
News, Events and Updates at Brompton Academy

The Rights Respecting Schools Award

We are pleased to announce that through the hard work of the Academy's Student Parliament, Brompton Academy has achieved the Bronze (first step) of The Rights Respecting Schools Award. This involved a whole-school review of our practices, which incorporated student and staff practices and perspectives. The Student Parliament then had to devise an action plan to address our main areas for development, which is now being implemented as part of our work towards the Silver Award.

The Rights Respecting Schools Award recognises achievement in putting the UN Convention on the Right of the Child (CRC) at the heart of a school's practice to improve wellbeing and help all children and young people realise their potential. The Award is based on the principles of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation.



Brompton's Chase - Term 2 Mini School Competition

On Wednesday 1st December, the Mini School Ambassadors and the Heads of Mini Schools organised a competition based around the TV show 'The Chase'.

Each Mini School had a representative from each year and worked in a team to beat a 'famous' teacher at the Academy. They had two minutes to answer as many general knowledge questions as possible! The teacher then had one minute and 40 seconds to catch up and answer as many questions as they could.... Some teachers were successful and some were not!

Thank you to the Chasers; Mrs Perkin, Mr Webster, Mr Walters, Mr Hardman and Mrs Baker Moss and thank you to Mr May for hosting the event.

The contestants were supported by their peers and there was a real sense of community amongst the Mini Schools.

Congratulations to the Mini School Ambassadors, for stepping up on their first big event and working together as a team, taking on different roles and for leading the day.

Mini School Brompton's Chase Results:

1st place - Woolf
2nd place - Darwin
3rd place - Turing
4th place - Keynes
5th place - Rutherford

Brompton's Got Talent - Eliot Centre

As part of the Term 2 Mini School Programme, we held a talent show for our Eliot Centre students. We saw ten contestants take part across all year groups and Mini Schools. It was a brilliant event and a great success. All students demonstrated community spirit supporting their peers and those taking part displayed great confidence and determination. We are so proud of every single student who took part and those who cheered on their Mini School!

Results were as follows:

1st Place - Tanisha - Rutherford

2nd Place - Harry - Turing

3rd Place - Joseph - Woolf



Badminton Inter-Form Competition

Year 7 and 8

On Tuesday 7th December, the first of the two Badminton inter-form competitions took place with the Year 7 and 8 teams. All of the teams played well throughout and it was very close when it came to counting the results!

The results are as follows:

Joint 1st Place - Rutherford and Turing

3rd Place - Woolf

4th Place - Darwin

5th Place - Keynes

Year 9, 10, and 11

Thursday 9th December saw the Year 9, 10 and 11 Badminton teams competing.

The results are as follows:

1st Place - Rutherford

2nd Place - Keynes

3rd Place - Darwin

Joint 5th Place - Turing and Woolf

Team support and encouragement throughout the competition was palpable!

Brompton Academy 'Smash' SSG Badminton Competition!

On the 18th November, Brompton Academy was involved in the badminton secondary school games competition. They came away with amazing results that will help us gain places in the overall standings.

We had a total of six teams taking part in the competition. Choosing who represented the Academy was a tough decision, so we thank those students who came to the after school club and trials!

The Academy's six teams played extremely well on the day of the competition, with some teams only losing one or two games! This is the best we have performed at a badminton competition; this is because those who did make the team, came to practice after school and even before school in the mornings.



The results are as follows:

Year 7 - 9 Boys Team 1 - **1st Place**

Year 7 - 9 Boys Team 2 - **8th Place**

Year 7 - 9 Girls Teams 1 - **2nd Place**

Year 10 - 11 Girls Team 1 - **3rd Place**

Year 10 - 11 Boys Team 1 - **4th Place**

Year 10 - 11 Girls Team 2 - **9th Place**

Congratulations to all teams. You worked so hard during the day and have represented the Academy!

Year 7 - 9 Boys

Felix
Finn
Leon
Silus
Gavin
Theo
Increase
William
Billy

Year 7 - 9 Girls

Alex
Harley
Emily
Ellie
Charlee

Year 10 - 11 Girls

Shannon
Isobel
Sophie
Lauren
Erika
Skye
Ellie
Abi

Year 10 - 11 Boys

Christopher
Jack
Lennon
Thomas

Netball Success!

The Academy's netball teams, which consists of over 30 boys and girls at practice each week, have been celebrating their success at recent fixtures.

Fixture Highlights

Year 10 Team - Walderslade Girls School: score 8 - 4 to BA

Year 9 Team - Fort Pitt School: score 4 - 1 to BA

Year 8 Team - Robert Napier: score 4 - 0 to BA

Year 7 Teams (2) Netball Tournament at Thomas Aveling - both teams finished in the top three schools!



A big 'Thank You' to all the students for continuing their hard work and coming to club each week. A special 'Thank You' to Mrs Webb and Miss Daniels for running the club!

Table Tennis Triumph

Brompton Academy recently took part in the Kent Under 13's and Under 16's Table Tennis Team Tournament. All students were extremely resilient. They displayed excellent attitudes during the event and came away with some brilliant results.

Massive congratulations to the Under 13's Girls team. They won their event and are now through to the 2022 Zone finals in London.



Results as follows:

- Under 13 Girls - **1st**
- Under 13 Boys - **3rd** in Consolation event
- Under 16 Girls - **2nd**
- Under 16 Boys - **4th** in Consolation event

Well done to all of the students that participated - you were amazing!

Woolf Mini School Christmas Stalls

All students from the Woolf Mini School have been working together to raise funds for 'The Laurence Plummer Foundation', a Medway based charity.

During Mini School tutor time (MST), students were extremely focused on the various activities to prepare them for the Christmas market. Each tutor group organised one stall each (a total of 11 stalls) within the refectory.

The project included the following topics to focus on in the build-up to the event:

- Fundraiser, steps to take and budgeting to make a profit
- Establishing your ideas for raising funds (one stall per tutor group)
- Decide on your stall and individual fundraiser
- Allocation of roles and responsibilities to members in your group
- Budget for costing and make orders for the stalls
- Stall and fundraiser preparation - design, create, advertise, posters, etc
- The event - Thursday 16th December Christmas Market (12pm - 2pm across all four lunches)

Students have learnt many valuable skills on this journey:

- Gratification
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Resilience
- Financial skills
- Entrepreneurial (business skills)

The event was a huge success and raised over £470 in profit! Well done to all the students and thank you to all the students who supported the event!

Other fundraisers included the Woolf Mini School Ambassador James, who raised a total of £330 with his own challenge. James' challenge was to run one mile, on the hour, every hour, for 24 hours. This

meant James had to stay awake for 24 hours. James smashed his challenge with his quickest mile being 6 minutes, 45 seconds! Very well done James!

Martin Bass, The Lawrence Plummer Foundation Trustee, was presented with a cheque for the amount of £2,119.



Mr Denness' 50km Ultramarathon

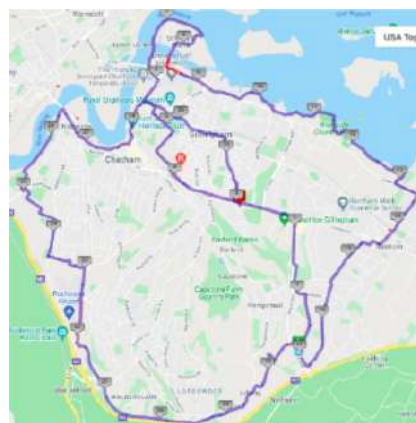
On the 11th December, Mr Denness (Associate Vice Principal), ran a 50km (31 miles) ultramarathon to support the Woolf Mini School charity funding team.

All Woolf Mini School teams worked really hard to raise money for a local charity called 'The Laurence Plummer Foundation'. The charity aims to help disadvantaged young people get into sport. They offer resources, support, and opportunities to the under privileged youth in our community.

Students in the Woolf Mini School organised their own individual fundraisers and worked as a team to have their own Christmas stalls. These were set up in the refectory on Thursday 16th December.

Mr Denness' challenge was inspired by his grandfather who passed away of COVID-19 on the 15th December; a four-time Olympian and Great British silver medalist in race walking - 50km being his best achievement. Laurence Plummer also died of COVID-19 and also inspired Mr Denness when he played for Hollands and Blair FC. Both his grandfather and 'Plum' always supported disadvantaged children and getting them into sport.

To prepare for his huge challenge, Mr Denness has completed 11 weeks of training, clocked over 230 miles and had a record run of 21 miles (3 hours 8 minutes).



Such an amazing achievement - congratulations to Mr Denness!

If you would like to donate to the charity, it would be much appreciated by Mr Denness, Academy students and the The Lawrence Plummer Foundation. To donate, please click on the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/robert-denness>



NHS Careers Information

On the 6th December, Academy students had a great opportunity to examine the changes of going into a medical profession when leading staff at Medway Maritime Hospital came to visit.

Lucy and Simon from the NHS Trust came to the Academy to do a pop-up NHS Careers Information stand during lunchtime. Many students visited the stand and received amazing advice! From the curious to the determined, students were able to quiz the pair.

Students were able to discuss how to apply for medical and non-medical careers and were surprised at just how many options were available. For further information on careers, students are asked to speak with Mrs Murphy in the Careers Team or by emailing sharonmurphy@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk



New Parent Trustee

After a successful nomination and ballot, we are really pleased to advise that Ms Modupe Ojedele was voted in by parents and carers as the new Brompton Academy Parent Trustee.

We would like to congratulate Modupe and welcome her to the Trust.

If you would like to learn more about the UKAT Trust Board, please visit the UKAT website by clicking on the following link: <https://www.universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk/ukat-trust-board>

A Tremendous Step into Annie Jr.

This term has been hectic but lots of fun! The BAPA team continue to be impressed with the work ethic and dedication of all our students.

After announcing the 2022 production last term, Annie Jr. rehearsals have been in full swing. The cast are working closely with the teachers across BA to develop their technique and stage presence, as opening night draws closer!



A level Dance - Year 12 and 13

Over the October half term, the Academy's A level Dance students, in Year 12 and 13, worked with the amazing Emily from Shobaba Jeyasingh Dance. The focus of the workshop was on Jeyasingh's remarkable piece 'Contagion'.

Students were lucky enough to learn some of the professional repertoire, as well as learning more about Shobana herself.



Year 10 and 11

This term students across Year 10 and 11 have been working hard, making lots of progress on their live BTEC components.

Year 10 have been focussing on Component 1, which entails them taking on in-depth research and analysis of a professional's work. Miss Aujila's group are looking at The Lion King, whilst Miss McMenemy and Miss Mulvihill's class are looking at the Broadway hit 'Newsies'.

Students have been working hard in both their theory and practical lessons, looking at different roles within the performance industry as well as learning parts of the professional repertoire!

The BAPA team have also been working extremely hard on their Component 2 projects. Four groups across the cohort are looking at a carefully selected repertoire from a range of shows and styles. Students must learn and replicate the work in a final performance.

Miss McMenemy, Miss Aujila, Miss Mulvihill and Miss Hough are blown away with the talent, commitment and enthusiasm that has been shown from all their students this term!

Mini School Update - Term 2 Scores

The Mini School unique rewards system, ePraise, is still having a fantastic impact with students. Students remain consistently engaged and motivated by the rewards and the sense of achievement from gaining points. We have had over 200 students spending their points at the shop and a staggering 600+ entering the raffle.

The winning Mini School Tutor groups received a selection box on the last day of term. The prize for Term 3 will be a pizza party for the group of students that have the most points added together in each Mini School.

Congratulations to Rutherford Mini School for winning Term 2!

1st place - Rutherford

2nd place - Darwin

3rd place - Keynes

4th place - Woolf

5th place - Turing

Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are pleased to announce 36 Year 9 students have signed up to do their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The students have attended eDofE training with Mr Webster after school. During Term 2, the students started training for the expeditions taking place in March 2022. The expedition training included learning how to use a compass, map reading, route and menu planning and learning how to use a Trangia.

The students are very keen and have already started working on their sections - physical, skill, and volunteering.

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.



Onesie Film Night

On Thursday 9th December, The Associates of Brompton Academy hosted a Christmas themed onesie film night. Students were invited to wear their favourite Christmas onesie or pyjamas and join their friends for a cinema style showing of 'The Grinch'. The Associates provided an array of popcorn, snacks and refreshments for students to purchase. Students were also invited to purchase raffle tickets with the chance to win an impressive chocolate hamper. A great time was had by all!



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. These go back into the Academy to enrich the education and learning experiences of students. We meet once a term to discuss our progress, talk about where our funds should be put, and about 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 Wednesday 26th January, at 6pm.

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 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, which will be 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

Term 3 PE After School Activities

Day	Sport and Venue	Year	Time	Coach
Monday	BTEC Revision R102	Year 10/11 BTEC	3:00pm- 4:00pm	Miss Pedelty Mr Webster
	Dodgeball (Starts 17 th Jan) Sports Hall	Year 7	3:00pm- 4:00pm	Mr May Mr Ghale
Tuesday	Trampolining (Invite only for Kent Competition) Sports Hall	ALL	3:00pm- 4:00pm	Mr Webster Mr Gower
	Table Tennis (Invite only for Kent Competition) Sports Hall	Year 7- 10	3:00pm- 4:00pm	Miss Foster
	Boxing Activity Studio	Year 9, 10, 11	3:00pm- 4:00pm	Olympia Boxing
Wednesday	Gym	Year 7 & 8	7:45am- 8:30am	Mr Yeowell
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
	Rugby	Year 7& 8	3:00pm- 4:00pm	Mr Ghale
	Gym	Year 9, 10 & 11	3:00pm- 4:00pm	Mr Gower
Friday	Football Astroturf (Boys and Girls)	Year 10 & 11	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Soccer Elite

Free Talk Therapy for Adults

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

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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.

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Facilities for Hire

We are pleased to announce 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>

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