



# BROOKFIELD NEWS

## Issue 2

### HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

As we approach October half term, now is a good time to reflect on some real achievements this term so far.



Saturday 19th October saw thirty-six Year 10 students start their Duke of Edinburgh experience with a practice walk in the Peak District. Mr Greenwood once again organised and led a successful expedition. I would like to highlight that 14 members of staff also took part in the walk to support our students. This was an impressive turn out on the part of staff and is a testament to the commitment of staff to ensure our students have excellent opportunities outside of school.

On 18th October our first Parent Forum of 2019/20 took place. A useful discussion took place on such school issues as rewards and student development. Thank you to those parents who attended this session.

A final reminder that school is closed for students on Friday 25th October for a staff INSET day. I hope you have a restful half term break and look forward to seeing your children back at school on Monday 4th November.

Mr Keith Hirst, Headteacher

### PROJECT LESOTHO

We are delighted to announce Project Lesotho. This project will involve a number of Year 12 students visiting the southern African country of Lesotho in July 2020. This year the project will include students fundraising to purchase wonderbags (a method of cooking which dramatically reduces water and firewood usage) and then journeying to rural communities to deliver them, demonstrate their effectiveness and promote their usage; they will also be involved in projects to protect against desertification and to preserve water.

Year 13 students Harriet Bacon and Grace Thacker, with assistance from the Heads of Year, have already begun assembling a Charity Committee made up of students from all year groups. This group will take up the task of hitting a targeted £5,000 in funds that will be used to directly support communities in Lesotho, such as through the purchase of wonderbags or to pay for replantation in communities hit by soil erosion. It is our genuine hope that Project Lesotho can be something for the whole school community to unite behind. We will keep you posted of developments in the coming months.



### NATIONAL SWIMMING SUCCESS

Josh Taylor in Year 10 has been awarded the Cerebral Palsy Swimmer of the Year 2019 at the Cerebral Palsy Sports Awards.

Chesterfield Swimming Club member Josh follows in the footsteps of past Paralympic swimming champions in receipt of the award. Coach Max Ward said 'he knows what he is capable of and what his limits are, he works hard in training and is a valuable member of the squad.'

## REDHILL ACADEMY TRUST KS4 WINTER GAMES

On 9th October Brookfield was represented at the Redhill KS4 Winter Games competition, held at Hall Park Academy, Eastwood.

It was the first time Brookfield has taken part in this event, which saw our students competing against eight other Redhill Academy Trust Schools.

The netball team won most of their games and were crowned Redhill Academy Trust Champions for 2019. The football team came second in their competition, winning two games by 6 goals. In badminton we came second, the team winning all of their games except one.



## CHARITY DANCE SHOW

On Thursday 14th November at 7.00pm Brookfield students will present 'A Night at the Movies'. This is a change to the previously advertised date.

Preparations are well under way with over 50 students across Years 7 to 13 rehearsing every week. This year the Year 13 students have chosen to support the stillbirth and neonatal deaths charity *Sands*.



## GUYS AND DOLLS

Our next school production, *Guys and Dolls*, is set to arrive at Brookfield between Tuesday 4th and Saturday 8th February 2020. With auditions and casting complete, rehearsals are under way with the weekly schedule displayed on the Performing Arts noticeboards each Friday.

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

We once again we have a group of Brookfield students taking part in the Young Enterprise competition, as part of their 'BE programme'. One of the teams, *Urban Jars*, is a business which combines sustainability with convenient plant growth with the aim to, 'make your life and home a little greener, one jar at a time'. *Urban Jars* will be selling recycled jars sourced from local businesses filled with cacti and other house plants. You can find out more on social media - search *Urban Jars YE*.

## CHESTERFIELD SCHOOLS ART EXHIBITION

An incredible event held last weekend and attended by many students and parents, with a keynote address from Toby Perkins (MP) and certificates awarded by Councillor Gordon Simmons, Mayor of Chesterfield. A total of 60 students from Brookfield took part, five of whom were placed on the shortlist:

Isobel Linacre - *Hinterland*, Lilly Beards - *Self-Portrait*, Lauryn Cornish - *Printing on Textiles*, Grete Holen - *Grandmother*, Grace Whelan - *Water*.



## Dates for your Diary • 21st October - 4th November 2019

Monday 21st October	Year 7 Urban Studies Trip
Tuesday 22nd October	Years 11 and 12 Oxford Trip
Thursday 24th October	Ski Trip meeting at 19:00
Thursday 24th October	Autumn Term 1 ends at 14:55
Friday 25th October	INSET day - School closed to students
Monday 4th November	Autumn Term starts at 08:30

