



BROOKFIELD NEWS

Issue 5

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Things have returned to normal at school after the busy Christmas period. Year 13 returned to start their mock exams last week, and these seem to be going well. It is a key year for our Year 13 students, many of whom have applied for university and are receiving offers. It is also a pivotal year for Year 11, and last Thursday was the Year 11 Parents' Evenings. This was particularly well-attended and staff and myself are enormously grateful for the support that students and the school receive from parents and carers. This is also an important time for Year 9 students, who make their GCSE option choices this term.

Once again this is a busy term ahead, both from an academic and extra-curricular perspective. From the school production of *Guys and Dolls*, to the Project Lesotho 'Race Night' to the glitz of the catwalk in our 'Promfest' event, there is plenty going on...

Finally, can I remind parents and students that the deadline for Brookfield Sixth Form applications is fast approaching on the 24th January.



Mr Keith Hirst, Headteacher

SKI TRIP TAKES TO THE SLOPES

For a number of years the ski trip has shredded up the slopes of Folgarida in the Dolomites. In 2019 we ventured to pistes new!

Bormio is a town located in the Province of Sondrio, Lombardy region of the Alps in northern Italy. The centre of the upper Valtellina valley, it is a popular winter sports resort. It was the site of the Alpine World Ski Championships in 1985 and 2005, and annually hosts the Alpine Ski World Cup. Bormio has been the home of the British Ski Championships for the past seven years.

Bormio town boasts quaint, idyllic and picturesque sights and offers a



traditional Italian cultural experience. The 17th century town centre has narrow cobbled streets, grand stone facades and is noted for the presence of several hot springs that have been tapped to provide water to three thermal baths.

Sixty-one students went on the visit, 40 of whom had never skied before. Students had five hours of lessons a day with Italian ski instructors and quickly progressed off the nursery slopes onto the mountain. Developing
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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

On Friday 24th January, all Year 12 and Year 13 students will take part in a nationally broadcast, live webcast with Susan Pollack MBE, one of the remaining survivors of the holocaust. The event will mark the Holocaust Memorial Day and will give Brookfield Sixth Form students a chance to remember this historic tragedy and reflect on current political conflicts throughout the world.



HOLOCAUST
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BONE MARROW DONATIONS

Following last year's highly successful bone marrow donation registration that seventy Year 12 students signed up for, we will be giving Brookfield Sixth Form students the chance to take part again.

PASSPORT TO SUCCESS

Last week, all Year 7 students were issued with their Education to Employability Passport. This document will help them track all their career related experiences as they progress through Brookfield School helping them align their experiences to the nationally recognised code of good practice; The Gatsby Benchmarks. Students will win badges for the lapels for completing each of the eight goals. For further information on Careers at Brookfield please visit the Careers section of our website. You will also find links to a constantly updated widget that will give you up to date Local Market Information.

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Letters for this year's trip are available from Miss Ridgeway and Mr James.



REDHILL UPDATE

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My name is Tim Croft and I am Executive Headteacher for the Redhill Academy Trust and work closely with the three Headteachers at Brookfield Community School, Tupton Hall School and The Bolsover School. I feel very privileged to work with three such committed Headteachers and can see clearly how Mr Hirst, senior leaders and all staff are ensuring Brookfield moves forward. There is a lot of work to do both in terms of the buildings and facilities, and in getting the school back performing where it should be, which is in the top 10% of schools in the country. None of this will happen overnight, however, I can assure you that every day small steps are being taken in this direction. My job as Executive Headteacher is to support and challenge the schools I work with to enable this success to be achieved sooner rather than later.

Whilst your first port of call should always be the school and Mr Hirst, I would welcome the opportunity to talk with any parents or carers who have views around the future direction of Brookfield Community School. It goes without saying that the real asset of the school is its students and they never cease to amaze me every day I spend in the school, in terms of their friendliness and achievements. They are a credit to you and your families. Thank you once again for your continued support.

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Brookfield had strong results at last weekend's Derbyshire Schools Cross Country Championships. Alex Rust, Lydia Griffin, Gracie Pell, Jo Chapman and Dan Greatorex all finished well in their respective competitions.

Congratulations must go to Finlay Grant who finished first in the Junior Boys Competition and will now represent Derbyshire at the National Schools Cross Country Championships.

YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEWS

This term all year 11 students will receive a formal mock interview with a local employer. Despite this being a nerve-wracking event for our students, it is an important initiative that puts them out of their comfort zone and allows them to experience what a real interview is like.

BADMINTON QUALIFIERS

The KS3 boys participated in the first stage of the SSP badminton competition at St Marys High School on Wednesday 8th January 2020. They played really well as a team and finished in second place. This has qualified them for the Chesterfield SSP finals event.

BOUNCING INTO THE SEMI-FINALS

Year 10 student Isabelle Bambrick competed in the East Midlands Regional Schools Trampoline Competition in December. She came 3rd out of 51 Year 9 and 10 students from across the East Midlands region. She will now compete in the semi-finals, to be held in Cardiff this month.

YEAR 10 REVISION SUPPORT

Keep an eye out for the revision support materials for our Year 10 students who will be sitting their mocks in March 2020.

PROMFEST

This Thursday the BPPA are running our Promfest event, showcasing all things prom-related: Dresses, suits, nails, hair, make-up- all under one roof. Doors open at 6:30pm.

GUYS AND DOLLS TICKETS STILL ON SALE



There are still tickets available for our school production, Guys and Dolls, which takes place from 4th - 8th February. Adult tickets are £8.50, concessions are £6.50. All performances begin at 7:15pm. The production showcases more than 50 of our students and features the iconic musical numbers 'Luck be a Lady', 'Guys and Dolls' and the ever-popular 'Sit Down You're Rockin' The Boat'. It promises to be a show you don't want to miss.

Please [click here](#) to book your tickets.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 22nd January	Year 9 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
Thursday 23rd January	Promfest
Friday 24th January	Non Uniform day for Project Lesotho
Friday 24th January	Sixth Form Applications Deadline
Thursday 30th January	Year 9 Options Evening
Friday 31st January	Year 13 Mock Exam Results Assembly
Monday 3rd February	Year 9 Options Choice deadline
4th - 8th February	School Production - Guys and Dolls
10th - 14th February	Environmental Week
Thursday 13th February	Vegetarian Only Menu for Environmental Week
Thursday 13th February	Race Night for Project Lesotho
17th - 21st February	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 25th February	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Thursday 27th February	Parent Forum