



## **NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2017**

What a wonderful first half term we have had at Broadoak! My thanks go out to you all for the many good wishes and warm welcomes I have had as I join this tremendous school.

You will see from the content of this newsletter how many activities we have delivered and how much has already been achieved by our fabulous students. This is in addition to the hard work going on in the classrooms day in and day out. I

have visited many classrooms in my first few weeks and have to say that our young people have stepped up to the more rigorous behaviour policy. Well done to them all!



### **TALENTED STUDENTS!**

I began this term with the great honour of listening to the speeches given by the prefects who were all vying to be Head Boy and Head Girl. The quality of how they spoke was stunning but, more importantly, the values they spoke about were of community, friendship, support and pride in achieving their best for themselves and the other students. This sense of an extended family was also evident in the extremely positive and successful “Open Evening” we held. It was such a joy to have student ambassadors from all years welcoming parents and children to the sound of the grand piano being played and then to open the event with a performance from “The Wiz”. Talent abounds here at Broadoak!

## **WORKING WITH PARENTS**

This last term has seen a Year 7 parents' evening, a Year 11 'how to support your child' evening as well as events for Duke of Edinburgh, Year 10 parents' evening, "Year 7 support your child with Maths" and a Year 7 SEND evening. If you missed any of these and want further information, please do get in touch! Look out as well for "Meet-the-Head" events where you can drop in for a chat about any issues you may wish to raise.

## **MAKING CONNECTIONS**

I have had the pleasure of visiting some of our local primary schools over these past few weeks to make stronger community connections and look forward to visiting more after the half-term. It is incredibly important to us here at Broadoak that we know where the children are coming from and how we can best hold their hand as they move to secondary. Similarly, we have had assemblies for our Year 11s on their next steps and have had visits from sixth form providers – it is such an exciting as well as nerve-wracking year for them. We urge all parents with students in Year 11 to get in touch if they have any questions or comments about how we can make this year the most successful it can be.

## **CYCLE SAFETY**

I have had a few conversations with members of the public who are concerned that some of our young people, particularly in the lower years, are not keeping themselves as safe as they should when they cycle home. If your child cycles please do speak with them about road safety, using a cycle helmet and, as we enter the darker nights, high visibility clothing. We are planning a "Bikeability" event in school to reinforce the message so please get involved if you can. Further details of this event can be found in this newsletter.

## **FIZZY DRINKS/ENERGY DRINKS**

In keeping with the theme of developing healthy young people, we will be asking that after half term no students bring fizzy drinks or energy drinks into school. The effects of such drinks on young people can be immense in terms of their concentration, behaviour, dental health and physical health. Students will receive the message through assemblies and tutor time where they will be encouraged to share their views but we would very much like to encourage them to rethink sugary drinks and opt for healthier choices.

## **INSET DAY**

Some of you have asked, quite rightly, what teachers do on inset days. In our last inset day on 29<sup>th</sup> September the teaching team worked with an educational consultant looking at ways to develop their teaching strategies to maximise impact. You may have seen some of the comments and pictures on Twitter. It was an invaluable training day that allowed us to work collaboratively on professional pedagogy so that our young people make more progress in the classroom. Our next inset day on 30<sup>th</sup> October will be dedicated to curriculum planning in light of the raised standards at both key stage 2 and key stage 4. Again, it will give us time to work together to calibrate and redesign where necessary what is happening in our classrooms to make sure pupils make as much progress as possible.

## “SHOW MY HOMEWORK”

We are very keen on students developing their independent study skills – vital for their own progress but also for further study beyond school! All students will have homework set on [showmyhomework.co.uk](http://showmyhomework.co.uk) If you need any support in accessing it then please do get in touch. It is also worth noting that homework club runs every day after school for all students who want to use it.

## ATTENDANCE

From all of the team here, a huge thank you for the support you have given in making sure that attendance and punctuality has been taken so seriously. We all know attendance is vital in the success of the students and will keep that as a priority going forward. I return many times to the fact that even though 90% sounds good, it actually means a student has missed 90 lessons!

I wish you all a restful half term and look forward to a busy and productive Christmas term.

Ms K McGillicuddy  
Headteacher

## BOOKS HOME

We are pleased to announce that students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be bringing books home to parents again this academic year.

Last year, parents and carers told us that they thought the initiative was a great way to find out more about what children know and what they need to learn or practise further. Parents and carers also commented that they thoroughly enjoyed looking through books in the comfort of their own home.

This year, the scheme begins with Year 8 and Year 9:-

Students in **8S, 8M and 8W** will bring home exercise books on **Wednesday 22nd November**. Books must be returned to College on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**.

Students in **8B, 8D and 8K** will bring home books on **Wednesday 29th November**. Books must be returned to College on **Thursday 30th November**.

Students in **9S, 9Q, 9R and 9W** will bring home books on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. Books must be returned to College on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**.

Students in **9B, 9D, 9K and 9M** will bring home books on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Books must be returned to College on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

The scheme will start in January 2018 for Year 7 with **7S, 7M and 7W** bringing books home on the **17<sup>th</sup> January** and **7B, 7D and 7K** bringing books home on the **24<sup>th</sup> January**. A reminder will be sent to parents nearer the time.

We hope that you agree that this is an exciting opportunity to find out more about your child's learning and progress. Of course, we do ask that you support your child by returning books to College the next day.



## **CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 7'S!**

Congratulations to all of our new Year 7 students who have settled in really well here at Broadoak.

The great majority of them are meeting the "Personal Best" expectations and it is also really pleasing to see so many of them embrace the extra-curricular opportunities on offer.

A show of hands in assembly last week revealed that well over three quarters of students have joined at least one club. Well done and keep up the good work!

You have made excellent first impressions!

## **INTRODUCING THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Congratulations to the newly appointed Head Girl, Madison and Head Boy, Dylan. The Deputy Head Girl is Alyx and the Deputy Head Boy, Tim. They were selected from a total of 11 other students who applied for the roles, all of whom had to give a presentation to students and staff for them to vote.

As well as our Head Girl and Head Boy team, we have also appointed a further 19 students as prefects. Prefects are a group of students in Year 11 who represent the personal best values of Broadoak College.



As well as excellent attendance, punctuality and attitude to learning, prefects undergo a rigorous application process, including a letter of application with supporting statements from peers and teachers and an interview with the Headteacher.

Students who are selected as prefects receive an afternoon training session, a different tie, and a pin badge to enable students to recognise them around the school. Prefects act as student ambassadors on Open Evening and often as tour guides for visitors throughout the year, and they support staff in break and lunchtime supervision. One of the prefects' key roles is to assist in organising the Leaver's Prom, year book and hoodies. They hold fund raising events throughout the year to help with the costs so that all students get an opportunity to participate. The Head Boy and Girl will be representing Broadoak in the community and they will also participate in assemblies, give a presentation at Open Evening and sit on the School Council.

## BROADOAK'S OPEN EVENING



Broadoak opened its doors for its annual “Open Evening” on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September to showcase all the best things Broadoak has to offer.

Every faculty pulled out all the stops to make the evening as informative and enjoyable as possible. In Mathematics there were exciting puzzles and games, English had a time machine theme visiting literature through the ages, a poetry pedestal, story writing and some Dickens bah-humbugs!

Visitors got to taste freshly squeezed apple juice, make their own torch, create their own masterpiece in Creative Arts and dress up for the fun photo booth in Foreign Languages. Science faculty is always popular with lots of different experiments to capture the imagination of our young guests, with fire bubbles, rockets and heart dissection. The Geography classroom was transformed into a Disaster Zone with sound, lighting and smoke effects to give you the atmosphere of a genuine disaster.

The talents of the students were on display with student pianists playing the grand piano throughout the evening as well as a short scene from this year’s Performing Arts production of *The Wiz*.

Head Girl and Head Boy, Maddie and Dylan, led the proceedings in the Main Hall with a wonderful speech full of their personal reflections of the opportunities they have enjoyed at Broadoak and our new Head Teacher Ms McGillycuddy delivered a speech highlighting her vision for the future of the school.



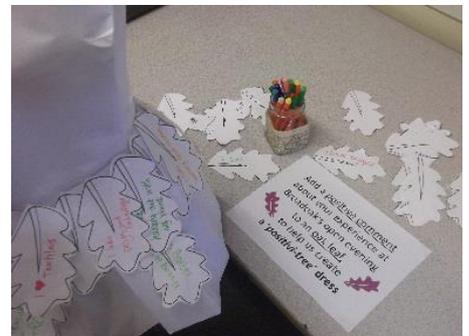


Visiting Year 6 children and their families were greatly impressed by the professionalism presented and the outstanding quality of the teaching and learning on display.

“We are so proud of our young people and the talent and skill on display this evening. They were wonderful ambassadors for themselves, us and their families. I had the joy of receiving many compliments on their behalf and receiving great feedback from parents who noted there was a ‘real buzz about learning’ throughout the college. We hope many people will take the opportunity to visit us on our Open Mornings and see for themselves why Broadoak should be the proud, first choice of this community” commented Ms McGillycuddy.

The Creative Arts department displayed some fabulous pieces to include torch making, apple juicing, still life photography, keyrings, sewing machine driving tests and positivitree dress.

Year 10 textiles had 2 hours to design, plan and make a garment in teams, out of the reusable materials in the room such as newspaper, scrap paper, cellophane and magazines.



Starting Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>

# Costume Club

for

Open to all year groups

Thursday's after school 3pm-4pm in E6.

## The Wiz

A SEARCH FOR BRILLIANCE

If you don't feel confident with acting you can still play a part! We need people to help create some of the costumes and yellow brick road.

If you'd like to help let your tutor know or speak to Miss Baxter or Mrs Harvey.

### COSTUME CLUB

Students are currently taking part in creating costumes for 'The Wiz'. Aply run by Miss Baxter-Hunter, students are creating masks, costumes and of course, the famous Yellow Brick Road!

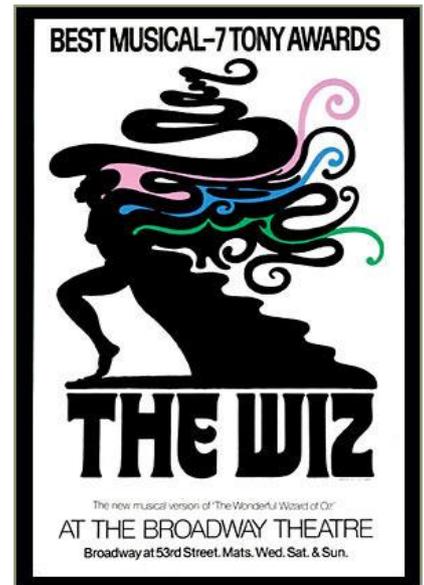
## COMING SOON!...BROADOAK'S PRODUCTION OF "THE WIZ"

Tickets for our upcoming production of 'The Wiz', the soul re-telling of the classic "Wizard of Oz" story are now available from Broadoak Reception or via ParentPay- £5 for adults and £3 for concessions. Book now to avoid disappointment 15th-17th November.

### COMPETITION TIME!

Students from Years 7 & 8 have been invited to take part in a competition that will see them testing their technology skills - they have the option to make a 3D freestanding model of one of the iconic parts of 'The Wiz' - the Emerald City, the hot air balloon that landed the Wizard in Oz in the first place, and the Wicked

Witch of the West's pointed hat.



**Year 7 & 8 Competition**  
Closing Date: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

**The Brief:**  
Design and make a freestanding 3D model of one of the iconic symbols of the famous story. Some of the best will be selected to be used in the performances in November and all will be on display around the school.

**The Options:**  
1- A 3D witches hat  
2- A 3D model of the Emerald City  
3- A 3D model of a hot air balloon

All entries must stand unaided and must be 3D. Site and choice of materials is up to you. Entries from individuals or groups. More than one category can be entered.



Entries can be from individuals, pairs or even tutor groups and are due in to the Drama Department on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, where they will be judged by the Technology Department and prizes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each year group.

## NATIONAL POETRY DAY CELEBRATIONS AT BROADOAK

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, it was "National Poetry Day".

This year's theme was "Freedom". As part of our celebration of National Poetry Day, we had a board in the Centre of Excellence where students from across the College shared their thoughts on what freedom means to them.

### National Poetry Day Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

This year's theme is Freedom.

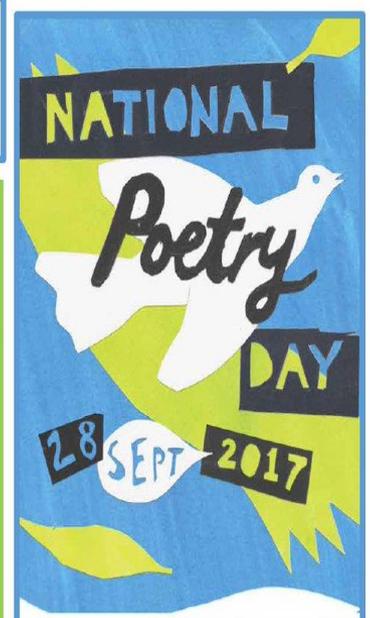
What does freedom mean to you?

Join us in the Centre of Excellence at break and lunchtime to share your thoughts on freedom.

We would love for you to add a line to our Broadoak poems on Freedom.

*Freedom is...*

*As free as...*



## BIKEABILITY



As part of the schools' Active Travel Plan we aim to raise awareness and create opportunities for young people to travel actively and safely to and from school. We know that this will benefit the whole school community.

To give young people the confidence to travel actively we are offering Bikeability Level 3 training. The training is free of charge (funded by North Somerset Council) and will be led by Life Cycle UK ([www.lifecycleuk.org.uk](http://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk)).

### **What is Bikeability Level 3 Training?**

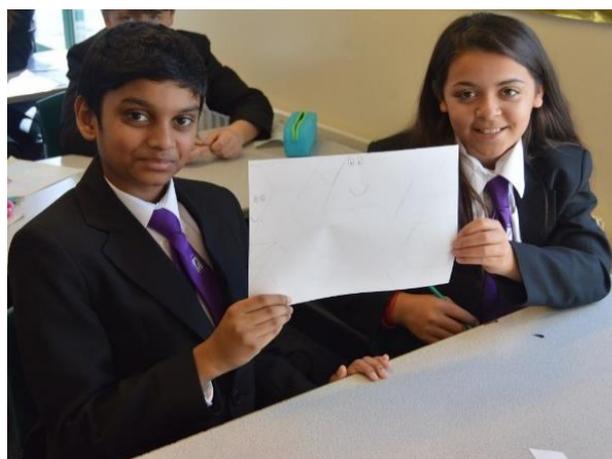
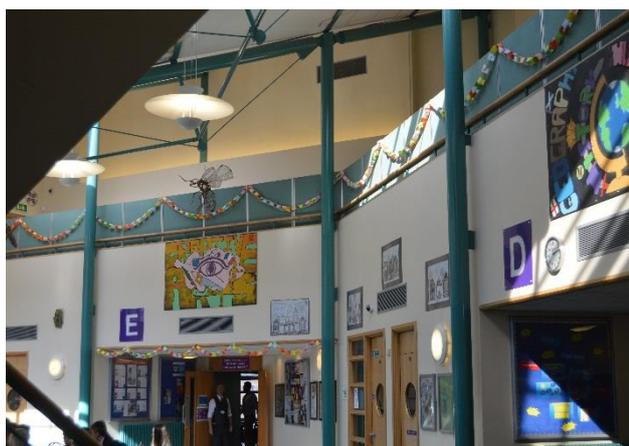
Level 3 training is fun and suitable for children at secondary school and covers dealing with hazards, making 'on-the-move' risk assessments and planning routes for safer cycling. Training will happen on the school site and away from the school site in the local area.

Once students have completed their Bikeability Level 3 qualification green badge, they will be able to cycle almost anywhere, and:

- Make a trip to school, work or elsewhere on any roads
- Use complex junctions and road features such as roundabouts, multi-lane roads and traffic lights
- Understand driver blind spots
- Know how (and when) to pass queuing traffic
- Identify and react to hazardous road surfaces
- Plan a safe cycling route
- Interpret road signs

Bikeability is offered to students from Years 7 – 9 and begins the week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017. If your child is interested in attending, please contact Mrs Hambley on (01934) 422000 by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

## ONE WORLD WEEK



Miss Evans and the Modern Foreign Languages department are delighted to report that 2017's "One World Week" was a fantastic success!

There was a wide range of activities taking place to celebrate our different cultures, languages and diversity. This year's theme was "Hope" and was the central theme for our poetry competition and the teacher's "Great Broadoak Bake Off". Mrs Harvey won the award for best tasting cake and Miss Jenkins won the most votes for best presentation.



In PSHCE lessons, we learnt about the importance of access to clean water and sanitation and we created a paper chain full of messages of hope for the future. This paper chain has been displayed in the Centre of Excellence for everyone to see.

Year 7 and 8 took part in “One World Day”, where we learnt about African drumming, the Paralympics, migration, rockets, making water filters, Greek, Welsh, Muslim tessellations, French crepe making and a successful poetry slam was conducted in the English department.

“It was a great opportunity to learn about other countries”, “It was good to learn about how clean water saves lives” and “I enjoyed learning about a range of cultures” were some of the positive comments students gave about their experiences during One World Week. The Paralympics’ seated volleyball and Mr Knight’s French sessions were particularly highly rated activities! Most students’ only complaint was that they wanted to learn more languages!



### **ONE WORLD WEEK – POEMS OF HOPE**

As part of One World Week, Broadoak students in Years 7 and 8 took part in a carousel where they experienced different cultural lessons to do with the theme of ‘hope’. Whilst in English, students wrote and performed slam poems about what they are hopeful for.



Students were enthusiastic, creative and imaginative in writing their poems and it was fantastic to see so many trying their hands at writing a poem and performing them in front of the class. There were many interpretations on the theme which meant the entries were so varied.



Competition winners were:

#### **YEAR 7**

Piper (7K)  
Daniella (7K)

#### **YEAR 8**

Joanne (8D)  
Dottie (8D)  
Louise (8D)  
Jwala (8D)



## MANY CONGRATULATIONS MADDIE!

“A few weeks ago, I was lucky enough to be able to travel up to Hitchin, near Cambridge, for an audition. The audition was for a Drama School called Emil Dale Academy (EDA).

When I arrived there, I was overwhelmed by the size of the building and the amount of people there with me. Everything was lit up in different colours with musical songs booming out of every speaker!

We were then taken to one of the 6 studios to complete a dance, video and acting audition and then to have an interview with Emil Dale himself.

We were informed that only 43 people would be offered a place this year out of 3400, so it was pretty stiff competition!

Two weeks later, I received a black box in the post which was tied with a black ribbon. Inside, was an EDA lanyard and a sheet of gold paper telling me that I had

been offered a place on their 2-year course! Although this is a massive decision to make, we have accepted the place and I will be moving there next year to study Musical Theatre and pursue my dreams.”

Well done Maddie....we are very proud of you!

## PE NEWS



The Year 10 and 11 Hockey squad have been developing their game since September, and their hard work has been rewarded in two very competitive games against Worle and Sidcot, with Hans Price, Clevedon and Churchill still to play.

A 0-1 last minute loss to Worle was followed last week by a 2-1 win against Sidcot.

The squad are Nina, Kasey, Callie, Vicky (all Year 11's), Neve, Georgia, Lottie, Daisy, Milly, Melanie, Ryla, Tianna and Lauren (all Year10's).

Pictured right, students this year have been training hard and competing each week against other schools in North Somerset. Students in each year group have seen real progress and are beginning to gel well as a team.



## BAKE OFF!



Dylan, our Head Boy, has been fundraising for the Crohn's and Colitis Charity.

He organised a "Broadoak Bake Off" last week where students from Years 7, 8 and 9 made cakes to be judged by the Prefect Team and then sold to raise some money.

All students who entered made fantastic cakes making the judging a difficult task. They were judged on appearance and taste and the lucky winners were Maisie 9M, Bethany 8S and Tia 7D who all received some fantastic prizes, kindly

donated by Hussain's Indian take-away, McDonald's and Mendip Activity Centre.

Thank you to everyone who entered and to those who bought the cakes, we raised a brilliant amount of **£147** for the charity.

## QUIZ NIGHT

The Year 11 Prefect team have made a great start to the term and started to get the ball rolling for the end of year leavers' celebrations already, so watch this space!

They would like to raise as much money as possible to ease the financial burden on parents so to start off the fundraising they are organising a **Quiz Night on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 7pm-10pm. £15 per team (maximum of 6 people per team).**

To enter a team please contact Jackie Vernon – [jv@broadoak.n-somerset.sch.uk](mailto:jv@broadoak.n-somerset.sch.uk) or Tel: 01934 422000.

Each table will receive a complimentary bottle on arrival with further refreshments available to purchase throughout the night. There will be some fantastic raffle prizes, so bring plenty of money to purchase tickets. Please do come along and support our Year 11s - it will be a fun night for all!

## BROADOAK STAFF HOLD MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



When it comes to charity, Broadoak staff and students are always very passionate about raising money for worthy causes.

For the second year running, staff at Broadoak held a MacMillan Coffee Morning and raised a whopping £183.89 for MacMillan Cancer Support through a "bake or fake" coffee morning and also a departmental bake off.

Earlier this term, the staff took part in the "Great Broadoak Bake Off" interfaculty bake. The competition also runs as part of One World Week.

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The theme this year was 'Hope' and the entries once again surpassed expectation. The cakes were judged on both taste and appearance, and money raised went towards Macmillan. The end decision was very close, but the winning entry was a fabulous piano cake, baked by the Performing Arts Faculty. Congratulations to them and to Mrs Harvey in particular. We are looking forward to seeing – and tasting next year's bakes!



**BROADOAK STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT HATE CRIME.**



Year 9 Broadoak students took part in the “Hate Crime Awareness” roadshow which is touring North Somerset.

Sessions were held on the MAVIS bus (Multi-Agency Vehicle in Service) raising awareness of Hate Crime.

The students learnt how Hate Crime is tackled in North Somerset and how they can get advice, support and how to report Hate Crime.

The roadshow had a range of interactive activities and representatives from agencies including the Police, SARI (Stand Against Racism & Inequality) and Citizens Advice. “This was a great opportunity for Broadoak students to understand the seriousness of Hate Crime and the importance of living in harmony with, and being proud of, our multi-cultural society”.

## PERSONAL BEST EXPECTATIONS

We are very proud of the behaviour and conduct of students, in and out of College. Visitors to Broadoak always comment on how polite and positive our young people are.

We have trialled some changes to the Behaviour Policy this term, to further promote the very highest standards in the classroom. Behaviour points have not been visible to parents/carers this term via the School Gateway; we have focussed on sharing positive achievement points instead, making contact directly if there have been concerns. A number of requests have been made for the behaviour points to also be visible and so they can now also be seen on the Gateway.

Please do contact your child's tutor or Year Leader if you have any questions or concerns.

## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS/CARERS

We continue to move forward with electronic mail to parents/carers. Not only cost effective and environmentally friendly, and in our experience, a quicker and more efficient way to communicate.

If you have an email address and would like us to communicate with you electronically and have not signed up to "Schoolcomms", please contact Mrs Vernon at Broadoak on (01934) 422000.

## BROADOAK UNIFORM

We are always very proud of how smart our students look, both in college and in the community. We appreciate all the support of parents and carers to ensure that students are wearing the correct uniform. The photos below highlight expected standards of uniform and we look forward to your continued support in sending students to school during the year in correct uniform.



### Uniform 2016/17 – Acceptable Trousers/Skirt Guidance

Examples of trouser and skirt styles that are acceptable.

Trousers must be black, tailored and straight; not excessively tight or tapered. They should be of a sensible length and 'sit on the shoe'.

Skirts should be black, tailored and be of a length no shorter than the top of the knee.



### Uniform 2016/17 – Unacceptable Trousers/Skirt Guidance

Examples of trouser and skirt styles that are unacceptable and must not be worn.

Trousers must not be skinny, leggings, made of denim or stretchy fabric.

Skirts must not be made of stretchy fabric, must not be tight or above the knee.



Please remember that trainer-style shoes are sold in some shops as school shoes, they do NOT meet Broadoak uniform requirements. If you have any questions, please contact your child's Head of Year. All branded uniform can be purchased through NK Sports.

## **PIERCINGS**

We would also remind you of the rules regarding jewellery and piercings:-

**Under no circumstances are facial piercings acceptable. Students are only allowed 2 studs in their lower lobe.**

## **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



## **TERM & HOLIDAY DATES - 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR**

<b>TERM 2</b>			
Inset Day (college closed to students)	Monday	30	October 2017
Start (for students)	Tuesday	31	October 2017
End	Tuesday	19	December 2017 (12.25pm finish)
<b>TERM 3</b>			
Start	Thursday	4	January 2018
End	Friday	9	February 2018
<b>TERM 4</b>			
Start	Monday	19	February 2018
End	Friday	23	March 2018
<b>TERM 5</b>			
Start	Monday	9	April 2018
Bank Holiday	Monday	7	May 2018
End	Friday	25	May 2018
<b>TERM 6</b>			
Start	Monday	4	June 2018
End	Friday	20	July 2018 (12.25pm finish)