds and the recreation of this using robots. They then listened to a lecture on creative calculations and how we can make problems easier which the group found very useful.

The students also had a chance to take part in a Q&A session with a variety of Bristol University students to get an idea of University life and finding out details on courses and what they entail.

After lunch, a current Bristol University student took us a tour of the University and we all took part in the "Dragon Quiz". The students thoroughly enjoyed the quiz as they were split up into teams with members from different schools. They had a chance to show off their competitive side as the quiz was set up in a relay style race with the motivational prize of chocolate!

The day ended with a talk on "Animal Locomotion" which looked at the Mathematics behind how animals move.



RED NOSE DAY AT BROADOAK

"Comic Relief" on Friday 24th March was celebrated in style at Broadoak. This year, Broadoak's Student Council decided to raise money by holding a non-school uniform day, raising over £800 for causes both nationally and across the world.

One event that was particularly popular was Broadoak's 'LOLathon'. Students donated money to have their joke entered into a competition, with the funniest joke winning a prize. After much deliberation, it was decided that Dylan Allen's joke had won: 'Doctor, Doctor, I feel

like a pair of curtains.....pull yourself together then'. An old one but a good one, I suppose?

In addition to this, an ever-popular cake sale at break and lunch time topped off the day's proceeds, with many students donating money for Comic Relief.

Overall, lots of laughs were had for a worthy cause, and it was great to see so many students getting involved! It is fantastic that the money raised will now be put to work, transforming lives across the UK and world's poorest communities.



BROADOAK PERFORMANCE "THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE"



The cast of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' performed to great acclaim on the 15th and 16th March. It was the first Key Stage 3 production at

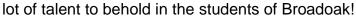


Broadoak and featured students from Year 7, 8 & 9 in the leading roles, offering them an opportunity to shine, and shine they did! Students had been in rehearsal for the production for several months, developing and honing their characters to success.



Some of the cast had never performed publicly before and entered into both the rehearsal process and the performances themselves with enthusiasm, dedication and gusto. Enjoyment showed on the faces of the performers and audience alike, with staff, students and parents offering their support and applause.

With auditions for the next production coming up soon, this time a musical, there is clearly a





ENTERPRISE 4 U

Students Joshua Beacham and Caleb Veal took part in "Enterprise 4 U" at Weston College. They came up with a fantastic business idea which involved creating "Smart Weights" which

sends information from your gym workout to your phone.

Seven teams entered, all with really strong business ideas and presentations. Joshua and Caleb came second and the judges commented on their innovative idea, detailed business plan and an excellent understanding of the technology involved.

A big well done to you both!



SCHOOL REPORT



Thursday 16th March was the "BBC School Report" day and students from Broadoak spent the day preparing news stories and then presenting the news on camera.



47 Year 10 Media students covered a range of news items including world news, politics, sport and

local stories. They spent the morning researching the days news using a variety of different sources including all national newspapers, planned their script and practiced presenting to the camera. The final films were edited by one of the students and is available to view on the Broadoak website (http://broadoakcollege.org.uk/page/?title=BBC+School+Report&pid=139)

Some of the students positive comments were "I had lots of fun because it taught me lots about the news and how to become a reporter", "It was really interesting to learn about the ins and outs of news and I found it good because it allowed me to work on my own news story."

YEAR 7 AND 8 CHARITY WEEKS

Year 7 and 8 students and tutors have been busy fundraising for "Weston Hospicecare" as part of their charity weeks.

There have been a variety of activities including cake sales, sending roses, postcards with kind messages, magic shows, sponsored silences and the very popular 'Splat the Teacher' event!

We raised just over £736 which was donated to Weston Hospicecare. A big thank you to all Lower School students and staff for taking part.





YEAR 10 TEXTILES TRIP TO BATH FASHION MUSEUM

Miss Baxter-Hunter (Head of Textiles) took the Year 10 Textiles GCSE group to the Bath Fashion Museum.

For some, this was the first visit to Bath, as well as their first visit to a museum. We got to spend some time enjoying the 100 years of fashion exhibition, where the students were able to take photos, sketch and come up with ideas.

The students focused on looking at

surface embellishment and how to add beautiful details to a garment. Their collection of research to develop embellished samples, using nature as our main inspiration. By selecting areas of photographs they produced mini collages using paper, fabric, thread, feathers, card, beads and buttons to create textures and outlines.

The workshop allowed the students to develop their creative thinking by challenging them to something they'd not done before and exploring ways in which they can enhance their GCSE projects through surface embellishment.

Some of the students felt 'it was fun to learn about fashion in the past', 'the workshop was great', 'it was more than I expected' and finally that the 'best bit was dressing up in olden day clothes!'

A Friday well spent and hopefully something we will repeat again in the future.



LRC NEWS

12 WORDS OF WINTER

During December, the LRC again challenged students to write a story in no more than twelve words. It sounds a lot easier than it is as a story must contain a beginning, middle and an end; doing so in just twelve words is quite a challenge!

Tutor groups as well as English sets were

encouraged to take part resulting in lots of entries which we displayed on the "Twelve Words of Winter" display in the LRC.

The winning entry (below) was written by George Barnett of 8W (pictured above) and George received a book of short stories as his prize.

I wanted snow.

It didn't come.

What a disappointment, Gingerbread cookie anyone?

STUDENTS LOVE THEIR LIBRARY AT BROADOAK!

With February being the month in which we celebrate St Valentine's Day, the LRC decided to ask students what they love about the college's library. A bright display was made by Mrs

Neal and the students wrote their views on special heart-shaped sticky-notes and added them to the display.

Broadoak is committed to listening to the views of our students and this is a great way of encouraging students to express a positive opinion about an aspect of their college. As well as many comments about the fantastic book selection, our students also commented that they liked that the LRC as it is a safe and friendly space to meet friends and relax, play games and use the computers.



CILLIP CARNEGIE MEDAL 2017

This year, as well as running our normal Carnegie Challenge, we have challenged Year 9, 10 and 11 students to read and review as many shortlisted titles as they can during a three-month period. The winner will be announced. On June 19th, we are also inviting a number of top readers from Year 9 to "Shadow" the Carnegie judging panel. We work as a group to read, discuss, review and blog about the shortlisted titles.

The Carnegie Medal shortlist is dominated by novels of identity, friendship, love and survival, Debut children's author Lauren Wolk's "Wolf Hollow" - a US-set coming-of-age tale of a young girl's experience of bullying, survival and friendship in a small town in the 1940s - vies with previous Carnegie Medal winner Philip Reeve's intergalactic fantasy thriller "Railhead", where hi-tech trains transport passengers between planets and galaxies in a mere moment. Journalist-turned-debut-author Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock's "The Smell of Other People's Houses" - inspired by her own experiences of growing up in Alaska in the Seventies - is joined on the eight strong shortlist by Zana Fraillon's "The Bone Sparrow" a story of unexpected friendship in the tough world of an internment camp in Australia, and Glenda Millard's tale of survival and redemption through friendship, love and the power of poetry, "The Stars at Oktober Bend". Previous Medal winner Frank Cottrell Boyce's "Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth" about family, fostering, the power of friendship and how a boy called Prez regains his voice, and Ruta Sepetys's "Salt to the Sea", a WW2-set story of refugees and survivors inspired by a real life naval disaster, complete the Carnegie shortlist for 2017.

YEAR 9/10 CATERING ENRICHMENT PROJECT

Six students were selected to take part in an exciting project organised at Weston College to provide an introduction to the Catering and Hospitality industry. During the course, the students developed skills in food preparation, cooking and serving.

The course ran for four sessions in Weston College's professional kitchen in which the students prepared a three-course meal, each session focussing on a different course.

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Parents and teachers were invited to the restaurant for the final session to enjoy the delicious meal.

The chef lecturer from Weston College who was in charge of the event said, "It was an absolute pleasure to work with all the students from Broadoak as they listened carefully to instructions, were proactive and worked well together."

Congratulations Alex, Ana, Emily, Casey,

Hester and Oswald on completing this course and showing a great passion and commitment throughout the project.





CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE!

Year 10 student, Maddie Walker, won an award for being the Under-16 lead for her role as Dorothy in the "Wizard of Oz" with Oppits, and the whole production, which involved several of our students, who got the best youth production.

Congratulations to Olimpia Wyrwal who was examined for Grade 2 Flute and passed!

AYLIN IS A WINNER!

In January, the Year 10 GCSE Textiles class entered a fashion competition with Bridgwater and Taunton College. They had to design a garment based on a location of their choice. The winning design would then be made into the garment as the prize.

The submissions were a variety of dresses, 2 pieces and skirts inspired by places all over the world.

At the end of March, Broadoak was notified that 3 of our

students had been shortlisted as finalists and had been invited to attend the fashion show.





We went along to a fantastic fashion show on March 30th at the McMillan Theatre in Bridgwater. The fashion show brought together all of the creative faculty subjects; fashion, media, art, make up, photography, dance, barbering and hairdressing under one roof to celebrate their achievements this year.

During the show it was announced that Broadoak student, Aylin Mustafa had won the competition and her dress had been made for her and worn down the runway by a model.

At the end of the night they were all praised for their high level of work and achievement and rewarded with a certificate each. We are hoping to exhibit the work of the students in the E corridor and have the dress on show at the Creative Arts Summer Showcase in June. A huge well done to all Year 10 Textiles students who work incredibly hard and a special congratulations to Aylin Mustafa (Winner), Zaira Olitres and Junanna George (highly commended) for being shortlisted against a number of other local schools.

KS3 DANCE FLASHMOB

On Monday 20th March, 11 students from our KS3 Dance Company performed a flashmob at Weston College.

They danced in celebration of 'World Happiness Day' and we have had some fantastic feedback from those who watched the routine on the day. They performed the choreography twice at Weston College's Knightstone Campus and definitely



brought a smile to staff and students; they had been completely surprised by the outbreak of dancing whilst they unassumingly queued for their food in the canteen! The dancers did an amazing job and by popular demand were asked to dance for our own students at Broadoak. They performed the same routine during lunchtime on Friday 24th March in aid of "Comic Relief" and they really impressed their peers with fast paced choreography and acrobatic stunts. Thank you to all of them for creating such a wonderful atmosphere in the A-wing and for extending "World Happiness" celebrations!

Congratulations to the following dancers who participated:

Lottie Dadds, Agata Sudol, Kylie Cao, Alisha Nottingham-Brinkley, Natasha Uddin, Precious Russell, Naomi Morgan, Ashleigh Rodgers, Dew Birch, Xena Hewett and Katlyn Belcher.

PE NEWS



Year 9 vs Hans Price (Won 2-1)

A very close encounter by two evenly matched teams. Broadoak created several good opportunities in the first half but a combination of unlucky finishing and good defending saw the score remain at 0-0 at half-time.

The second half saw a similar pattern and the game was heading for a draw until Keiron McDowell scored two quick goals in the final ten minutes to secure the win. Hans Price did get a late consolation to set up a dramatic finish but the boys hung on for the victory.

Man of the match: Keiron McDowell

Year 7 vs St Katherine's (Won 5 – 2)

In their second home match of the season, the Year 7 football team turned into an excellent attacking display which proved too strong for St Katherine's. Broadoak missed an early penalty to take a one nil lead and then conceded two quick goals against the run of play to go in at half time 0-2 down. A strong second half with good attacking play from Joel Frost and Kurtis Ham saw the team turn things around and score 5 unanswered goals with the pick of the bunch being a 20 yard screamer from Joel.

Man of the match: Joel Frost

Girls Fixtures

V Sidcot Year 11 Netball Lost 2-13 Year 10 Netball won 10-3 Year 7/8 hockey lost 0-5 Year 7 hockey lost 0-1

V Churchill Year 11 netball drew 11-11 Year 10 netball won 25-12 Year 9 hockey lost 0-2

V Worle Year 10 netball lost 18-27 Year 7/8 hockey lost 1-8 Year 7 hockey lost 0-9

V Hans Price Year 10 netball won 18-6 Year 9 hockey won 4-0 Year 7/8 hockey drew 0-0 Year 7 hockey drew 3-3

V Nailsea Year 10 netball lost 7-17

V St Katherines Year 7/8 hockey lost 0-5 Year 7 hockey lost 0-4







Hockey

Despite some big losses and cancelled games, all of the girls in Years 7, 8 and 9 hockey squads have been attending practices regularly and have been working hard to improve their skills. They played their matches with enthusiasm and have always played to the final whistle. Good luck in the forthcoming tournament.

Netball

Well done to both of the Broadoak netball teams. The Year 10 netball squad have shown great perseverance and determination throughout the season and have been rewarded with many well deserved wins. Year 11 team, despite their study and their other sporting commitments, have been dedicated throughout the year. Good luck to the Year 10 netball squad in their tournament.





GOLF TASTER SESSIONS

Weston-super-Mare Golf Club have been providing golf taster sessions during PE lessons for students in Year 9 as part of a project organised by England Golf to try to encourage more young people to become interested in taking up the sport.

The sessions provide a full introduction to golf including teeing off, driving and putting with professional coaches from our neighbours at Weston Golf Club.

The students are really enjoying the sessions. "It's great to try something new, we enjoyed seeing who got the ball the furthest!" was one of the positive comments from a Year 9 student.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

At Broadoak, we recognise and embrace our role in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. *Keeping Children Safe in Education (DfE September 2016)* makes it clear that all staff have a safeguarding responsibility. Safeguarding means:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcome

Our Child Protection lead staff include:-

- Ms E Gundry (Deputy Head, Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mr T Kirkby (Assistant Head, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs R Whitehouse (SENCO, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

The Designated Governor and Deputy Designated Governor for Child Protection are Mr. John Brock and Mr Leigh Morris. All staff in the College receive regular training to ensure that they can fulfil their safeguarding role. We encourage all parents/carers to contact us if concerned about a child.

The NSPCC website provides a wealth of information for parents/carers about a range of Safeguarding issues. This can be found at the link



BROADOAK ROAD PARKING - A POLITE REQUEST

Can we please ask parents who are dropping off or collecting children from the Broadoak Road area to please be considerate of our neighbours and ensure that residents' driveways are not obstructed in any way, and that the no parking zones of the zig-zag yellow lines are observed. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

TERM 4			
Start	Monday	20	February 2017
End	Friday	7	April 2017
TERM 5			
Start	Monday	24	April 2017
Bank Holiday	Monday	1	May 2017
End	Friday	26	May 2017
TERM 6			
Start	Monday	5	June 2017
End	Friday	21	July 2017 (12.25pm finish)