
News, Events and Updates at Brompton Academy

UKAT Sixth Form Options Event

We are excited to announce that the UKAT Sixth Form Options Event is taking place on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at the Pilkington Building, Medway Campus, University of Kent.

To register for this event, please click on the following link:

<https://www.universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk/ukat-sixth-form-options-event>



The image contains a promotional poster for the UKAT Sixth Form Options Event on the left and two photographs of students on the right. The poster is black with white text. The top text reads 'UKAT SIXTH FORM WARMLY INVITES YOU TO OUR PRESTIGIOUS OPTIONS EVENT'. Below this, it states 'UKAT Sixth Form Options Event', 'The Pilkington Building at the Medway Campus - University of Kent', and 'Wednesday 24th November 2021 6.00pm - 8.00pm'. It also mentions that all internal and external Year 11 students are welcome and provides contact information for Tommy Stanley, Assistant Principal Post 16, on 01634 852341. The bottom of the poster features the University of Kent Academies Trust (UKAT) logo. The top photograph shows three students (two girls and one boy) looking at a laptop screen. The bottom photograph shows a group of students sitting at desks in a classroom, with a girl in the foreground wearing glasses.

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UKAT Sixth Form Options Event
The Pilkington Building at the Medway
Campus - University of Kent
Wednesday 24th November 2021
6.00pm - 8.00pm

All internal and external Year 11 students are
welcome to attend this event.

For more information please contact Tommy
Stanley who is the Assistant Principal Post 16
on 01634 852341.

We are looking forward to meeting you.

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Year 12 - The DriveFit Programme

Year 12 Sociology students were asked to take part in a Pilot Study, DriveFit, for Educational Research conducted by Cranfield University, the RAC Foundation and the Pre-Driver Theatre and Workshop Education Research Kent Fire and Rescue.

The DriveFit programme will be trialled in schools/colleges from November 2021, and then potentially rolled out nationally in 2022. This pilot of the DriveFit film and online workshop aims to assess any difficulties experienced with implementing the programme as well as identifying improvements which could be made ahead of the main trial. The DriveFit film provides students with an introduction to important road safety issues related to driving and being a passenger in a car. The online workshop explores student goals and decision-making processes that help to support positive road safety behaviours.

In Sociology, we look at the use of pilot studies to ensure effective research and found this a great insight and value to our studies. It was also beneficial as many of our young students will start driving soon and an educational programme to illustrate dangers and concerns was enlightening. Students were also asked to give honest feedback to the organisers so that changes could be made to ensure engagement with other young students across England when rolled out nationally.

The online workshop will be held in the next few weeks and students are looking forward to being part of a great study.



Health and Social Care - Year 12

The world of medicine and care is a deeply complex yet highly rewarding one, which is why a group of Year 12 Health and Social Care students made the most of a Careers Fair visit at Medway Maritime Hospital.

Seeing up close some of the intense work carried out by staff, often under massive pressures and stresses, helped cement their determination to do something to help others when they leave the UKAT Sixth Form.

It was an incredibly rewarding visit under the Careers Fair banner looking at the myriad of careers within the NHS.

Included was up close access to some ground-breaking equipment in the hospital's Simulation Suite that allowed students to experience some real-world scenarios that could have either devastating or life-saving consequences, depending on the quick actions they took.

It proved to be absolutely fascinating for our students and we look forward to doing it all again with another group soon.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Our Year 10 Prince's Trust students have been busy organising the Christmas Shoebox appeal, which is run by the Samaritan's Purse every year to bring a Christmas gift to children that aren't as fortunate as us.

The Year 10 students asked Academy students to donate one item each to put in shoeboxes. To ensure that they had an even spread of donations, they split the categories between year groups:

Year 7 - letters of kindness and an item from any list

Year 8 - fun items - toys, teddies, puzzles, colouring books, etc

Year 9 - personal hygiene - soap, toothbrush, facecloth, hairbrush, etc

Year 10 - clothing - hat, gloves, t-shirt, socks, flip-flops, etc

Year 11 - stationary - pens, notebooks, pencils, colours, stickers, etc

Sixth Form - baby items - muslins, bottles, teething rings, dummies, etc



Donated items needed to be new or unused.

To find out more information about the Samaritan's Purse, please click on the following link:

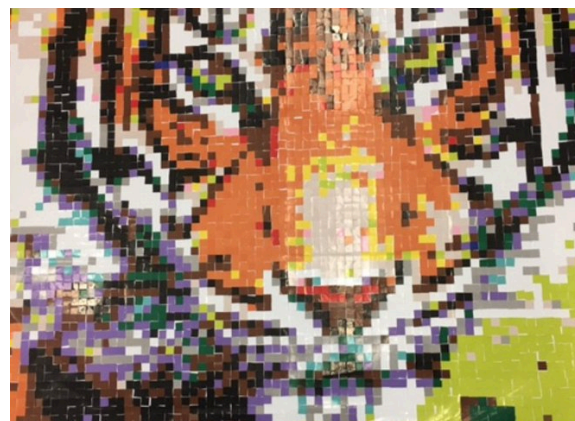
<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

When in doubt, go to the Library

As Ron Weasley wisely observed!

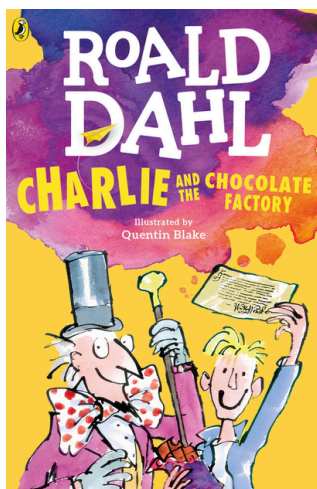
September has meant a very welcome re-opening of the Academy Library. Students from all year groups have been delighted to be able to borrow books in person, access the suite of iMacs for coursework and homework and join in competitions and events.

Our new Year 7 students have been spotting themselves on our personalised welcome bunting, raiding the stocks of new books and contributing to our Library art inspired National Poetry Day - The Tyger by William Blake.



Tyger, Tyger, burning bright!

Celebrating Roald Dahl's Birthday



To celebrate the British novelist, short-story writer, poet, Roald Dahl's birthday (13th September), we voted for our most favourite of his books using our iPads to familiarise ourselves with the software.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was our winning book!

Did you know that Roald Dahl's books have sold more than 250 million copies worldwide!

20 Reasons to Read

A splendid group of students entered a creative competition to design a fabulous infogram of twenty great reasons to read. Each entry was a work of art and will be featured in our Library online exhibition. Winners will be enjoying our Ultimate Reading Goody Bag over the holidays.

The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow...

Term 1 is now complete, and what a term it's been! The Brompton Academy Performing Arts (BAPA) Team are back in full swing and are super excited for the year ahead!

The BAPA Team have been very excited to announce the show this term - after a couple of weeks of hints, we had a fantastic turn out of the official launch of... (jazz hands ready...) **Annie Jr!**



We invited all students, across all year groups to audition for a part in the show, and we have been so impressed by the professionalism that we have seen at the auditions. We are so proud of the confidence and aspiration of those who have auditioned to be in the show, and we are once again reminded of the incredible talent within our Academy!

We are going to have an incredible cast and we can't wait to begin rehearsals after the October half term. To keep up to date with all the things related to the production, be sure to follow our social media channels.

Extracurricular Extravaganza



As well as auditions, this term also saw the return of our extracurricular clubs. We haven't been able to offer students any after school activities for over 18 months, so we were thrilled to welcome students back to practical spaces for not one, but two clubs!

Miss Aujila and Miss Mulvihill welcomed over 35 students back to the BA Dance Company in its first week of relaunch and Miss Hough has launched Brompton Academy's first ever Glee Club!

It has been truly fantastic to see all student's willingness to be part of this, as well as their enthusiasm and excitement to back!

We Went to the Theatre!

In mid-September, the PA Team and Year 13 A level Dance students were lucky enough to see the thrilling new double bill 'Double Murder', by internationally celebrated choreographer, Hofesh Shectre



at Sadlers Wells. The performance showcased pieces of Shectre's repertoire including 'Clowns' and the 'The Fix'.

Students and staff were excited to be back in the theatre and were blown away with the performance and ambiance of the evening. We hope this was the first trip of may this academic year.

Miss McMenemy, Miss Mulvihill, Miss Aujila and Miss Hough

Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are pleased to announce that the Duke of Edinburgh Award has got off to a great start with the Bronze Information Evening, which took place via Teams for Year 9 students and their parents/ carers. Year 9 students will commence their Award in Term 2 and have been eagerly organising their volunteering, physical and skill activities.

September saw the completion of the Year 11 Silver Expedition practice (16th - 18th September) and assessed (23rd - 25th September). The 13 students did well with their map reading, team support, menu ideas and resilience to keep going. They took on board our suggestions from the



practice and came back like a whole new group of students. They were even willing to get up at 5am to get themselves out and walking as soon as there was enough light for it to be safe to walk.

25 Year 10 students also embarked on their Bronze Expeditions between the 7th and 8th October (practice and training) and the 14th and 15th October (assessed). The groups have had training with Mrs Lynch after school during Term 6 and again in Term 1.

We would like to congratulate all of the students who have participated in the training and expeditions.

Mini School Update - Term 1 Scores

The Mini School rewards system ePraise has got off to a great start in Term 1 - students are really motivated by the rewards and sense of achievement from gaining points. We have had over 100 students spending their points at the shop and entering the raffles.

The first of the Mini School competitions started in October with an Eliot Centre benchball game for Year 7 and 8 students, and a netball competition for Years 9 to 11. Our Sixth Form Ambassadors have also presented excellent speeches during the MS assemblies.

Congratulations to Rutherford Mini School for winning Term 1!

1st place - Rutherford

2nd place - Darwin

3rd place - Keynes

4th place - Woolf

5th place - Turing

Current News and Information - Social Media

For the most current news and information at Brompton Academy, we invite you to follow our social media pages:

Facebook: @BromptonAcademy

Twitter: @BromptonAcademy

Instagram: @BromptonAcademy



We regularly promote competitions for our students, parents and carers on our social media channels.

External Support Agencies and Services

Further to our letter dated May 2021, we are aware that this past year was and still is very challenging in so many ways. As well as all of the support options we offer internally, some families have also been accessing external agencies or services. We thought it would be helpful to share this information with you again.

To view the External Support Agencies and Services letter (May 2021), please click on the link:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d5c613783feb600018478ca/t/60bca8661e6ada72edba8e15/1622976615685/BA+support+letter+BA.pdf>

Staff Development Day

We would like to advise parents, carers and students that the Academy's next Staff Development Day is: **Friday 26th November 2021**.

The Academy will be closed for all students.

To view the Academy terms dates and Staff Development Days, please click on the following link:

<https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/term-dates>

Second Hand Uniform

We are now collecting items of second hand Brompton Academy uniform (logo items only please). If you would like to donate any articles of second hand uniform, please can you wash any clothes before dropping off at the Academy's main reception.

Gardening Club

After a very successful Summer School Gardening workshop, we are excited to announce that our new Gardening Club will be starting in Term 2 with Mr Whitehead.

Gardening is not just a spring/summer activity, it is an all year-round job, with plenty of work to do during the colder months. The Gardening Club will be lead by the students; they will lead the expansion and redevelopment of the current Science Garden to create a garden that is open to all students and subjects. Students will maintain the gardens, creating a wonderful environment for students to learn in and also importantly, enjoy some relax time in.

Students are invited to sign up via the Electives page on the Academy website at the beginning of Term 2; please click the following link to view the Electives page:

<https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/electives>

Sign up for Electives will take place from Monday 8th to Friday 19th November and will start week commencing Monday 22nd November.



Electives are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Sports After School Clubs - Term 2

Day	Sport	Year	Time	Coach
Monday	Futsal (Week 1 - 4)	Year 7-10	3:00pm -	Miss Mann Mr Yeowell
	Sports Hall/ Astroturf	Invite	4:00pm	
Tuesday	Sports Hall	Year 7&8	3:00pm -	Mr Yeowell Miss Mann
	Athletics (Week 4 - 6)	Invite	4:00pm	
	Netball Courts	All Years	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Miss Pedelty Miss Webb Miss Daniels
Wednesday	Table Tennis Sports Hall	Year 7-11	3:00pm -	Miss Foster
	Boxing Activity Studio	Year 9, 10, 11	4:00pm	Olympia Boxing
Wednesday	Badminton Sports Hall	All Years	7:45am -	Mr Gower

Thursday	Tennis Sports Hall	Year 7 & 8	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Frindsbury Tennis Club
	Football Astroturf (Boys and Girls)	Year 7, 8, 9	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Mr May Mr Webster
Friday	Football Astroturf (Boys and Girls)	Year 10 & 11	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Soccer Elite

Onesie Film Night

Our first Onesie Film Night was a huge success, with 100 students enjoying the movie Space Jam. Lots of delicious popcorn, pizza, sweets and much more were enjoyed throughout the evening.

Tickets for our Christmas Onesie Film Night on Thursday 9th December, 4.30pm - 7pm, are now available to purchase on your child's ParentPay account. Tickets are £4 per student.

If you have already purchased the Bundle of Fun tickets, your child will automatically be invited to the Christmas event. Further details will be sent out closer to the time.

The Onesie Film Nights are fundraising events organised by the Associates of Brompton Academy.

Brompton Academy
Year 7 and Year 8
BUNDLE OF FUN!

Including:

- Onesie Film Night
Friday 1st October 2021
4:30pm - 7pm
- Christmas Onesie Film Night
Thursday 9th December 2021
4:30pm - 7pm
- Hawaiian BBQ
Friday 10th June 2022
2:30pm - 4pm

£10.00 PER STUDENT FOR ALL THREE EVENTS
OR £4.00 PER STUDENT PER EVENT

Tickets available to purchase on ParentPay

The Associates of Brompton Academy

The Associates of Brompton Academy are a motivated, keen and determined group of parents and carers whose primary focus is to raise funds through fundraising events that go back into the Academy to enrich the education and learning experiences of students. We meet once a term to discuss our progress, where our funds should be put, and what exciting events we have coming up.

The Associates need you!

No matter how limited your time, we appreciate any help, and we are always looking for motivated and friendly parents/carers to join the Associates of Brompton Academy. If you are interested, please email joprice@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk for further information.

The Associates next meeting is due to take place on Monday 8th November, at 6pm.

Online Safety

Online Safety

Join us, sign up to National Online Safety as a parent, this will give you access to guides and webinars to help you keep your child safe online.

<http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/chatham-grammar>



Whilst the online world is a fantastic place, it gives us all an amazing link to others worldwide. It enables us to do schoolwork, to take part in remote learning, to play games and to communicate with friends and family near and far. We are accessing the online world more and more each day and that is why we need to ensure we are all educated in how to use it safely.

Online Bullying
Online bullying can affect anyone at any time, at any place. The impacts can be long-lasting and leave people feeling scared, anxious and lonely.

Online bullying is repetitive, negative and intentional behaviour through a digital media.

'71% admitted that online bullying is a worry for them'

Trolling is a form of online bullying, posting online to provoke and gain a reaction from an individual.

Look out for signs of seeming worried, anxious, nervous or scared. Being on their device more often or hiding devices or struggling to sleep. These could be signs that online bullying is taking place.

Sexting
Sexting Involves sending, receiving, or forwarding explicit messages, images or videos of a sexual nature.

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18.



Sexting is an offence under 3 laws

- The Protection of Children Act
- The Criminal Justice Act
- The Serious Crime Act

Once an image is sent online, the sender no longer has control over it. The image can be shared, forwarded, or screenshotted without the sender's knowledge.

Social Media
Social Media means 'Websites and APPs that allow you to connect with one another', these can be highly addictive and engaging.'

Here are the age restrictions for the top 6 social media sites used by BA students



- ✓ **TikTok** a video sharing social media APP, allowing you to create, view and download looping 15 second clips. This site is 12+ and if the user is under 18, supervision by a legal guardian is required.
- ✓ **Instagram** allows you to upload images and videos and make interactive stories. Exchange private messages, search, explore and follow other accounts that you like. This site is 13+
- ✓ **Snapchat** a photo-video-sharing app which also allows users to chat with friends via text or audio. This site is 13+
- ✓ **WhatsApp** is used to exchange texts, photos, videos and documents and making voice and video calls. This site is 16+
- ✓ **Roblox** is a video game allowing you to create your own gaming experience, building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. This site is 7+
- ✓ **YouTube** is where anyone can upload and watch video content. All different types of information, advice and entertainment are uploaded and billions of people tune in to watch, rate and comment on it. This site is 13+

Areas to be cautious of:
The 4 C's: Content, Contact, Conduct and Commerce.

- In App purchases
- Chat functionality
- Online predators
- Invasion of privacy
- Offensive images
- Presence of strangers

To stay safe, we recommend that you:

- Block and Report users on the site being used
- Disable Messages, so strangers cannot contact you
- Set parental controls
- Only make friends with people you know in real life.

Online Safety

Once Online,
Always Online



Useful links

NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Think you know

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/

For more information about Social Media platforms, visit:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Reporting-to-social-media-sites/>

To find links to our most recommended guides provided by 'National Online Safety', visit:

<https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/esafety>

Childline

0800 1111

Digital Footprint

A digital footprint is created from ALL your online activity.

The following actions will all impact on your digital footprint:

Sharing or liking other people's posts, commenting on other people's posts or posting your own status, photos or videos

Dating Sites

Dating sites are aimed at age 18+ as they enable you to interact with strangers. This age is set due to under 18's not having the resilience to deal with issues that come from building and managing online relationships.

Rewarding Kindness Online

If you see someone being kind online, send an email with a screenshot and a short explanation to: bakindonline@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk



Our Advice

Students are given time in computing lessons to learn and reflect on their actions online. We advise that 'What is OK today, may not be OK tomorrow'. We must think twice before posting online, our actions today will impact on our future choices in a number of ways including our further education and employment. It is now common for employers to carry out online searches and although we cannot change their ability to do this, we do have the power to influence what they will see about us.

Reporting

If you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online, you can report this concern to CEOP.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>



If you think the situation will affect the well being of a student whilst in school, then please email childprotection@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

The Safeguarding Team

Emma Perkin
Safeguarding Lead



Justine Wood
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Lena Cairns
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Paula Morris
Executive Support



Personal and Professional Development (PPD)

YOUNGMINDS
The voice for young people's mental health and wellbeing

Mental health and wellbeing for our students is incredibly important to us, and this has been our focus within PPD this term. Year 7 and 10 have learned about transitions and how to navigate change as they start secondary school or their GCSE courses. Year 8 and 9 have explored

issues around peer pressure, health risks and first aid. Finally, Year 11 have learned about strategies to help manage exam stresses as they enter their final year of Key Stage 4.

Access to Higher Education Diploma and GCSE

Do you want to develop your learning skills or return to learning after a break? Would you like to enjoy learning in a supportive atmosphere, and you are keen to gain a valuable qualification? If the answer to any of these is 'yes' then the University of Kent's Access to Higher Education Diploma, together with the GCSE Maths and English courses, could be suitable for you.

The Access to Higher Education Diploma is designed for adults and focuses on coursework and discussion. Helpful University of Kent tutors, regular guidance and inspiring sessions are designed to help you reach your full potential.

You can study a range of subjects, including Psychology, Creative Writing, Sociology, Politics with Law, and English Literature. You can also gain skills in research, essay-writing and presentations, and you can even get GCSEs in English and Maths.

The part-time Diploma course will be offered at Chatham Grammar from September, and you are required to take at least three subject modules spread over two years to complete the qualification.



For further information or to register for the courses, please click the following link:
www.kent.ac.uk/courses/access

Virtual taster sessions are available to adult learners, which give a flavour of the subjects that the University of Kent offers on the Access programme. To sign up for the taster activities, please click the following link:

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/access/brompton-academy/study#taster-sessions>

Free Talk Therapy for Adults

For further information or to book an appointment, please email
Counsellors@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

University of Kent Academies Trust **Counselling Service**

FREE Talk Therapy for Adults
Monday to Thursday,
4pm - 8pm

During these uncertain times, you may find yourself feeling anxious or stressed. The dedicated team of volunteer Counsellors in training, are able to offer you confidential and non-judgemental support.

Counselling offers opportunities to look at other ways to manage difficult situations.

For further information or to book, please email:

Counsellors@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Facilities for Hire

We are pleased to advise that Brompton Academy's facilities are available to hire. For a full list of facilities, further information or to book, please email office@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk, alternatively, click the the following link: <https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/facilities>

Lettings



**FACILITIES
NOW
AVAILABLE TO
HIRE**

Sports Hall

Conference Facilities

Assembly Hall

Therapy Rooms

Activity Studio

Fields

Astroturf

For more information please visit:

<https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/facilities>