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# News, Events, and Updates at Brompton Academy

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## Year 9 Holocaust Memorial Day Webcast



Image courtesy of IMDB.com

On the 26th January 2023, Year 9 students had the exciting opportunity to listen to the experiences of Ruth Posner BEM, a Polish born British Holocaust survivor. Removed from her family home at the age of 10, Ruth spent her teenage years in the Warsaw Ghetto and as a German Jewish Prisoner of War.

After liberation in 1945, 16 year old Ruth moved to Britain, learnt English and went on to train at the London Contemporary Dance Theatre. Since then, Ruth has had a very successful career in television and film.

Our Year 9 students listened to Ruth's testimony, broadcast live to schools by the Holocaust Memorial Trust. Afterwards, Year 9 reflected on Ruth's life, and each wrote a letter about their thoughts on her experiences. The letters were polite, considerate, and inquisitive; a true reflection of the sensitivity and maturity that our Year 9 students have shown whilst studying the Holocaust this term.

To find out further information about the Holocaust Memorial Trust, please visit the following link: <https://www.hmd.org.uk/>

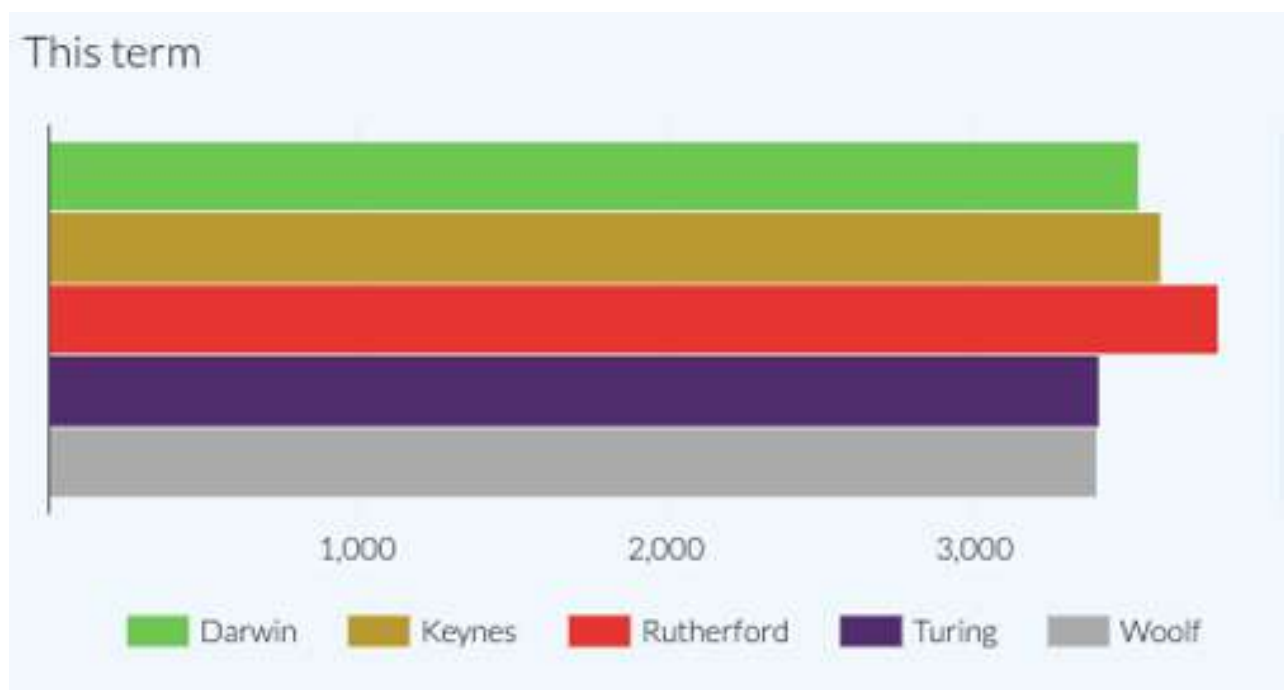
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## Mini School Update - Term 3

It has been another action packed term for all our Mini Schools.

## Mini School Term 3 Leaderboard

Congratulations to Rutherford Mini School who are the Term 3 ePraise point winners! All students received a packet of Haribo at the end of term.



## Term 3 Overall Leader Scores

**1st place - Rutherford**

**2nd place - Keynes**

**3rd place - Woolf**

**4th place - Darwin**

**5th place - Turing**

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## Mini School Competitions

### The Chase

Our annual 'The Chase' competition took place on Tuesday 31st January 2023. All Mini Schools entered and competed fiercely!



Turing were the first to face 'the Chaser', and unfortunately got caught out, clearing the way for the other Mini Schools to work towards winning the grand prize.

Wolf, Darwin, and Keynes easily dispatched 'the Chaser' to progress to the final round, which was to be a joint final between all participants. The real highlight was Rutherford, who gambled high and beat 'the Chaser' after a close encounter.

The final chase was exhilarating, with the joint Mini School teams racking up a strong 22 questions for the Chaser to beat. The Chasers gave it their all, but didn't meet the tally, falling short, scoring only 15 in the final.

The overall winners were Rutherford Mini School who answered most questions and risked it all for the ultimate tally!

## Table Tennis Competitions

On Tuesday 24th January 2023, we had our first competition of the year, Table Tennis. Students from Year 7 and Year 8 battled it out in an attempt to score points for their Mini School. Thursday 26th January 2023, was the turn of Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11 students. This tournament was always going to be an exciting event, with some experienced table tennis players across all Mini Schools.

There was amazing sportspersonship and table tennis on show from all year groups! The support between the participants, teachers, and onlookers was fantastic, with every team showing resilience and clear enthusiasm for the competition.



Congratulations to the winning teams for the great representation of their Mini Schools.

Here are the results:

**Rutherford - Year 7**  
**Turing - Year 8**  
**Keynes - Year 9**  
**Rutherford - Year 10/11**

Well done to all students involved, you should all be proud of yourselves!

# Eliot Centre Mini School Badminton Competition

Term 3 saw our Eliot Centre Badminton competition take place, with yet again some incredible skills on display! We had a huge turnout across all Mini Schools throughout Year 7 to Year 11. There was some amazing teamwork and resilience shown by all. The competitions were so close and each team fought until the very end to take the glory.

**Here are the results:**

## Year 7 and Year 8

**1st place** - Turing

**2nd place** - Keynes and Darwin

**3rd place** - Rutherford and Woolf

## Year 9 and Year 11

**1st place** - Keynes




**2nd place** - Rutherford, Darwin, and Turing

**3rd place** - Woolf

In the end we saw Turing take 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Year 7 and Year 8 winning all of their matches, likewise in our Year 9-11 competition Keynes took the title with a clean sweep.

Well done to all students that got involved and represented their Mini School!

## Term 4 Raffle Prizes

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<b>T1</b> APPLE AIRPODS 	<b>£10 LOVE TO SHOP VOUCHER</b> 
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<b>T3</b> ULTIMATE FOOD BUNDLE 	<b>FLIPOUT CENTRE</b> 
<b>T4</b> 1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION SPOTIFY 	<b>ODEON TICKETS</b> 
<b>T5</b> X10 CHOICE (WORTH £300) 	<b>PIZZA PARTY YOU + 3 FRIENDS</b> 
<b>T6</b> £150 LOVE TO SHOP VOUCHER 	<b>ICE RINK - YOU + FRIEND</b> 
	<b>CHATHAM BOWL £20 VOUCHER</b> 
	<b>£20 Nandos's £15 SUBWAY VOUCHER</b> 

## Secondary School Games Sports Hall Athletics



On Thursday 12th January 2023, 16 students from Year 7 and Year 8, participated in the Secondary School Games (SSG) Sports Hall Athletics competition at The Howard School, Rainham.

The boys team achieved 2nd place and have now gone top of the SSG leaderboard! The girls team were placed 4th, which puts them 5th in the SSG leaderboard.

Congratulations to all the students who took part!

## Personal and Professional Development

Understanding the importance of positive and respectful relationships is essential for our wellbeing; this has been our focus within PPD this term.

### Equality and Diversity

Year 7 have been learning about peer pressure and bullying, and the impact it can have on an individual. They have explored challenging scenarios and how to respond to them appropriately. Students also learned where to seek support and advice on bullying/cyberbullying.





Here at Brompton Academy, we value and celebrate diversity and believe that “every member of the UKAT community (should) feel safe, secure, valued and of equal worth”. Year 7 and Year 8 students have learned about Equality and Diversity, learning about the protected characteristics and how discrimination can be tackled individually and in society at large.

## Relationships

As our young people move into their teens, arguing with parents can become a regular occurrence. From hairstyles to friendships, school work to technology, future plans to curfews, it might seem like teens will argue with parents, just about everything! It’s worth keeping in mind that whilst this phase isn’t easy, it is normal and it will pass.

This term, Year 9 have been exploring issues related to family and relationships, this included teaching students about how to deal with conflict. Our three main tips were to remember to argue:

1. **fairly,**
2. **respectfully,** and
3. **only when needed.**

Year 10 and Year 11 have participated in workshops about healthy and unhealthy relationships and the red flags seen in some behaviours that could become abusive.

## Safer Internet Day

As part of Safer Internet Day, students explored the impact of social media influencers, in particular Andrew Tate. Andrew Tate has received widespread media attention for his controversial views. Bold Voices has stated “We need to acknowledge that Tate is reaching a very young audience of teenage boys - even if we think ‘it’s definitely not our kids”. The lesson asked students to engage in critical thinking around Tate’s social media messages as well as looking at how and why Tate has become so infamous.



We concluded by exploring more positive male role models who have used their influence as a force for good.

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

## NSPCC Bullying Advice

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2021/bullying-advice/>

## NSPCC Advice for Parents

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

## Think-U-Know (online safety)

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

## Andrew Tate Parents Toolkit

<https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/app/uploads/2022/11/AndrewTateParentsToolkit.pdf>

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# Duke of Edinburgh Award

This term saw the start of the eDofE expedition training for Year 9 and Year 10 students with Mr Webster after school. In their teams, students have been learning navigation and route planning, together with campcraft, menu planning and what to expect on an expedition.

Well done to all the Year 9 Bronze Award students that have made great progress with their Volunteering, Physical, and Skill sections of the DofE Award.



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# Careers Corner Term 3

## Unifrog

This term, all students in Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 students have been exploring careers by identifying their favourite topics on the subject profile which identified career opportunities linked to those topics. Students have been able to explore and listen to the short videos about these matching careers.



## Year 10 Work Experience

At the end of January 2023, all Year 10 students embarked on their work experience opportunities, which they had either secured themselves or were found placements in a variety of local businesses and services. Placements included a theatre company, schools, colleges, charities, pharmacies, dentists, and architects. Some of the placements also took place in London.

Teachers have already noticed how this experience has given many students a new confidence and an incentive to focus on careers related to the curriculum.

Students that completed their work experience at Glass Box Theatre Company, produced a podcast and Instagram adverts announcing the podcast, that went on to the school's social media.



## Career of the Month for January and February

For January, the career of the month was 'Art Therapist', and for February it is 'Logistics Manager'. Posters have gone up around the Academy celebrating the qualities and skills needed, income, career routes and apprenticeship opportunities in both jobs.

The degree of the month was a degree course available at Roehampton University on Music Therapy.

## Career Business Networking Breakfast



January saw the first of our monthly Career Business Networking Breakfast before school. Three businesspeople from the NHS, a shipping company, and a scaffolding company talked about their businesses, career opportunities available, and how their own careers lead them to their current jobs. Over breakfast, each businessperson mixed with students discussing various aspects of their own career aspirations.

The next Career Business Networking Breakfast will be taking place on Friday 24th February 2023, at 8am for Year 10 and Year 12 students.

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## Library News

We recognise the vital importance not only of access to books, but the pleasure of ownership of them more so, the delivery of the Book Buzz Books each student in Year 7 and Year 8 has chosen for themselves has generated great excitement.

This fabulous gift from the Academy is theirs to keep or swap between themselves, to give students even more opportunities to read.

We are running a fun competition to create an entire album of book reviews with some super prizes.

These books can also be used with our Accelerated Reader Programme to demonstrate reading comprehension.



## University of Kent Ambassadors

Our Lead Sponsor, the University of Kent offer the superb benefit of providing us with their wonderful Ambassadors. University students work as paid Ambassadors and support and inspire our students in the Academy. This term, they have been working with our Breakfast Club Students and supporting a reading programme which has been well received by our Year 7 students.

Some of the Ambassadors are former Brompton Academy students which is extra rewarding!



## UKAT Governing Board Reshuffle

It has been another busy term for the UKAT Trust Board and the Academies Local Governing Boards.

The Boards have been working hard behind the scenes to scrutinise and challenge the Senior Leaders, and are currently arranging strategic planning days in March 2023 to share ideas. The Trustees and Governors will also spend the day touring the Academy, visiting classrooms, talking to staff and students and planning for the future.

### Welcome

We would like to give a warm welcome to Lisa Dickson, who joins us as a Trustee on the UKAT Trust Board. Lisa is a Reader in Law and the Co-Deputy Director (Education and Undergraduate Student Experience) in the Division for the Study of Law, Society and Social Justice at the University of Kent.

David Graham also joins us as a Governor of the Chatham Grammar Local Governing Board. David lives locally and has extensive knowledge in Safeguarding and joins us as our new Safeguarding Link.

You can find out more about all of our Trustees and Governors by reading their short biographies on the UKAT Governance website <https://www.universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk/governance>.

We look forward to working with them all in the future.

If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about becoming a Governor with UKAT, please contact Julia Culham by emailing [juliaculham@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:juliaculham@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk) or telephone 01634 851262.



The poster features a smiling man with a beard and glasses, wearing a light blue shirt, sitting at a desk in an office. The background shows a modern office environment with a desk, a plant, and a framed picture. The text is overlaid on the image.

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## JOIN OUR TEAM

THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT ACADEMIES TRUST ARE SEEKING TO RECRUIT TWO NEW GOVERNORS TO JOIN THE CHATHAM GRAMMAR LOCAL GOVERNING BOARD (CG LGB).

For more information please contact Julia Culham via email [juliaculham@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:juliaculham@universityofkentacademiestrust.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](mailto: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.

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

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## The Associates of Brompton Academy

The Associates of Brompton Academy held another successful film night on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023, for Year 7 and Year 8 students. Our next event is the Hawaiian BBQ for Year 7 and Year 8 students which takes place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023, from 2:30pm until 4pm.

This academic year the Associates supported funding for our sensory santa's grotto with Margaret Baker-Moss in December 2022, and at our recent meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023, funding was agreed in support of the Year 11 Prom, and for some equipment for the Music department.

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](mailto:joprice@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk) for further information.

The Associates next meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023, at 6pm.

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