



BROOKFIELD NEWS

Issue 7

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of Brookfield News. Preparations for Year 11 and 13 examinations are in full flow and on Wednesday 1st April we will be holding a 'Year 11 Revision Evening' for parents and students. Details of this will follow next week.

Intense planning and rehearsing is going ahead for the Dance Show on Thursday 19th March, and I do hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be another stunning event from our students and Performing Arts department - tickets cost £5 and are available to purchase from the Finance Office.

Despite the ongoing Coronavirus situation in the country at large, at school we are continuing with a 'business as usual' approach, and will follow official guidelines surrounding the outbreak. Staff are reminding students of the current advice to regularly wash their hands and to use tissues if they need to cough or sneeze. And guidance posters are on display in toilets and around school, and a copy can be found on the past page of this issue. The school receives updated advice daily from the DfE and staff, students and parents will be informed immediately if this advice changes or if additional action is required.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Mr Keith Hirst, Headteacher

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

The school is celebrating after 13 students took part in a regional competition in March, at South Derbyshire Magistrates' Court in Derby's historic Courthouse. The Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition is a national active learning project organised by The Citizenship Foundation, an independent charity which helps young people to engage with their community through education.

The Competition involved a team of students taking on the roles of magistrates, lawyers, witnesses and court staff to prepare a specially written case. Schools compete against each other in a live format at a real magistrates' court. The team, comprising Year 8 and Year 9 students, rehearsed over a number of months, supported by local magistrates and members of the legal profession. The competition was tough, with the Brookfield team enjoying the day but not able to pip the winners to progress to the next round.

Hope remains in the shape of the Year 8 Court Artists and Reporters who will now submit entries to their respective competitions, based on images and events in the court proceedings.



500 WORDS COMPETITION

Mr Hopkins has announced the winners of the Brookfield 500 words competition. They are: Jasper Deakin, Luke Jaques and Hermoine Frith.

“The standard of writing was exceptional and I could have chosen 20 winners”, he said. “A special shout out to Year 7 who, although not amongst the winners this year, competed really well with Year 8. The future of the 500 words competition is in great hands.”



SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Tuesday 10th March Brookfield Community School sent a team of Year 7 and 8 boys and girls to compete in the 2020 Chesterfield School Sports Partnership Sports Hall Athletics Championships. Students competed in a series of adapted different track and field athletics events against other schools from the Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire District. Students' behaviour and attitude were exemplary and team captains Ella Boyland, Noah Foster, Alex Brewster and Harriane Pepper demonstrated excellent leadership skills.



RACING TOWARDS LESOTHO

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the hugely successful Race Night 2020 as part of Project Lesotho. We raised over £1,800 on a night of high emotions and extremely tasty pizza. Masterfully hosted by our very own Mr Fagan, the evening saw teachers and parents getting together to place bets on pre-recorded horse races, prompting raucous scenes as everyone's favoured horses approached the final furlong.

Special thanks to the Year 12s and Year 13s who skilfully stewarded the event, many of whom came to help out even though they are not part of the team going to Africa. We were also completely indebted to local restaurant Pizza Pi, who donated not only their free time, but also every penny from every pizza sold from their wood-fired oven. The event would not have been nearly as successful without their staggering generosity. Finally, huge appreciation to the Science department who won the final 'auction' pot, but donated all their winnings back to Project Lesotho.

Here's to an even bigger and better event next year!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ENGLISH?

We have an exciting new English Instagram page, aimed at students and parents. Mrs Cooper frequently updates the account with exam tips and interesting literary information and it is especially useful for GCSE students. We would love to see many more followers- simply load the Instagram app, search for @bcs_english and click on the blue 'follow' button. Elsewhere, there are currently four extra-curricular clubs running in the English department:

- Book Club on Monday lunchtime in M7, with Mrs Henson
- Creative Writing Club on Thursday after school in M4, with Mrs Shaw and Ms Arrowsmith
- Homework Club on Friday lunchtime in M4, with Mrs Lloyd
- Revision Club on Tuesday at lunchtime in M7, with Miss Cooke and Mr Hopkins

Our clubs are open to all students from Year 7 to 13 and we love to see new members. Sometimes students need a nudge in the right direction, so we are also 'inviting' those who might enjoy and benefit from one of our clubs. Students should watch out for an 'English Extra-Curricular Clubs Invitation' in their exercise books.

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2020

Macbeth and Banquo strolling down the corridor pursued by Goldilocks and Peter Pan - no it's not some strange, surreal dream, it is of course World Book Day!

Brookfield got into the spirit of World Book Day with a week-long competition of find the author. Every morning, pictures of Charles Dickens, the Bronte sisters, Jane Austen and William Shakespeare were hidden in different places around school. Despite some ingenious hiding spots (under bushes, behind pictures and even under the stairs) determined students found them every day and were awarded a prize when they could tell the English Department an interesting fact about the author. At the time of writing, Charles Dickens is still lurking hidden away in a deep recess of the school, so students, keep your eyes peeled!

On the day, students found their lessons being taught by Macbeth, Banquo, Gangsta Granny, Goldilocks, Katniss Everdeen, William Brown, Peter Pan, Tinkerbell, Captain Hook, Alice in Wonderland and Mary Poppins., and students had the opportunity to enter a competition to name five of the characters.

Staff across the school also brought in their current reading books and students were given the task of catching five different members of staff with their book. The winner of this competition was Eleanor Jones and the winner of the 'name five characters' was Amy Surguy-Robinson. In Year 7, Readathon was launched. The aim of Readathon is to motivate students to read as well as raising funds to provide books and reading opportunities for children in hospital. So Year 7 students, get reading and make a difference.

A big thank you to all the staff and students who got involved with the activities and helped make the day a success, as well as raising the profile of reading across the school.



SHAPING LEADERSHIP

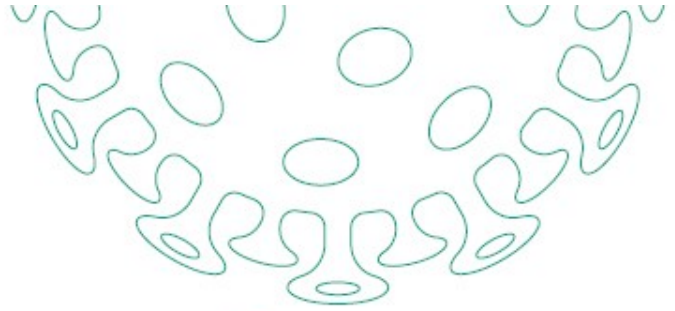
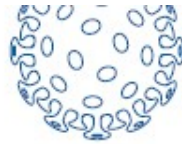
The SHAPE Learning Partnership is offering qualifications in Sports Leadership at Brookfield. The Level 3 Qualification is open to all those aged 14 and over, with no entry requirements and carries 16 UCAS Tariff points. It costs £60 and runs on Thursdays (excluding holidays) until March next year. A qualification at Level 2 is also available. For further information please visit [SHAPE](#).

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17th March	Brookfield / Redhill Update Session, 6:30 - 7:30pm
Thursday 19th March	Dance Show, 7pm
Wednesday 25th March	Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4 - 7pm
Wednesday 1st April	Year 11 Revision Evening, 6:30 - 7:30pm
Thursday 2nd April	Spring Term Ends
Friday 3rd April	INSET Day
Monday 20th April	Summer Term Starts



Public Health
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Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC.
On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

