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# BROOKFIELD NEWS

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## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

As the end of term approaches, now is a good time to reflect on what has been an extremely busy and productive year. This newsletter provides a snapshot of what has been happening in the last term we hit the ground running in September and continued in this manner all year. Extra-curricular activity returned with a vengeance, with sporting events, fantastic productions, such as 'Grease', and success in local, national and Redhill Trust competitions. The recent Excellence Awards Evening seemed a fitting end to a year that showcased the excellence that we strive for at the school.

From everyone at Brookfield, we wish you all a very restful summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

# COMPETITIONS



## UNITED CAST BAR COMPETITION WINNERS

Ten teams made up of Year 7 students took part in the 'History of Iron' competition sponsored by United Cast Bar. Students prepared and delivered their presentations to the judges which consisted of Mr Hirst, Ms Williams and Mr David Beet (Relations Manager from United Cast Bar).

The standard was high and four teams

have been selected to make their presentations to the United Cast Bar board members at their foundry in Chesterfield.

The winning teams will also be awarded with a prize of Amazon vouchers at a celebration lunch after a tour of the United Cast Bar Foundry. We would like to congratulate all the teams who took part and especially to the winning team.

## UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

In April, 128 of our Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. The Maths Challenge is a problem solving challenge which is designed to make students think and encourages mathematical reasoning and fluency.

A big well done to all of our students, including those who earned medals: 43 students achieved Bronze, 13 achieved Silver and 8 achieved Gold – including Jack who got Best in School. We are also proud of 4 of our Year 8 students: Zara, Jack, Charlie and Ella who all qualified for one of the following rounds – the Junior Kangaroo.





# STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL MATHS CHALLENGE

Edge Hill University has crowned a team from Brookfield the winners of their National Maths Challenge. The winning 'Pythagoras Prospects', team comprised of Toby, George, Felix, Benjamin and Harry.

The Year 9s embraced a series of maths challenges by answering questions designed to develop creativity, decision-making and subject knowledge. Finalists presented their solutions to a panel of expert judges.

The first-place winners from Brookfield received a £50 Amazon voucher each, a maths book and a certificate.

Emma Treves, Teacher of Maths, said: "Each member of the team rose to the challenge of exploring challenging and unfamiliar Maths beyond their curriculum, they were dedicated throughout and supported each other. Everyone at Brookfield is very proud of their achievement."

## BCS COMES THIRD IN BOROUGH SPORTS EVENT

Brookfield came 3rd overall in the district. A huge well done to our sporting superstars who showed up and gave it their all!



### NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

- Harriet winning the Y7 girls high jump
- Newton winning the Y8 boys 1500m
- Oliver winning the Y8 boys 100m
- Oliver winning the Y8 boys discus
- Evie winning the Y8 girls 800m
- Chloe winning the Y8 girls discus
- Tyris winning the Y9 boys high jump
- Archie winning the Y8 boys 300m
- Jack winning the Y9 boys 800m
- Annie winning the Y9 girls 1500m (which included Y10 girls)
- Marli winning the Y9 girls triple jump

# TRIPS



## ICELAND 2023

Twenty five Year 12 & 13 geographers visited Iceland in March 2023. Whilst studying tectonics and geothermal energy, students also managed to see the northern lights three times!

The geography department are already busy planning the 2024 trip...watch this space.

## KESWICK FIELDTRIP

In June, intrepid Year 10 geographers went on a residential field-trip to Keswick in the Lake District.

The group completed a range of fieldwork to investigate the impact of tourism in the National Park and the effectiveness of the flood management techniques used in Keswick.

Students also took part in a ghyll scramble, which involved jumping, sliding and diving down waterfalls and rapids – learning about river processes along the way. A great time was had by all!





## BARCELONA SPORTS TOUR

On the 28th March 2023, 44 Year 8 & Year 9 footballers travelled to play competitive matches against a number of Spanish clubs in Barcelona.

The students looked exemplary and played some amazing football whilst representing Brookfield. The trip included a visit to the Nou Camp which was an incredible experience. Mrs Allan commented; "With the talent in this team, we may see some of students playing there one day!"

Alongside the matches, students were put through their paces during intensive training

sessions on a state of the art training pitch. Onlookers commented on how professional our players looked in their training kit. Students also enjoyed a day at the beach, fun and games in the swimming pool, wonderful hotel service and Ferrari ride!

Mrs Allan said; "It was a privilege to be involved in the week long trip, watching Brookfield students represent the school so positively, gaining varying skills through different experiences on and off the football pitch and most importantly creating memories for life!"

## YEAR 7 KINGSWOOD TRIP

On Friday 16th June, Year 7 students ventured to Dearne Valley, Kingswood for a weekend of fun activities in the summer sun. Students were exemplary, many staff commented on their conduct, positive attitude and enthusiasm. Many new friendships were formed through the team building exercises and the group activities.

The first and most challenging for the students was making their own beds and unpacking their cases ready for Mrs Allan's room inspections!



# EVENTS

## SPORTS DAY

All students at Brookfield compete in a games activity in the morning on Sports Day. Year 7 students take part in a scatter-ball competition, Y8 students take part in a cricket competition and Year 9 students take part in a rounders competition. In the afternoon students have the opportunity to represent their house in an athletics competition! A huge well done to all of our sporting superstars who participated!

## OVERALL RESULTS

HOUSE	TOTAL POINTS	POSITION
Birchan	25	1 <sup>st</sup>
Froggott	23	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Curbar	19	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Baslow	15	4 <sup>th</sup>
Gardons	10	5 <sup>th</sup>



## PRIMARY TRANSITION

The final weeks of term are the perfect time for us to welcome our soon-to-be Year 7 students into school for their transition period.

The new students have been given taster sessions across all subjects, with some amazing activities put on by each department; including a treasure hunt around school, PE tournaments, lino printing art workshops and a live performance from our summer showcase stars. The students have also been learning about Brookfield values and expectations, and have had fun in the process.





# DUKE OF EDINBURGH

After a successful 3 day and 2 night practice expedition, including a night camping on the school field, the 2023 Gold team headed into their qualifying expedition with much trepidation.

## DAY ONE:

Day 1 was a dark and moody summer morning, with plenty of light showers in the skies. Not the start that the teams were maybe hoping for. The weather didn't deter them and they set about preparing kit and checking routes for the final time before they set off on their first hike of the week.

## DAY TWO:

By day 2 the weather had started to clear and we woke up to some sun. After a hearty breakfast, cooked on the trusty Trangia stove, both teams packed up their tents, checked their routes and set off for the day 2 hike. Unfortunately, the good weather didn't last and the heavy rain and storms had been forecast for the day, although they passed with little effect on the team's progress.

## DAY THREE:

Day 3 started and ended with some lovely sun. The hike was shorter with the main focus of the day being the teams working on their overall aim for the expedition. With the weather holding out, the teams were making good progress and arrived slightly early to campsite 3 – hot showers and a chance to dry out in the afternoon sun provided much relief. Sore feet and tired legs were starting to dampen some of the team's spirits, but their resilience to pass their expedition was something that was evident from the outset.

## DAY FOUR:

Day 4 - the finish line – the quickest day of walking by far, Hathersage and the finish line so close, but with a hilly finish the teams still had a lot of work to do. With all teams back and passed, it was time for home, a warm bed and a home cooked meal.



# EXCELLENCE AWARDS EVENING

The annual BCS Excellence Awards Evening was held at the Winding Wheel Theatre, Chesterfield on Thursday the 6th of July 2023. The Awards Evening is the culmination of individual achievement throughout the year and is a celebration of excellence across the school. Awards are presented from each department and each house for every year group.

The evening started with a fantastic opening number from the forthcoming School Production, the Little Mermaid, sung by Tess, Charlotte, Emily, Anna, Chloe and Emelia. Opening introductions were given by Mrs Mason, before an opening address by Mr John Barker, the Chair of Governors.

Over 100 awards were presented to students from across the school. Awards were presented by the Head of Subject, Head of House along with Mr Hirst, headteacher and Mr Barker. The Headteacher's award is a special one-off award designated by the Headteacher. This year's recipient was Gracie-may!

At the intermission the audience and gathered students were treated to three live recitals of poetry by some very talented and able Year 7 and 8 students. Abbie, Millie and Olivia gave a rendition of poetry matched with sign-language, whilst Pippa and Eddie recited poetry by heart.

Mr Hirst gave the final closing address before a superb curtain closing performance by former Year 13 student Kate and current Year 13 student Isabelle. Kate is studying Musical Theatre Triple Threat at the University of Chichester Conservatoire, whilst Isabelle hopes to study Musical Theatre at the LMA.

All in all the evening was a fantastic success, enjoyed by students, their families and the staff. It is a great evening for students and we hope everyone is aspiring to be part of it and be there next year.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## TERM DATES

- 4th September 2023 - School opens for Autumn Term
- 7th September 2023 - Year 12/13 Parent Information Evening
- 12th September - Year 8/9 Parent Information Evening
- 13th September - Year 10/11 Parent Information Evening
- 21st September - Year 7 Parent Information Evening
- 21st/22nd September 2023 - Year 7 Urban studies trip
- 27th September 2023 - Year 6 Open Evening
- 29th September 2023 - Whole school sponsored walk for charity
- 2nd October 2023 - INSET day

## STAFF LEAVERS

- Graeme Schofield – Head of Geography – been at BCS for 17 years
- Chris Myhill – Head of ICT & Business – been at BCS for 2 years
- Mark Armstrong – Teacher of Maths – been at BCS for 2 years
- Jacob Blood – Cover Supervisor – been at BCS for 1 ½ years

## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

**Do you have any pre-loved school uniform that you can donate?**

Please leave any donations (clean and in good condition) with our main reception.

**Do you need help with uniform?**

If so, please contact us on [PastoralSupport@brookfieldcs.org.uk](mailto:PastoralSupport@brookfieldcs.org.uk)