



# Newsletter

Brookfield Community School

## Summer 2017

## Message from the Headteacher

It has been another full and busy year at Brookfield.

Students have once again been engaged in a huge range of activities. In addition to Jesus Christ Superstar, the Dance Evenings, a variety of charity fundraising events and a large number of extra-curricular activities, trips and residential visits, this publication gives an indication of the achievements of our students, since the December newsletter.

Congratulations go to **all** students who have participated this year for the skill and determination that they have shown. I also thank all of the staff involved for the support that they have given to the students involved. Without their input, time and dedication we would not be able to offer such a wide range of events.

As is often the case at this time of the year we have a number of staff who have either recently left to take up new positions or will be leaving at the end of term. We wish them well in the future and thank them for all that they have given to Brookfield Community School over the years; in the case of Mrs Howard since Brookfield Community School started.

Mr Aldridge  
Mrs Ames  
Mrs Atkinson  
Mrs Atkinson  
Mrs Birch  
Miss Cooke  
Mr Gascoyne  
Mr Gibson  
Mr Hall  
Mrs Hughes Jones

Mrs Howard  
Ms Jelonkiewicz  
Mrs Johnson  
Mrs Lunn  
Miss Lyne  
Dr Marron  
Miss Moore  
Mr Reeves  
Mrs Robinson  
Mrs Thompson

Miss Whitehouse  
Mr Winterburn

On behalf of all the staff at Brookfield Community School I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer break.

*Mr Edmonds*

PE Technician  
Library Assistant  
Librarian  
SLT secretary  
Maths Teacher  
D&T Teacher  
Head of Drama  
Technology Technician  
Site staff  
Science Teacher /  
Learning Mentor  
Assistant Headteacher  
Teaching Assistant  
English Teacher  
Catering Manager  
Teaching Assistant  
Science Teacher  
Teaching Assistant  
Geography Teacher  
Learning Mentor  
English Support  
Teacher  
PE Teaching Assistant  
Head of RE

### Twitter



@BCSch

Twitter is a really easy way to keep in touch with events that are happening in school and to share in the success of our students.

It would be fantastic if we had the whole school community following us. If you haven't yet signed up, please give it a go.

### Brookfield Weather Station

This can be seen on Weather Underground.

<https://goo.gl/m24wYq>

or [Twitter Brookfield Weather](#)

### End and Start of Term Dates

School will close for the Summer holidays at 1.00pm on **Friday 21 July 2017** and will re-open at 8.30am on **Wednesday 6 September 2017**.

## Uniform Sales

Our school uniform supplier is:

Gogna School Wear & Sports  
67/69 Rookery Road  
Birmingham  
B21 9QU

Tel 0121 523 5572

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Website [www.gognaschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.gognaschoolwear.co.uk)

Email [info@gognaschoolwear.co.uk](mailto:info@gognaschoolwear.co.uk)

As an alternative to purchasing school uniform from Gogna you may also buy some items of school uniform from BHS, Next, Debenhams, M&S, Tesco, Asda and Matalan.

## Springboard Future Chef 2017 By Mrs Woods

At break time on Wednesday 11 January 2017 I met two very excited Brookfield Community School Year 10 students, Andrew Haslam and Juliet Wornes, ready to drive them to Sheffield Hallam University to take part in the first round of the Springboard Future Chef 2017 competition. After a lot of deliberation, Andrew and Juliet had been selected by their teachers to represent Brookfield in this prestigious event.

Having squeezed all their bags of ingredients and equipment in to the boot of my car we set off. I don't think we took the kitchen sink, but there was definitely a blow torch, food processor, special plates and a lucky saucepan, as well as an array of ingredients. On arrival in Sheffield we managed to carry all the bags into the university and caught the lift to level 12 to find the Hospitality Management department – complete with a proper restaurant style area, professional kitchens and fantastic views of Sheffield and the hills beyond.



School, Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School and Netherwood ALC. Finally after safety briefings and introductions to the judges the competition began in earnest. The judging panel was made up of three catering professional, including Chris Mapp, owner of the Tickled Trout in Barlow who acted as head judge, and Hayley, a Future Chef alumni and current SHU student. The brief was to cook a two course meal for two people (hot main course and a hot or cold dessert) with a budget of up to £7, the first course to be ready within one hour, with a further 30 minutes to complete dessert.



Whilst the students were cooking the four judges were on hand to observe and also to advise and help to get the very best out of the competitors. When each dish was completed one plate went to the judges for tasting, whilst the second was brought out to the waiting room for the anxious school staff to admire; all the dishes looked and smelled delicious. Juliet prepared duck with plum sauce, on a bed of potato and swede mash, with carrots and wilted spinach followed by frangipane tart with sweetened crème fraiche. Andrew prepared haddock on a bed of wilted spinach, with potato wedges and roasted carrots, and a parsley sauce, followed by a rice pudding crème brulee with shortbread biscuits.

After the judges had completed their deliberations each student was presented

with a certificate to confirm they had taken part in a local final, a Sheffield cook book and a grater, provided by sponsors of the competition. Then the final moment of reckoning. Andrew, Juliet and I were very proud when it was announced that Juliet had won the heat and would be going through to the South Yorkshire regional final in February. Juliet was presented with several cook books and a professional kitchen knife as well as an additional certificate. Chris Mapp also told Juliet he would now be acting as her mentor and she would get the opportunity to work in his kitchen.



Then, unfortunately, Juliet had a very big disappointment – the regional finals were all taking place during the week when she will be in Germany on a school exchange visit and both events were too big for dates to be altered. So, for 2017, Juliet will not be progressing any further. However, Chris has said he is still happy to work with Juliet and she will be able to enter Future Chef again next year, so fingers crossed she can produce another fantastic meal and make it to the regional finals ... and hopefully beyond. Both Andrew and Juliet were also offered the chance of work experience at SHU.



We all had a brilliant day in Sheffield and Juliet and Andrew would like to thank their Food Technology teacher, Mrs Taylor, for having faith in them and supporting them, even though her teaching commitments prevented her from going to Sheffield with them.



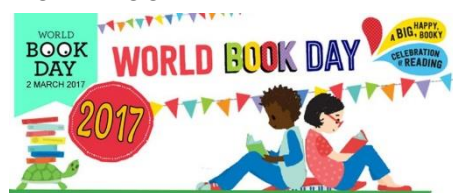
After meeting Kerry, the organiser from Springboard, and Derek, a SHU technician who would be supporting the students whilst they cooked, Andrew and Juliet disappeared with their equipment into the huge industrial sized kitchen to get set up ready for the competition to begin, only reappearing to don their 'chef's whites' of which they were very proud. Juliet was particularly thrilled because they had been told that SHU staff, 'the girls', would be doing the washing up for the competitors.

By this time the other competitors had arrived – two students each from Stockbridge High

## Library News

Mrs Atkinson

## WORLD BOOK DAY



A good day was had by all on World Book Day with competitions, an Alice in Wonderland themed party and lots of opportunities for reading and having fun.

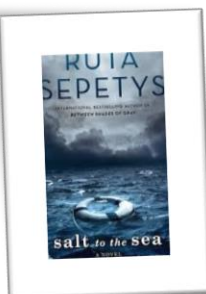


## CARNEGIE MEDAL



Once again students in Years 8 & 9 took part in the annual Carnegie Medal Shadowing. We attended a discussion

morning at Lady Manners School on the 16 June bringing together students from other local schools who had been reading the 8 books on the 2017 Carnegie Medal Shortlist. There



was lots of lively discussion and students took part in a drama activity based upon the books. The Carnegie Medal winner ('Salt to the Sea' by Ruth Sepetys) was announced on 19 June. Set in 1945 this tells the story of what happened to thousands of refugees fleeing from the horrors of war in East Prussia. It is a sad but absolutely amazing read and is available for loan in the school library.

## YEAR 7 BOOK CLUB



The Year 7 Book Club has been meeting weekly throughout the year. We have read and recommended lots of books to each other and have also taken part in many book related activities including quizzes, treasure hunts and charades.



## THREE PEAKS CHARITY WALK

On Saturday 20th May 2017 three members of the school support team, Kim, Jeanette, Anita and their husbands did the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge which involved 25 miles of walking and climbing three of the tallest mountains in Yorkshire, Pen-y-Ghent (694 metres), Wharfedale (736 metres) and Ingleborough (723 metres).



We were up at half 4am and after a quick breakfast we set off at half 6 from the café at Horton. Our first challenge was Pen-y-Ghent, it was a bit of a shock to the system at that time of the morning, it was a quick, steep ascent and as you are scrambling a bit near the top and there are some sheer drop's, it was a bit unnerving to say the least ...it was then someone in our group said the words we would hear a few times during that day "Whose idea was this?"



Throughout most of the walk it was warm and sunny, we did also have mist and some heavy rain but we didn't get the thunder and lightning that was forecast . . . which would have made the walk even more memorable! It was a brilliant challenge and we were really pleased that we did it just over our target time in 10 hours 5 minutes and raised £703 for Cancer Research. Thank you so much to everyone who donated.





## Magistrates Competition

*Mrs Williams*

16 students took part in a regional competition on 11 March 2017, at South Derbyshire Magistrates' Court for the Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition. 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 competition was tough and the year 9 team came a very close second.



## Geography visit to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park

*Mrs Rippin*

97 students from Year 8 visited the Yorkshire Wildlife park. They collected information about different species of animals and how they had adapted to their environments. Students also went to a number of talks throughout the day. "We went to listen to the Meercat talk- they explained how they worked as a group and how they could eat scorpions."

"The Polar Bear talk was great we learned about how they hunted and how they had adapted to life in the Arctic - that they could swim really well. We also listen to how they are going to be endangered because of global warming."



## School site at the start and end of the day

Due to limited access and for the safety of students can I please remind parents that they should not bring vehicles onto the school site at the start or end of the school day. Your help and support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please do not park in numbered bays as these spaces are allocated for staff parking.

If students have difficulty walking, or there is another specific reason why they must be picked up by car from the school site, please contact Mrs Old (SENCO) who will issue you with an access pass.

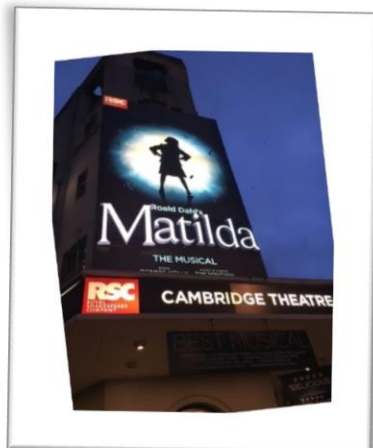
## Drama Students Day in London to see Matilda at the Cambridge Theatre

Wednesday 1 February 2017

Mrs Beards



Forty-eight Drama GCSE and A Level students travelled down to London to see a matinee performance of the award-winning musical Matilda. The aim of the visit was to give all of the students a chance to watch a professional West End show, in order to help them answer questions on live performance acting skills or design and technical skills in their exams.

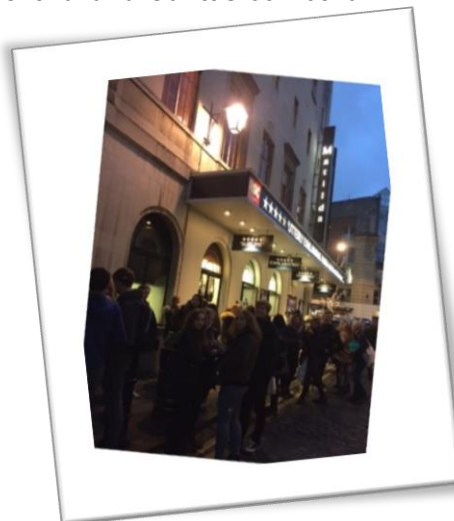


We set off at 8.00am. The traffic was kind and after a scheduled stop at Northampton services, we arrived in central London at 12.15pm.

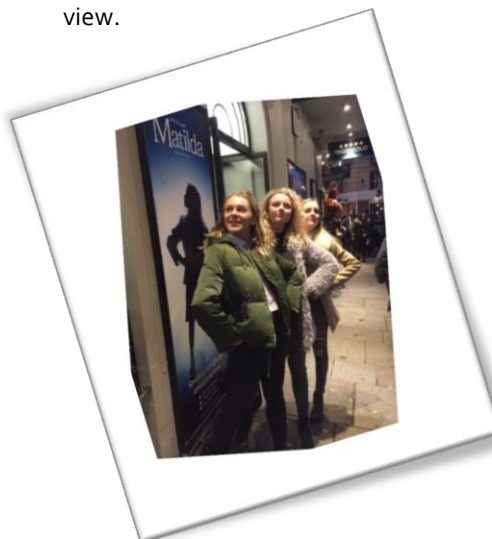


Sam Widdowson with his knowledge of all the West End shortcuts, led the students confidently from the

Cambridge Theatre to Covent Garden. The students had an hour or so to get lunch and have a little look round.



We all reconvened at 2.00pm and this time, armed with an umbrella held aloft like all the best tour guides, Sam led the group back to the theatre for the show. Our seats in the dress circle were excellent and everyone had a terrific view.



Matilda certainly gave the students plenty of material to work with and analyse. The show was visually spectacular, so colourful and ingeniously designed. There were so many excellent performances from the talented cast of adults and children. It was a rollercoaster of a show!



Our students thoroughly enjoyed Matilda. They were all buzzing with enthusiasm afterwards. Both Mr Gascoyne and Mrs Beards were really impressed with all of the students' behaviour throughout the day.



The coach driver also commented on what a fabulous bunch of students they were. They really did Brookfield School proud.



## Spanish Exchange

*Holly Fieldhouse*

On 11 January we left school to fly from East Midlands airport to Malaga for the Spanish Exchange. We travelled by coach to Andújar and were reunited with our Spanish partners. We were all pretty nervous but didn't need to be as we all got on fine once we were there!

The next day we got up early to go to Granada to visit the Alhambra palace and the city, it was very beautiful and there were lots of photo opportunities. We also visited Seville, had a guided tour of Andújar and met the mayor at the Town Hall. One evening we had a salsa lesson, which was very funny.

We spent three days doing work experience in primary schools. Hannah Barron said "I enjoyed doing work experience because it made me practise my Spanish as a lot of the children didn't understand English and I liked seeing how the English classes were taught". We all spent the weekends and nights out with our Spanish partners, experiencing Spanish life.

I was lucky enough to go to Seville with my Spanish family to watch the Sevilla vs Real Madrid match which was amazing, but I must have been a bad omen for Real Madrid because their unbeaten 40 game run came to an end that night. I got on really well with my exchange partner, Mari Carmen, and her family and found my Spanish really improved. On our last night we had a farewell meal with all the exchange partners, which was a nice way to end the 10 day trip. Ankita Paul said "Spain for me was a really amazing experience, I learnt and improved loads and made a handful of amazing friends as well."

We were all sad to leave but we have all promised to keep in touch and hopefully go back one day.



## William Miller - Gymnastics Achievements

Year 7

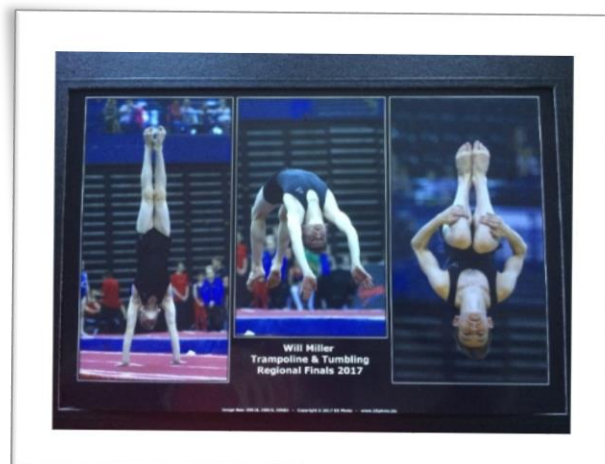


Will is a member of Amber Valley Gymnastics Academy's elite tumbling squad and has been competing and training in this discipline for around 18 months. He won the East Midlands qualifying event and recently came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 19 boys in the Regional 13+ qualifying event in Birmingham. He was competing against boys up to the age of 16 so this was a great achievement.

He has qualified for the UK National finals in Telford and will be competing against gymnasts from Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and England to try and become the overall UK Champion.

### **\*\*Newsflash\*\***

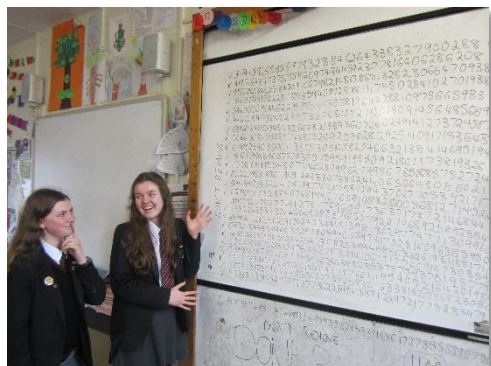
Will came 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the UK Finals in Telford last weekend which was a tremendous result. He improved his placings from the semi-finals in Birmingham where he came 6<sup>th</sup>, so a very positive result. He was up against 15 and 16 year old boys (who came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) so for a 12 year old he did himself proud.



## Pi Day 2017 Results

### Mr Styles

Hey all Pi day addicts, only 251 days to go until we once again celebrate it, so don't get too sad about it. Also you can always look forward to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July when all the engineers celebrate Pi day. Anyway enough of my ramblings, let's ramble on to this year's Pi Day results.



Kirsty Barnett shows Millie Wright Pi



### Most digits of Pi recited competition

This years winner was Kirsty Barnett in Y11 who recited 1148 digits (A new school record)

Best Y13	Charlotte Oxley	8 digits
Best Y12	James Credgington	49 digits
Best Y10	Thomas Lane	193 digits
Best Y8	Kate Anderson	50 digits
Best Y7	Kieran Browne	148 digits

Well done to all of the winners, Kirsty wins a £20 voucher of her choice and the best in each year win a £5 voucher of their choice, and since we had no Y9's take part Ella receives a prize for second place in Year 7.

Also well done to the following students who took part.

Y7 Ella Wilson-Campbell 127 digits Ara Lingwood 7 digits, Eva Lingwood 14 digits, James Miles 12 digits, Sadie Geatorex 14 digits, Menushe Ramachandran 9 digits, Alexander Francis 26 digits, Lizzy Murray 50 digits,  
Y12 Will Bulmer 32 digits, Billy Braithwaite 9 digits

### Pi Day Pie/Cake competition Hmmm Pie!

Another great year for Pi Pies and Pi Cakes, with some amazing designs.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize went to Laura Simpson in 7K who wins a £20 voucher

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize goes to the Y13s Charlotte Oxley, Georgia Batty, Elizabeth Haughey who win a £10 voucher

And joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize goes to Gemma Soal of Y8 and Oliver Williams of Y7 who both win a £5 voucher of their choi

Well done everyone, another great Pi Day.

## Statistics Poster Competition

### Mrs Davies

The University of Sheffield organised a statistics poster competition for South Yorkshire and Derbyshire Schools. The challenge is the biggest of its kind with over 300 participants taking part last year. Congratulations to these Year 9 students: Saba Javed, Ethan Draper, Jacob Middleton and Harry Staniforth for receiving a Joint Third Prize and congratulations to Gracie Buchanan and Alex White for achieving Second Prize!



## Dance News

Miss Leigh

### A YEAR IN DANCE

After a very successful winter term, with a charity showcase raising over £800 and two entries into the School Sports Partnership Dance showcase, 2017 has continued to provide dance success.

In January the Y12 A-Level students represented Chesterfield in the U.Dance Derbyshire platform and although they did not make it through to nationals, all the girls performed exceptionally. 2017 also saw a string of dance visits take place to extend the learning taking place in lessons. 2017 was also the first year that students visited Move IT! The UK's biggest Dance conference. Students took part in a range of seminars and workshops, as well as having the opportunity to find out about different training and careers and watch performances on the main stage. As always the Dance Evening saw high quality performances from both examination and KS3 students, with a fantastic range of choreographies and performances. We finished the year in style as part of a mass dance performance at Alton Towers and Artsfest all on the same day.

### U.Dance, January 2017

As part of a national initiative set up with Youth Dance England and the Arts Council, U.Dance aims to give every child the opportunity to perform. As part of this there are county platforms staged throughout the year, with performers selected to perform at the annual national conference. This year 7 Y12 students from Brookfield represented the Chesterfield area with their piece "A Lady Through Picasso's Eyes", based on a painting by Pablo Picasso. While the girls weren't selected to progress in the selection process, the feedback they received was excellent and we hope to replicate this success in the future.



### Theatre Trips

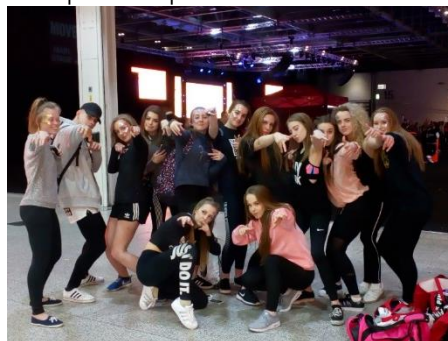
In September, Y13 students travelled to Nottingham to watch Alvin Ailey American Dance theatre. As well as enjoy an evening of

dance, students had the opportunity to observe the dancers rehearsing before the show and talk to some of them afterwards.

In March, Y12 students travelled to Nottingham. This time it was to watch Rambert perform. As part of their trip students heard from the Artistic Director (Mark Baldwin) before the show, and again had the opportunity to talk to the dancers and rehearsal director afterwards.

### Move IT!

Students set off before the crack of dawn to travel down to London for the day to take part in Move IT! 2017. Despite the early start, everyone was full of enthusiasm and excitement for a dance packed day ahead. After traversing the capital we arrived with plenty of time to look around before starting out schedule of seminars and workshops. Y13 students participated in dance workshops in a range of contemporary techniques, including Cunningham and Horton. Y12 firstly took seminars with Rambert and New Adventures, before finishing the day with a practical class. By the time we reached the end of the day, all students were laden down with information about training courses and summer school activities (and a few freebies!), and although it was a late return to Chesterfield every student was a positive representation of Brookfield.



### Dance Evening, March 2017

This year's Dance Evening once again saw the best in dance at Brookfield. Y12 and 13 students showcased the examination work being produced in preparation for their exams and Miss Whitehouse showcased our KS3 clubs. 2017 also saw a new element to the Dance Evening. KS3 students had been given the opportunity to submit a choreography into an audition process in order to be performed on the night. 5 KS3 choreographies were part of the program, celebrating the creativity in our younger years.



### Alton Towers July 2017

On a hot day in July 11 students from Y8 and 12 joined 6 other schools from 4 counties to be part of the first Alton Towers school street dance project. Prior to the day a team from the entertainment department had visited Brookfield to teach students the choreography for the event, as well as tell them about the range of jobs available in the creative departments of Merlin Entertainment. When performance day came, we arrived early with plenty of time to rehearse, before heading out onto the Main Street to perform. They were fantastic!! To round off the day, students enjoyed the thrills and spills of the theme park, as reward for their hard work.

This year we say farewell to Miss Whitehouse who has been involved in Dance at Brookfield for the last 4 years. Any student who has been in a dance club will have seen her enthusiasm and love of dance and we wish her all the best.

2016/17 has been a jam packed year for Dance at Brookfield and we hope to continue with the range of activities, performances and clubs next year. So if you think you might enjoy it, see our extra-curricular timetable in September and come and join in!

Well done to everyone who has been involved with Dance at Brookfield throughout the year, you've been brilliant! Hopefully next year's successes will be bigger and better.



Keeeeeeeeeeep Dancing!



## Options after Sixth Form at Brookfield

### The Year 12 Guidance Programme Miss Lemmey

Our Year 12 Guidance Programme on Post-18 Options began in May with an informative presentation from Leeds University on the topic of "Choosing a Course".

Year 12 students then followed a weekly rotation of sessions on topics such as "Student Finance", "How to write a Personal Statement" and "Non-University Pathways". They have all been given help to register with the online application system, UCAS Apply 2018. Each form have also learnt from current Sheffield Hallam University students about university life; and have seen the range of careers resources and course guides available in Brookfield's Senior Library.

On Friday 14 July 2017 we hosted guest speakers from Chesterfield College, Sheffield Hallam University and AMRC Training, who gave valuable information on Higher Apprenticeships, degrees and other Higher Education courses. Year 12 students chose an afternoon workshop best suited to their current plans beyond Sixth Form and also had a 1:1 guidance interview.

In Year 13 form tutors take the lead role in supporting each individual student through the application process; and all Sixth Formers are encouraged to make the most of registration periods to keep their tutors informed of their plans and progress.

In praise of Year 12 students, many of the year group have been actively pursuing their future options for some time already by attending Open Days, arranging work experience where needed, seeking advice and using the many useful websites in the Blue Booklet provided to all Year 12 students. Others have sought out excellent opportunities to enhance their prospects by entering essay competitions and subject tournaments, taking free online courses and reading beyond their A level courses.

We wish all of Year 12 an enjoyable and productive summer and hope they start Year 13 with clear personal goals and bags of motivation to secure themselves a great course, apprenticeship, job or gap year opportunity.

## Computing News

Mr Pritchett

### Bletchley Park

Year eleven and twelve students visited Bletchley Park, the birthplace of the modern computing and Colossus, the computer that enabled the deciphering of German codes during WW2. Students were given a tour of the rebuilt Colossus and the main artefacts in the National Museum of Computing. This brought home to many of them the rate of change and progress in this subject. Bletchley is a fascinating place and it is well worth a visit.  
<http://www.tnmoc.org/>.



Year thirteen students attended some fascinating presentations about cities of the future and artificial intelligence at Warwick University. Their predictive algorithms are uncanny, whilst being used primarily to save heating costs, Interpol are interested in using them to predict future movements of suspects. An area that is getting too much like science fiction.



Computer Science students in years ten and twelve attended the Big Bang STEM fair at the NEC in March. The Big Bang is the UK's biggest celebration of science, technology and engineering. This inspirational visit featured a range of high technology companies, demonstrating their latest technology.



## Game Britannia



Year 10 Computer Science students attended Game Britannia at Sheffield Hallam University in June. This allowed students to develop games for the PlayStation using technology so sensitive that we had to ensure that it was not included on any photographs. Other student created robotic devices that had to navigate a course as quickly and accurately as possible.



**Finally a plea.** Last year our year seven students were all given a micro:bit computer to take home. If any of these are lying around unused, we could put them to good use. Please bring them into school for the computer science department.





# THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

## Duke of Edinburgh Award 2016-17: A Review

*By Mr Greenwood (Co-Ordinator)*

2016-17 got off to a fantastic start, with the last of the previous year's Year 10 students finally completing their Bronze DofE. This brought the completion rate for that cohort to 100%, this has never been done before at Brookfield and is terrific testimony to the hard work and dedication of those students and the staff who supported them. Further investigation highlighted that no-one at Derbyshire DofE could remember any group gaining a 100% pass rate – so well done bronze 2015-16! We look forward to seeing many of those students back to undertake the Gold Award in September 2017.

The excitement of the previous year aside 2016-17 got underway with the successful recruitment of 40 students for the Bronze Award and 21 students for the Gold Award. For both awards there was the early outing of the day walk. In October the bronze students set off from Castleton to do a loop of the Great Ridge taking in Mam Tor, Hollins Cross and Lose Hill in fair weather. Whilst later, on Remembrance weekend, the gold students did a large loop on the shoulders of Kinder Scout in very tough and challenging conditions. The group also held a minutes silence to commemorate the war dead, remembering specifically the case of one of the many allied air wrecks that lie on the high ground of the Peak District.



After a winter of training and planning the expedition season started properly in March with the Gold Practice Expedition in the Yorkshire Dales. In a pattern that would repeat itself the gold students had to battle long routes and mixed weather conditions, including strong wind and driving rain. The bronze students then began their season with the training weekend near Birchover, followed by their Bronze Practice Expedition near Hartington and Hulme End. For both these expeditions the students were fortunate with dry conditions and fair weather. This inevitably meant it would rain on their Qualifying Expedition. However, spirits remained high and all 40 students passed the expedition section, the highest number Brookfield have ever put through the bronze expedition.



This left just the Gold Qualifying Expedition in the Lake District. The weather once again conspired against the students and the heavy rain arrived as we did and lasted through the first two days! The conditions



remained challenging for all three groups, with heavy rain, wet conditions and poor visibility broken up briefly by one afternoon of glorious sunshine. All groups coped admirably and showed the qualities necessary to earn the prestigious Gold DofE.

For the majority of the gold students there are many months of volunteering, physical pursuits and work still left to do, due to the extended time lines of the award. However, at the time of writing over 25 of the current bronze cohort have finished all their sections and thus the award. I hope all students continue to work towards their awards and reward the effort they all showed on their expeditions.



And finally, none of this would be possible without the fantastic help and support given by the staff and volunteers who tirelessly support BCS DofE. 18 different staff members and volunteers have given countless hours over the seven day walks and expeditions. Helping on any single weekend, for any single expedition, is a significant commitment and without such repeated commitment DofE at BCS would not be possible.



## Three Peaks Charity Walk

*Jacob Holmes 7I*

Between 7 and 9 June Jacob Holmes and his dad walked the Three Peaks:

- Snowdon 1085 m
- Scafell Pike 978 m
- Ben Nevis 1345m

to raise money for Ashgate Hospice. Jacob said he learned a lot about himself on the walk. His parents are extremely proud of his achievement. In total Jacob raised a total of £1017.50. Many of his peers from 7I sponsored him, showing great support. Well done Jacob, what a fantastic achievement!



## Jesus Christ Superstar

*Ashton Harkness Y12*

Being a fairly new student to Brookfield School and not having any previous experience of being involved with a whole school production, JCS was a fantastic production to begin with.



In terms of the talent at this school, students from every year contributed to making the production as successful as it was; from Year 7s embracing their roles in the chorus to sixth form students taking lead roles in acting, singing and dance.



Two of the most memorable performers amongst these talented students were Josh Crowther (Year 13) who triumphed in his role of Jesus and Sean Fagan (Year 12) who excelled in the role of Judas.



The energy that these two provided each night contributed to the lively atmosphere within the audience as well as the performers, with every person involved in the show from performers to backstage helpers to lighting and sound designers all fully supporting each other in the rehearsal and performance process.



By the end of the show week, the production received amazing reviews and comments which may not have been awarded if it wasn't for Mr Gascoyne's motivation and persistence as director of the show and Mr Mitchell's musical genius.



Overall, it was lovely to see this vastly diverse school come together to share its love of theatre to create arguably Brookfield's best production to date!



## German Exchange Chesterfield Leg

*Ms Barlow*

This June saw the return leg of our biennial German Exchange. We had already spent an enjoyable 10 days staying with families in Darmstadt in February. 23 students and 2 teachers from the Viktoriaschule in Darmstadt brought glorious sunshine with them for the 10 days they were here in Chesterfield.



On the first day they enjoyed a delicious English breakfast cooked by the school canteen, then they spent the morning doing a treasure hunt in Chesterfield and had a reception with the mayor at the town hall. The German teachers and students also visited Quarry Bank Mill, the National Mining Museum, and had a joint trip with their English partners to York. The German students spent the day at Brookfield experiencing a typical English school day and we all went bowling on the final evening. As usual some tears were shed when we said goodbye to the Germans and hopefully some long term friendships have been established.



Watch out for the letters advertising the next exchange which will be going out in September 2018.

## KS3 Trip to Spain

26-30 June

*Miss Slater*

In the early hours of Monday morning on 26 June, a group of 39 students from Years 7 and 8 travelled to Cantabria, Spain to experience Spanish life and culture. All students stayed in a hotel together with 5 members of staff and took part in a variety of excursions during that week.

We started with a trip to the bullfighting museum and bullring in Bilbao followed by a tour of the village of Santillana del Mar where we were staying.

Students had the opportunity to try the typical snack of 'churros and chocolate' before returning back to the hotel to unpack. Other trips included the cable car ride to Picos de Europa, Cabárceno nature reserve, a harbour boat cruise around the 'Magdalena Peninsula of Santander' The Guggenheim museum and a flamenco and Latin dance lesson.

During the evenings they completed a diary of the day's events in Spanish followed by a meal altogether in the hotel.

All students had an amazing time and commented on the fact that they now felt more independent and had a passion to be able to speak Spanish as a result of the visit.

I would like to thank all parents for supporting the visit and hope that there will be many more in the future.





## Brookfield Careers

*Miss Metcalfe*

In each issue, find out what Careers based activities our students have been involved in and get a heads up on what careers events will be coming up soon. Please note, Ann Brown, our school Careers Advisor is available in school every Wednesday.

Our Careers Library is located in the Senior Library and is open to students from Mon-Thurs 8am to 4pm and Friday 8am to 3pm. Here students will be able to access up to date further education prospectuses along with careers magazines.

For all other Careers Information, Advice and Guidance please visit the Careers section of our website where you will find a wealth of advice including information about KS3 Options, Post 16 Options and Post 18 Options as well as key dates, useful contacts and links to other useful websites.

Remember: Government legislation states that all young people should be in learning until the academic year in which they are 18 (equivalent of Year 13). This could be at school, college, an apprenticeship or job with training.

### YOUNG ENTERPRISE: Brilliant Brookfield Entrepreneurs Young Enterprise Team: Little Glass Bottle



A team of Year 12 students have beaten teams from schools across Derbyshire to win the Best Company in the County Award of the Young Enterprise Competition.

Their innovative and original product using re-cycled glass bottles and jars together with their persuasive marketing impressed the judges and clinched their well-deserved first place. They also picked up awards for Creativity and Innovation, Marketing and best Financial Report. At the East Midlands Final at Loughborough University the team picked up awards for creativity and innovation, marketing and best financial report. They just failed to reach the

National Final coming a very close second to the Minster School, Southwell.

### Year 10 University of Sheffield Visit



Every year we take all Year 10 students on a visit to a local university. This year we had two fact-filled days at University. Our students were astounded by the vast amount of university courses that are available across the country: 32,000! They were also left baffled by the content of some of the courses; did you know for example that you can study puppetry, golf management, Harry Potter studies and even surfing at university? The highlight of the day was undisputedly getting the opportunity to speak to real Sheffield university students about their experiences and enjoying a detailed tour of the university campus. The legendary open fronted paternoster lift in the Arts tower created much excitement as did the knowledge that a few feet away, actual



corpses were being dissected by the university medical and dentistry students! A group of Year 7 students have also

visited neighbouring Sheffield Hallam University this term.

### Year 7, 8 and 10 Enterprise Days

Over the past couple of weeks, students have been involved in Enterprise days where they have developing their employability skills such as team work, finance and entrepreneurship. One of the tasks the Year 8 students had to complete for example was designing and making the slowest roller-coaster, these included some great names such as 'The Spine Mingler!'

### Year 10 Work Experience

Our annual Year 10 Work Experience week was another resounding success with our students sampling the world of

work and having the opportunity to put in to practise the employability and



communication skills that they have been developing throughout their time at Brookfield. As always, this year we had students working across a large field of occupational areas. It would be impossible to list them all but just to give you a flavour of the vast scope we have had students with placements at:

- The University of Sheffield
- The Royal Mail
- Engineering firms
- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
- Local primary schools
- Environmental Health
- Chatsworth House
- Redbrik Estate Agents
- Plumbing and Heating firms
- Architects
- The Royal Hospital Clinical Engineering Department
- United Cast Bar
- Jacksons Bakers
- Spire Radio and S40 Local Magazine
- Nonna's
- Derbyshire Donkey Sanctuary
- Mercedes Benz and Rolls Royce
- Toby Perkins MP office



### Careermark Revalidation

And finally, we have held the Careermark Award for excellent provision of Careers Information, Education, Advice and Guidance for a number of years and have just been revalidated again for the following two years. This is a gold standard award that we are very proud of.



## PE and Sports News

*Mr Sadler*

### Chesterfield School Sports Partnership Y7 and Y8 Tennis Tournament

Congratulations to the following students who represented Brookfield and came runners up:

Brad Howarth  
Ben Sheppard  
Emily Hamshaw  
Jess Henry



### Y8 Mixed Rounders District Tournament

Congratulations to the following students who came runners up in the Y8 Mixed Rounders District Tournament:

Lucy Furniss  
Emily Hamshaw  
Jess Henry  
Jamilla Ibrahim-Hall  
Rhianna Keighley  
Beth Tyson  
Amy Weatherhead

George Hallam  
Jack Hibbert  
Jacob Pashley  
Ryan Speed  
Oliver Towndrow



### District Y7 Mixed Rounders Tournament

Congratulations to the following students who came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the District Y7 Mixed Rounders Tournament:

Charlotte Bacon  
Charlotte Gee  
Grace Hardy  
Joe Hughes  
Ruby Kirfut  
Finlay Major  
Dylan Marshall  
Olivia Myhill  
James Myles  
Ellie Siddall  
Sarah Wilson



### Quadkids Athletics Event

A huge thank you from Mr Sadler to:

Matt Wragg  
Lily Barnes  
Kieran Fawbert and  
Holly Miller

for giving up your time and supporting the organisation and delivery of Tuesday night's Y7 and Y8 Quadkids Athletics event.



Great job!

Well done to all Y7 and Y8 students who took part in Tuesday's **Quadkids Athletics event!**

Y7 Boys:

Will Miller (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Leo Fretwell (7<sup>th</sup>)  
Dylan More (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Joe Mattison (13<sup>th</sup>)  
James Myles (20<sup>th</sup>)



Y7 Girls:

Amber Downham (4<sup>th</sup>)  
Charlotte Gee (5<sup>th</sup>)  
Ellie Siddall (15<sup>th</sup>)  
Eleanor Haywood (22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Charlotte Noble (26<sup>th</sup>)

Y8 Boys:

Finlay Grant (11<sup>th</sup>)  
Cameron Harris (22<sup>nd</sup>)

Y8 Girls:

Emily Hamshaw (7<sup>th</sup>)  
Ruby Serjeant (8<sup>th</sup>)  
Rhianna Keighley (14<sup>th</sup>)  
Katie Slater (34<sup>th</sup>)





## PE and Sports News (Cont)

*Mr Sadler*

### Chesterfield Schools' Y9 Mixed Rounders Tournament

Congratulations to the following students who won the Chesterfield Schools' Y9 Mixed Rounders Tournament:

James Allen  
Lewis Chippendale  
Amelia Fletcher  
Dylan Haertel  
Rubi Hume-Evans  
Rebecca Riley  
Molly Scollay  
Harry Squires  
Harry Staniforth  
Billie-Marie Webster  
Joel Whitham  
Lucy Wort



### Chesterfield Schools' Y10 Mixed Rounders Tournament

Congratulations to the following students who won the Chesterfield Schools' Y10 Mixed Rounders Tournament:

Frankie Allen  
Callum Anderson  
Lily Barnes  
Lewis Booker  
Rebecca Church  
Kieron Fawbert  
Miles Grigorio  
Olivia Hamshaw  
George Hurley  
Kai Leatherday  
Matt Wragg  
Millie Wright



### Congratulations to the following girls who this afternoon came runners up in the Y9 Girls' District Rounders Tournament:

Libby Anderson  
Amelia Fletcher  
Rubi Hume-Evans  
Taela Mason  
Rebecca Riley  
Molly Scollay  
Ellie Shepherd  
Billy Webster  
Lucy Wort  
Aaliyah Young



### Congratulations to the following girls who this afternoon were crowned winners of the Y10 Girls' District Rounders Tournament:

Frankie Allen  
Kelsey Ashby  
Lily Barnes  
Imogen Cooper  
Ellie Dann  
Eden Farrell  
Olivia Hamshaw  
Kayleigh Mack  
Chloe Wild



### Chesterfield SSP Parkfest 2017

Well done to the following students who were given the opportunity to represent the school in a festival of tag rugby and ultimate frisbee as a reward for demonstrating an excellent attitude in PE this year: Frances Cartwright, Jake Ashmore, Ellie Henson, Oscar Ryan Edwards, Ben Chappell, Obi Fidler, Jack Priest, Anna Morgan, Helena Greatorex, Ellie Reeve, Jasmine Harris, Mia Cooper, Emily Kay, Amelia White, Megan Blackbourn, Will Wylde, Freya Gregory, Isabelle Stead.

Y7 Rounders (IMG 3306): Congratulations to the Y7 Rounders Team who finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Chesterfield Schools' District Tournament. The students involved were: Charlotte Bacon, Gabrielle Crabtree, Charlotte Gee, Grace Hardy, Ruby Kirfut, Olivia Myhill, Abigail Noble, Aisling Rippin, Ellie Siddall, Sarah Wilson, Maddy Wright.

Y8 Rounders (IMG 3314): Congratulations to the Y8 Rounders Team who finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Chesterfield Schools' District Tournament. The students involved were: Lucy Furniss, Emily Hamshaw, Jess Henry, Jamilla Ibrahim-Hall, Isabelle Jacques, Rhianna Keighley, Harriet Morton, Katie Slater, Beth Tyson, Amy Weatherhead.

Player of The Tournament Awards (IMG 3307): Congratulations to Grace Hardy and Emily Hamshaw who were nominated by their opponents' for the respective Y7 and Y8 Player of The Tournament Awards in the recent Chesterfield Schools' District Rounders Tournaments.



## Online Safety

**Online Safety** is an important part of keeping children safe at Brookfield Community School. Online Safety is taught to all pupils and our curriculum empowers students to understand and be aware how they can stay safe and behave appropriately online but we can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with you.

Your help is needed to talk to your children about how they can keep themselves safe and behave appropriately online. It's important that we are all vigilant when children are using the internet and act to ensure they are protected from people who may pose a risk to them. Children can accidentally or deliberately be exposed to illegal, unwanted or unpleasant content, comments or activity online and there are steps you can take at home to minimise this risk.

**What can parents do to help children keep safe online?**

**Follow the "Gold"en Rules.**

### GROUND RULES

- Discuss together as a family how the internet will be used in your house. Consider what information should be kept private (such as personal information, photos in school uniform etc) and decide rules for making and meeting online friends. Ensure your children know the risks of accepting friends' requests from strangers online and make sure you know what your child is doing online; much like you would offline.
- Discuss using strong passwords with your child so they understand how they can protect their online accounts- talk about keeping passwords safe e.g. not sharing them with anyone or use the same password for several accounts. If your child's account is "hacked" or compromised then make sure they change their password and report any concerns or suspicious activity. For more advice on using strong passwords visit <http://tinyurl.com/Getssafeonlinepassword>



Get Safe Online  
Free expert advice

- Consider locating your child's computers and laptops in a family area but be aware that children access the internet on mobile phones, games consoles and tablets so use can't always be supervised.
- Be especially aware of settings rules relating to your child's use of webcams and any applications or devices which allow voice or video chat. Childnet have useful information for young people about using webcams safely.



[www.childnet.com/young-people/secondary/hot-topics/video-chat-and-webcams](http://www.childnet.com/young-people/secondary/hot-topics/video-chat-and-webcams)

### ONLINE SAFETY

- Install antivirus software, secure your internet connection and use Parental Control functions for computers, mobile phones and games consoles to block unsuitable content or contact from unknown people. Research different parental control software and tools available for your home and select the tools which are most suitable to you, your child and the technology in your home. Visit sites like [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org), [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org) and [www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/a-parents-guide](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/a-parents-guide) for safety information and advice about parental controls on consoles and devices and how to report concerns.

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matters.org

- Make sure you read any parental guidance and safety recommendations (including age

requirements – most popular social networking sites and apps are only for users aged 13+, 16+ or 18+) for any apps or websites before allowing your child to use them - visit [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

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- Always remember that parental control tools are not always 100% effective and sometimes unsuitable content can get past them, so don't rely on them alone to protect your child.

### LISTEN

- Take an active interest in your child's life online and talk openly with them about the things they do. Talk to your child and ask them to show or even teach you how they use the internet, learn which websites or tools they like to use and why. Learning together with your child can often open opportunities to discuss safe behaviour online.
- To start a conversation with your child you could tell them that you understand that some young people share images and videos online and that you're interested to know what they think about it and how they think they can keep themselves safe.

### DIALOGUE – KEEP TALKING

- Ensure that your child knows that once a picture, video or comment is sent or posted online, then it can be very difficult to remove as other people can forward it and share it with others, without them even knowing. [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) and [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) has some really useful tips and ideas for parents/carers about starting conversations about online safety.





## Online Safety (continued)

- Always ensure your child knows how to report and block people online who may send nasty or inappropriate messages or content. Encourage your child not to retaliate or reply to cyberbullying and to keep any evidence.
- Make sure your child knows it's important that they tell an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel scared, worried or uncomfortable.

Remember, the internet is an essential part of young people's lives and provides them with tremendous opportunities. The vast majority use it without coming to any harm so it's essential to be realistic: banning the internet or web sites often will not work and it can make a child feel less able to report a problem or concern, so education around safe use is essential.



### WEBSITES TO VISIT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

Visit the "Parent/Carer" Section and use the "Click CEOP" button to seek advice and report online abuse.



## Holidays in term time

On 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 the Supreme Court appeal, in relation to the Platt v Isle of Wight case, determined that under section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996 attending school 'regularly' means:

*"in accordance with the rules prescribed by the school"*

Due to this, from 1st September, Derbyshire LA will issue penalty notices for a period of unauthorised leave, regardless of a child's 'wider attendance'.

If leave is requested during the 2017/18 academic year on the basis that it was booked prior to the release of these arrangements and evidence can be provided, issuance of a penalty notice will be considered under the previous 'below 94%' arrangements.

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

Visit the 'Know It All' Section for an interactive guide about online safety.



[www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

Free up-to-date Security advice including using complex passwords and managing hacked accounts.



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Free expert advice

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

Information from the four largest internet service providers (BT, Sky, Talk Talk and Virgin).

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[www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety)

NSPCC's Share Aware campaign provides information for parents about popular social media sites, apps and games.

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[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

Parents guides to safety tools on popular devices and signposts report mechanisms for some websites.



<http://www.derbyshire.police.uk/Safety-advice/Cybercrime/Internet-Safety.aspx> Guidance from Derbyshire Police

If you are worried that your child is at risk of harm or criminal offence has been committed then you can report your concerns to the Police or Children's Social Care. Please do not notify suspicious profiles of your actions, as this could enable them to delete material which might be required for any Police investigations. You can contact Derbyshire Police via 101 or 999 if there is immediate risk or CEOP by visiting [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk) and using the "Click CEOP" reporting button.

The School Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Helen Dafforne, Mr Dooley or Mr Edmonds are available to discuss any help you may need or concerns that you may have.



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