



News, Events and Updates at Brompton Academy

BTEC Sport Aberdovey Trip

On the 14th November 2022, 22 Year 10 BTEC Sport students travelled to Aberdovey in Wales to complete an adventurous activity, at The Outward Bound Trust. The aim of the trip was to raise aspirations and to push comfort zones. We were very lucky that Henry Schein, a long-term supporter of the trip, was yet again able to fund a significant amount towards it.

The week was action packed and full of new experiences. Students had the opportunity to try gorge walking, scrambling, canoeing, high challenges, camping and even managed to summit three mountains in one day. The students were amazing and showed fantastic levels of resilience, teamwork, and respect. It was great to see the confidence levels of the students grow throughout the week and their ability to reflect maturely on their experiences was excellent.







A big thank you to Henry Schein who sponsored the trip, Outward Bound Aberdovey who planned such an incredible week, and a massive thank you to the students and staff who made the trip such a memorable experience.









For further information on Henry Schein, please click the following link: https://www.henryschein.co.uk/

To find out further information on The Outward Bound Trust, please click on the following link: https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/







Mini School Update - Term 2

It's been an action packed term for all of our Mini Schools, in particular Darwin and Keynes.

Darwin - Blue Zone Project

Darwin students have been working together on a new project called Blue Zone. Blue Zone was founded by Dan Buettner (a journalist and researcher) set out to find the longest-living people on earth and learn the secrets of their lifestyle. He wanted to know how people were living past 100 years in certain places of the world. His research on what came to be known as the five Blue Zones came





from learning, studying, and living like those within Blue Zone. Students in Darwin Mini School over the term have been discussing and exploring the following:

- Exploring their Blue Zone California Loma Linda.
- Fruit and vegetables within Mini School time.
- Opportunities to work outside.
- Exploring and experimenting with new foods in Food Technology and in the Refectory.
- · Personal Development on sustainable eating.
- · A Blue Zone recipe competition for each Mini School.
- Grow and produce your own fruit and vegetables to use in the Refectory and Mini School time.

Keynes - Charity Term

On Thursday 15th December 2022, Keynes Mini School raised awareness to support Home-Start and completed a fundraising event by providing a Christmas Fair during lunchtimes.

Home-Start Medway provides unique services for families with children across Medway. Being a parent, whatever your situation, can be very difficult, especially when children are young. Many parents feel exhausted and overwhelmed by the stresses of family life, particularly if they have little support from family and friends when they need it most. For some parents it's a particular struggle because they are also having to cope with issues such as post-natal depression, their own or their child's illness or disability, isolation, multiple births or financial worries.

Thank you to all the students, staff and Keynes Personal Tutors for supporting Home-Start.



Multicultural Day

This years Multicultural Day took place on Friday 16th December 2022. Activities ran throughout the day, celebrating cultures from across the world, which also made link to the academic curriculum.

Multicultural Curriculum Focus

All students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in different cultures, faiths, and world views during their normal timetabled lessons. Subject departments focused on a topic relating to their area of expertise, with lots of opportunities for student participation. There was a range of work on display which focused on 'Medway in Focus', where students were working on this during Personal Tutor time.







Multicultural Fashion Show

During lunchtime, students were entertained with four fashion and dance shows - the atmosphere was amazing with different cultural music adding to the ambience of the event.



Themed Lunches

The Refectory offered students and staff a range of new recipes from around the world to celebrate different cultures:

- Indian Naanizza (like pizza) tandoori chicken, keema, mozzarella cheese, red onions and tomatoes, together with a vegetarian option.
- · Jerk chicken.
- · Nigerian jollof rice.
- Mexican fajita (meat and quorn options).
- · Polish dumplings.
- Asian sticky port noodles.
- Desserts: Turkish delight, Portuguese dessert, Eton mess and churros.

The day was a very successful day celebrating diversity of world cultures!







Mini School Competitions

Brompton Academy's Got Talent Eliot Centre Competition

On Wednesday 7th December 2022, 11 students from our Eliot Centre competed in our annual talent



show. Each student represented their Mini School and we had a wide range of fantastic talents, from singing and photography, to drumming and dancing, each and every one of the students demonstrated bravery and resilience getting up on the stage in front of the whole of the Eliot Centre.

Our special judges found it incredibly hard to decide the top three positions, but the students who took the titles were:

1st place - Jake, Year 10, Keynes - Singing. **2nd place** - Praise, Year 10, Woolf - Singing. **3rd place** - Leon, Year 7, Turing - Drumming.

A huge congratulations to all students involved, you should all be so proud of yourselves!

Our winner Jake, was awarded a £25 Odeon gift voucher for his achievements.

Mini School Badminton Competition

Our Term 2 sports Mini School competition saw students competing in badminton. On Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th December 2022, students from Year 7 to Year 11 respectively, competed in badminton matches to win points for their Mini School. The event was very well attended and there was some fantastic badminton skills on show!

Well done to all the students involved, and who signed up to represent their Mini School. It was fantastic to see so many students enjoying taking part in competitive sport.







REACH Reward Points

All students have the opportunity to earn REACH points in their subject lessons, outside the classroom and during Mini School competitions.

We had over 300 different students represent their Mini School this term in various competitions which consisted of badminton, Christmas Family Fortunes and Eliot's Got Talent.

Our Academy shop has been popular as usual with many students buying gifts for friends and Christmas cards. All items are available to see on student's iPads, alongside termly raffle prizes. This term students had the opportunity to win a £100 Love to Shop voucher, ice skating for two voucher, Ninja Warrior for two voucher, a £20 Chatham Bowl voucher, a £10 Love to Shop voucher, a £20 Nandos voucher and a 100% attendance raffle worth £10 (five students selected from each Mini School).

Each Mini School had a festive celebration on the last day of term where Personal Tutor groups and Mini School tutor groups participated in board games, a Christmas quiz, arts and crafts, card making and celebrating student success at reward assemblies. We recognised lots of achievements through subject stars, REACH stars, students with the most REACH points, attendance and raffle winners.

Christmas Family Fortunes

Mini Schools played head-to-head to name the most popular answer to survey-based questions to 100 people, with a chance to win 100 points for their Mini School.

Teams consisted of between five to ten students, with many spectators in the audience. Students who represented their Mini School worked amazingly well together to come up with an answer. The event was a real buzz!







Term 3 Raffle Prizes







Brompton Academy Girls Team at the Kent Cup Football Quarter Finals!

A selection of Year 10 and 11 students represented Brompton Academy in the Kent Cup Football Competition. Students fought hard in a series of matches, winning their first game 11-0. The second, a nail-biting game, finishing 4-3, and finally a 5-0 win in a local derby, against Rainham Mark Grammar.

It's the first time in history, that a girls team at Brompton Academy has made it through to the quarter finals, becoming one of the eight top teams in Kent. Unfortunately, a tough Westlands side saw their cup campaign come to an end with a 0-4 loss.



A huge well done to all of the girls involved for demonstrating resilience and determination.



Badminton Secondary School Games Competition

On the 17th November 2022, Brompton Academy took part in the Badminton Secondary School Games (SSG) competition at Medway Park.

Congratulations to our Year 10 and Year 11 boys team, who were placed 2nd! Well done to our teams that took part.





Handball Secondary School Games Competition

On the 24th November 2022, Brompton Academy's Handball team competed in the Handball Secondary School Games Competition. It was a very tough competition with lots of strong teams, but all of our teams showed great resilience throughout the day.

Stand out performers were the Academy's Year 10 and Year 11 boys team, who didn't loose a game, together with our Year 7 and Year 8 boys team who claimed 3rd place!

Well done to all our students who took part in the competition, you were a credit to the Academy.





A Rise in Netball Attendance

Over the last two terms, Brompton Academy's Netball club has seen a big rise in attendance, which has meant lots of fantastic games played! During weekly intentions, a 'Team of the Week' is announced for all year groups. Well done to all students that have received a mention.

We would like to announce the 'Team of the Term' goes to the following students: Goal Shooter - Clara (Year 8), Goal Attack - Riley (Year 7), Wing Attack - Lukaz (Year 9), Centre - Pixie (Year 8), Wing Defence - Katherine (under 16's), Goal Defence - Amione (Year 8) and Goal Keeper - Alex (under 16's).

Each team has played one game each, that were extremely competitive. We look forward to the rest of the year with these amazing teams!

Medway Sports Awards 2022

The PE department are pleased to announce that we have been nominated for two Medway Sports Awards and have been invited to the awards evening on the 16th December 2022. The awards ceremony highlights sporting achievements across Medway and we have been lucky enough to be recognised for the Secondary School for the Year Award which Brompton Academy won in 2016. As well as this, our Secondary School Games Rowing Team, have been nominated for







their achievements in both Kent and national competitions. The PE department will be attending the evening, along with some student rowing representatives and their parent/carer. Hopefully, we can bring home a trophy, however, a nomination is still an incredible achievement!



Performing Arts and Dance

Year 10 BTEC Performing Arts

The Year 10 students have continued to develop their acting and performance skills through the rehearsal of different pieces. They are currently looking at the musical 'Newsies' and have impressed Miss McMenemy with their creativity and willingness to get involved! In their theory lessons, students have been developing their analysing skills and exploring the different features of production, all in preparation for completing their official BTEC components!

Year 10 BTEC Dance

Miss Aujila has been impressed with the professional approach to lessons and the dance work that students have produced. They have been learning a challenging piece of professional repertoire, which they have consistently approached with enthusiasm! Students always arrive to the lessons keen to learn, and this means that they have improved their pick-up speed and execution of the movement.

Year 11 BTEC Performing Arts

The Year 11 students have risen to the challenge of taking part in a mock of their external component, which requires them to work in groups and create a performance, based on a brief. Students imagination, teamwork and enthusiasm has continued to impress, and we are excited to see the final product and get started on the real thing in January 2023!

UKAT Sixth Form - Year 12 Performing Arts

The Year 12 students have made a great start on their BTEC units, demonstrating a range of rehearsal and performance skills in a range of acting styles. We have thrown a wide range of challenges at them, and they continue to impress us with their creativity and willingness to try out new weird and wonderful acting techniques! We are really looking





forward to seeing how they develop next term as they work on their final performance piece.

UKAT Sixth Form - Year 13 Performing Arts

Year 13 have continued to impress Miss McMenemy with their resilience and positive attitude to learning. They have been preparing for a challenging unit and have approached every lesson and new task with determination. They will be taking part in their exam not long after we get back in January 2023, so the Performing Arts department wishes them the best of luck - you've got this!

UKAT Sixth Form - Year 12 A level Dance

Year 12 have been working extremely hard this term on a variety of different dance performances. They have been exploring a variety of styles in dance and have been able to adapt, develop and produce some creative



dance pieces. The students have made brilliant progress in their tap workshop which has supported them with preparing for their exam components by learning about Gene Kelly and Singing in the Rain. The department is looking forward to seeing their achievements later in the academic year!

UKAT Sixth Form - Year 13 A level Dance

Year 13 have been introduced to their final choreography paper and have been exploring each question through research and a variety of workshops in preparation for their exam. They have been developing their choreography and technique within their practical lessons and have worked extremely hard on creating a solo, inspired by famous practitioners, even when the movement and ideas didn't go to plan. Not long to go until the final exam - keep up the good work!

Personal and Professional Development

This term Year 7 to Year 11 students have been learning about careers and exploring their goals and aspirations for their future.

Understanding the importance of positive and healthy relationships which is essential for our wellbeing, has been our focus within Personal and Professional Development (PPD) this term.

Year 7 have been exploring their goals and aspirations for the future and to think about factors that motivate people to work. They have also been developing their financial awareness, learning about the importance of saving and budgeting.





Year 8 learnt about equality in the work place, how our rights have changed over time and how we are protected against discrimination through the Equality Act of 2010. They have also learnt how advertising techniques influence us as consumers.

In preparation for making their Key Stage 4 choices later in the year, Year 9 have been learning about different qualifications at Key Stage 4. Students began by reflecting on their own personal skills and qualities to help them identify their personal strengths. They have examined different sources for support and evaluated sources of support.

Year 10 have been planning and receiving guidance and support for their work experience which will be taking place in January. All students achieve a Certificate of Attendance but the Excellence Award is given to those who have a particularly successful experience. This is identified by their employers, as well as the completed written diary and evaluations.

Finally, Year 11 have been looking at their next steps and post 16 options. They have looked at the advantages and disadvantages of different study pathways and where they can continue their education at school, at college or through apprenticeships.

As part of their Relationships education, Key Stage 4 students also learnt about the features of healthy and unhealthy relationships. Child-on-child abuse involves any abuse that occurs between anyone under the age of 18. Students learnt about early warning signs and the red flags of unacceptable behaviour in a relationship.

Should you need to access information to further support your child, please see the links below.

Childline - Money problems

https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/life-issues-planning/money-problems/

BBC Newsround - What's life like for UK children?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/extra/pnqxa7g7gf/cost-of-living#group-section-Amiyahs-Story-dsY8VILWoz

Children Society - Teenage relationship abuse

https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/information/young-people/advice/teenage-relationship-abuse

Post 16 Options

https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-16







Duke of Edinburgh Award

We have been overwhelmed with the amount of Year 9 students that have signed up to do the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE). We have a record 115 students for Bronze and 40 Year 10 students registered to do their Silver Award - amazing!

This year the Academy DofE Team have successfully applied for additional funding from the DofE Award; this has allowed us to apply a 50% discount to the starter pack and also reduced the cost of the expeditions.



During Term 2, Bronze Award students have started their eDofE training with Mr Webster. They have all been keen to get started on their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections. Silver Award students will be starting their expedition training next term.

We are extremely happy that the DofE programme continues to grow each year, and we look forward to working with our new cohort of students on their DofE journey.

Massive congratulations to both Harry and Lennon in Year 10 on completing their Bronze Awards!

Careers Corner Term 2

Unifrog



This term, all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 have been exploring career opportunities using activities on the Unifrog website. They answered questions which helped form Interest and Personality Profiles for each student, which enabled Unifrog to link each student to a range of career opportunities that will suit them.

Careers in the Science Curriculum: X Lab

"If you were an Engineer, what would you do?"

This term's X Lab project has been dedicated to the range of careers in Engineering. All students from Years 7 to 10 have spent three Science lessons examining the roles and responsibilities of the wide range of engineering careers. They listened to interviews from a variety of engineers and then worked on their own engineering problem or invention. The winners from each year group will be receive Special X Lab ePraise awards and submitted into a national competition.





Year 10 Workshop Experience Placement

130 Year 10 students have now secured their own placements for the work experience week commencing on the 30th January 2023. Medway Education Business Partnership (MEBP) is organising the remaining places. Some of the placements secured are as follows: Glass Box, schools, charities, pharmacies, architects, and a few placements in London.

We look forward to hearing how well the Year 10 students get on, in what will be for many, their first taste of a work place environment.

Career of the Month for December is the Design Engineer

Posters have gone up around the Academy celebrating the design opportunities in Engineering.







A Book in a Day

On Thursday 8th December 2022, all Year 7 to Year 10 students took part in reading Tilly's Promise and Stitched Up - some great fiction connecting to our History and our Ethics curriculum, with opportunities to see teachers, support staff, University of Kent students and Brompton Academy Governors taking part.



12 Days of Christmas Quiz

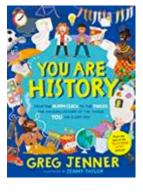
There was an amazing response to the Library Christmas Quiz, with over 1,000 entries, answering questions on everything from Christmas in Shakespeare plays, Agatha Christie novels and Tom Fletcher!

Autism and Sensory Santa's Grotto

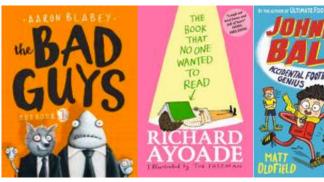
Working with local community groups, and the Associates of Brompton Academy, volunteers from Academy staff hosted a special Santa's Grotto in the Library to suit youngsters with autism or additional needs. The children decorated cakes, dipped for lucky ducks, listened to stories, met Aslan our Dog Mentor, made Christmas cards and most importantly, met Santa himself! It was a very special morning and was enjoyed by all.

University of Kent Reading Mentors

Students from Year 7 were invited to join a special event with student ambassadors from our Lead Sponsors, University of Kent. We investigated attitudes towards reading, how we choose books, what we like in books and students chose some hot off the press new books to read!











The Dangers of Frozen Water

DANGERS OF FROZEN WATER

Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters and adults find themselves at risk as they attempt to save them. Over 50 % of ice related drowning involved an attempted rescue of another person or a dog.

Areas with frozen waters can be beautiful to look at but they are also extremely dangerous.

Here are some useful tips to help you enjoy these areas safely.

TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE

NEVER GO ON THE ICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

This includes attempting to resuce another person or animal who may have fallen through the ice.

ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Try to take walks in the daylight but if you must walk in the evening, only use well lit areas and avoid anywhere with water.

KEEP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER

Never go close to the edge or lean oveer to touch the ice. You may over balance or trip and fall in.

ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS

Look out for each other and if someone does fall through the ice there will be others around to raise the alarm and get help

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Keep calm and shout 'help'

Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you

Try to kick your legs and pull yourself out of the water and on to the ice

Lie flat, spreading your weight across the surface and pull yourself to the bank. you may find it easier to roll.

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Keep your head above the water, press your arms by your side and keep your legs together

Once you are safe, it is important that you go to hospital immediately for a check up



WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Shout for 'HELP' and dial 999 or 112 if you can

DO NOT walk on to the ice to attempt a rescue

Shout to the person to **'KEEP STILL'** and offer reassurance.

If they are close enough, **LIE DOWN TO AVOID OVERBALANCING** and falling onto the ice, and try to reach them with a tree branch clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

If you cannot reach them, **SLIDE SOMETHING** which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

If they are too far away, $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{WAIT}}$ for the <code>EMERGENCY</code> <code>SERUICES</code>

and reassure the casualty from the safety of the bank.







Book Donations to Kenya

On the 10th November 2022, Brompton Academy's Maths and Geography departments gave away approximately 200 old books to the Shaman Splendid School in Nairobi, Kenya. The Headteacher of the school is extremely grateful for the donations, which will be given to students who cannot afford textbooks, as well as adding to their Library.

Sixth Form Peer Mentors

Term 2 has seen the introduction of the Sixth Form Peer Mentors. Sixth Form students have undertaken mentoring training during their free time, and are now available for students to talk to. The Peer Mentors will use their experience to help students with concerns they may have.

Students from all year groups can self-refer to the service by emailing peermentors@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk or they can approach and talk to a Peer Mentor when they see them around the Academy.

UKAT Governing Board Reshuffle

In recent months, the UKAT Governing Body has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that exceptional governance and great leadership remains a priority at the Trust. To enable Trustees to continue asking those challenging questions to the Academy Senior Leaders, Local Governing Boards have been established at each Academy and now meet every term. This move has been welcomed by all involved and allowed Governors to continue to apply the <u>seven principles of public life;</u> Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership. This will also allow the Trustees and Governors to focus on the core governance functions.

To view more information on the UKAT Governing Body, you can visit the University of Kent Academies Trust website https://www.universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk/governance.

Alternatively, you can contact Julia Culham, the UKAT Governance Officer, at UKATTrustees@universityofkentacademistrust.org.uk

Recycled Uniform

We have recently launched our Recycled Uniform Project which aims to offer parents/ carers the chance to purchase clean, good quality recycled uniform at reduced prices. It





also combats our uniform going into landfill and helps to reduce our impact on the environment.

If you would like to check what uniform we have in stock, please email us at recyclinguniform@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk. Please include which items and sizes you would like to purchase so we can get to your order quickly. We can then add the requested items onto your child's ParentPay account. When the payment has been processed, we will then email you to confirm that your order can be collected from our Main Reception.

Alternatively, if you would like to donate any good quality uniform, please drop this off at our Main Reception.

If you would like to see our price listings, please visit our website at https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/uniform-recycling-project

Christmas Film Night

Our second Film Night of the academic year was another great success!

Over 90 students watched the festive film Noelle, with fresh popcom, pizza, sweets and treats available to enjoy! Congratulations to Zach in Year 7 for winning the impressive sweetie hamper at the Film Night raffle. Every student received a free raffle ticket to enter, and additional raffle tickets were also available to purchase.

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



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. Funding goes 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 and 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 25th January 2023, at 6pm.





Term 3 Sports Clubs

TERM 3 SPORTS CLUBS				
Day	Sport and Venue	Year	Time	Coach
Monday	Indoor Tennis - Sports Hall BTEC Catch Up - R102	Year 7- 11 Year 10- 11	3-4 PM	Frindsbury Tennis Mr Webster
Tuesday	Boxing- Gym Table Tennis - Activity Studio Trampolining - Sports Hall	Year 7- 11 Year 7- 11 Year 7- 11	3-4PM	Olympia Boxing Miss Foster Mr Webster/ Mr Gower
Wednesday	Basketball - Sports Hall	Year 7- 11	3-4 PM	Crusaders
Thursday	Gym Club SportsHall Athletics until 12TH JAN SSG COMP - 12TH JAN Volleyball - Sports Hall from 12TH JAN	Year 7- 13 Year 7- 10 Year 7/8	8-8:45AM 3-4PM	Mr Yeowell Mr May/ Miss Pedelty/ Mr Yeowell/ Mr Gower
Friday	Football - Astroturf	Year 7- 10	2-3PM	Soccer Elite





Free Talk Therapy for Adults



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

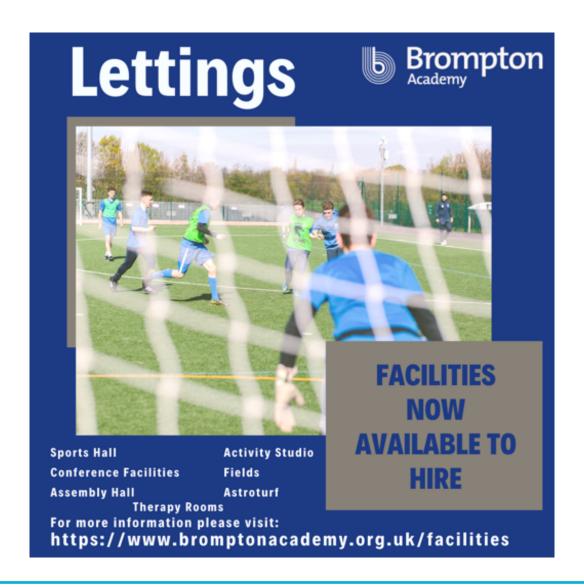
For further information or to book an appointment, please email Counsellors@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk





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 on the following link: https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/facilities



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