



News, Events, and Updates at Brompton Academy

Gillingham Football Club Five-A-Side Tournament



On Friday 3rd March 2023, Gillingham Football Club came along to the Academy with a handful of their Academy players, who are studying a Level 3 BTEC qualification. 30 girls, from Year 7 and Year 8, took part in an exciting five-a-side football tournament!

The Gillingham Academy players then officiated the games and were being assessed for a final assessment for their Level 3 BTEC Sport course. The students were a credit to the Academy and all their attitudes were brilliant throughout the event.

The students thoroughly enjoyed having Gillingham Football Club here at the Academy. They all enjoyed the opportunity to have their photo taken with a championship referee who was assessing the Gillingham Academy players.







Football Fixtures



This term has seen the return of Football fixtures as the days get lighter again, and we have had some fantastic results from our Year 7 team.

We have had some new players join in this term and the attitude has been brilliant from all those who have taken part.

For our other teams (Year 8, Year 9, and Year 10), the cup has been drawn and we're looking to play those fixtures soon and hopefully we can advance to a final!

We also have some Year 7 and Year 8 girls fixtures to come and we look forward to cheering them on!

Mini School Update - Term 4

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

Mini School Term 4 Leaderboard

Congratulations to Rutherford Mini School who are yet again the ePraise point winners!

Darwin	15,254 points	Woolf	14,959 points
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Term 4 Overall Leader Scores

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

Rutherford Mini School - Blue Zone Project

Rutherford Mini School students have been working together on a new project called Blue Zone. Blue Zone was founded by Dan Buettner (a Journalist and Researcher) who set out to find the longest-lived people on earth, and learn the secrets of their lifestyle. He wanted to know how people were living past 100 years in certain places in the world. Dan's research on what came to be known as the five 'Blue Zones' came from learning, studying, and living like those within the Blue Zone communities. The research/study focuses on the diet and lifestyle of these people with a correlation of results between the Blue Zones.

During the last term, Rutherford students have been discussing and exploring the following:

- · Exploring their Blue Zone Sardinia in Italy
- Trying fruit and vegetables in Mini School time
- Personal Development on sustainable eating
- · Looking at recipes and types of foods
- · Opportunity to grow and produce their own fruit and vegetables



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Turing Mini School - Fundraising Events



Turing Mini School have been raising awareness to support Carers First Medway, and completed various fundraising events on Thursday 30th March 2023, which included lunchtime stalls selling cakes, sweets, fun fair games, raffles, penalty shootout and much more!

We also held our Masked Singer Event which was led over lunches on Thursday 23rd March 2023. All students had the opportunity to see staff and students perform under a mask. The audience had to try and guess the member of staff or student! It was a really fun and vibrant event. Students enjoyed doing something different at lunchtime.

Carers First - Medway Carers First supports young people aged 5 to 18 years, who are carers, by offering them support and the opportunity to have a break from their caring role and meet others who are in a similar situation.

Thank you to all the staff and Turing Personal Tutors who supported Carers First - Medway.

To find out further information about Carers First, or if you feel you would benefit from their support, please visit the following link: <u>https://www.carersfirst.org.uk/</u>

Mini School Competitions

Great Brompton Bake Off

The annual Great Brompton Bake Off competition returned this term, which saw the Mini Schools battle it out to be crowned Brompton's Best Bakers! This years students were tasked with making 12 cupcakes - they looked and tasted great! Year 7 and Year 8 students took to the challenge on Tuesday 7th March 2023, with Woolf Mini School taking the double victory for both the Year 7 and Year 8 competitions! Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11 took their turn on Tuesday 14th March 2023, with Year 9 Darwin Mini School winning and Turing Mini School placing 1st in the Year 10 and Year 11 competition.







A big thank you to our judges Mr Swan, Mr Yeowell, Miss Foster and Mr Moore who had the tough task of tasting all of the cakes.

Eliot Centre Bake Off

Students in the Eliot Centre also got involved with the Great Brompton Bake Off action by holding their own competition. This took place on Tuesday 21st March 2023, and this time students were challenged to bake 12 cookies that tasted and looked amazing! It was fantastic to see so many students working together for the title of Brompton's Best Cookie! It was a tough competition but Woolf Mini School were again victorious, with Darwin Mini School a close second. Well done to all students who took part!



MS Dodgeball Competition



On Tuesday 21st March 2023, students from Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11 dodged, dipped, and dived in an attempt to score points for their Mini School. The event was very well attended and there was some fantastic dodgeball on show. Rutherford Mini School, who were a force to be reckoned with, took the win! On Thursday 23rd March 2023, we saw the turn of Year 7 and Year 8 students. This tournament was always going to be an exciting event, with some experienced dodgers across all Mini Schools. Turing Mini School's Year 7 team were placed first, and Keynes Mini School Year 8 team won the competition!

It was fantastic to see so many students enjoying taking part in competitive sport! Well done to all the students involved.





REACH Reward Points - e-Praise App

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

During the last term, we have had over 200 different students from Year 7 to Year 11 representing their Mini School in various competitions which consisted of Dodgeball, Brompton Bake Off, and Eliot Centre Bake Off.

The Academy shop has been very popular every lunch on Friday afternoons. We have our Academy shop supervisors who have noticed a big number of sales and suggestions of new items to be placed in the shop. All items for the shop are available to see on students iPads/ePraise accounts alongside termly raffle prizes they can also enter. This term, students had the opportunity to win a £99 Spotify voucher, one year subscription of music, ice skating for you and friend voucher, Ninja Warrior for you and a friend, £20 Chatham Bowl (bowling), £10 Love to Shop voucher and 100% attendance raffle worth £10 (five students selected from each Mini School).

Each Mini School also attended their Mini School Rewards assembly, where Personal Tutors and students celebrate student successes. During the assemblies we recognise many achievements which include Mini School termly ranking in terms of number of ePraise points, Subject Stars, REACH Stars, top 10 students with the most REACH points, attendance raffle and raffle winners.

Student Leadership Roles

We are proud to share we also have a large number of students who display excellent leadership skills in various roles across the Academy. These roles are across our Mini School system, extra-curricular programmes, and in the classroom.

The purpose of a Student Leader is to:

- Provide students with the opportunity to assume roles of responsibility in our Academy community, as well as the wider community
- Being a leader allows students to develop our Academy values, commit to our community and grow in confidence
- It also allows students to empathise, be resilient, and develop organisation skills

All student leaders are:

- Elected by peers or selected by teachers and Academy leaders following a recruitment process (application and interview)
- Provided with training on their role, key responsibilities, and the leadership skills
- Lead by staff members



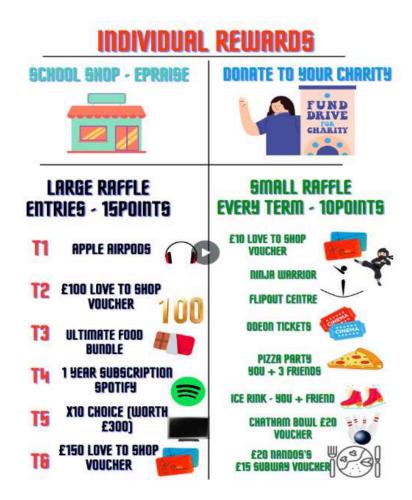


There are plenty of opportunities where students (Year 7 to Year 11) can develop this:

- Mini School Ambassador (UKAT Sixth Form role supporting Heads of Mini Schools)
- School Council Representative
- School Shop Assistant
- Community Leader Supporting new students into our community
- BA News Reporter
- LGBT+ Representative
- Sports Leader
- Career Leader
- Peer Mentor
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Combined Cadet Force
- Reading Leaders (UKAT Sixth Form)
- Numeracy Leaders (UKAT Sixth Form)
- WOW workers (Sixth form paid roles)
- Learning Leaders Within curriculum lessons to ensure there are leadership opportunities which links to our Academy Curricular Aims

If you require any further information about the roles, or think your child would benefit in any of these roles, please contact Mr Denness by emailing <u>robertdenness@univeristyofkentacademiestrust.org.uk</u>

Term 4 Raffle Prizes







Term 5 Mini School Competitions

All students can sign up to the Term 5 Mini School competitions by speaking with their Head of Mini School during Period 4.

	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	
	SPELLING BEE Tuesday IIth October ALL	XMAS FAMILY FORTUNES Tuesday 6th December ALL	THE CHASE Tuesday 31st January ALL	
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EVENTS CALENDER 2022-2023	BROMPTON'S MASTERCHEE	THE BIG BA DEBATE Tuesday 16th May ALL	BROMPTON'S GOT TALENT Tuesday 4th July All	
	DODGEBALL	FOOTBALL	SPORTS DAY	
	Year 9–11 Tuesday 21st March Year 7&8	Year 7&8 Tuesday 9th May Year 9-11	Year 7&8 July 18th July Year 9–11	
	Thursday 23rd March	Thursday 11th May	July 19th July	

Term 5 Eliot Centre Competitions

	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
ELIOT MINI SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDER 2022-2023	BENCHBALL TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER (P6 - COURTS)	BROMPTON'S GOT TALENT WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER (P5 & P6 - ASSEMBLY HALL)	BADMINTON WEDNESDAY IST FEBRUARY (P6 - SPORTS HALL)
	TERM 4	TERM 5	TERM 6
	BROMPTON'S BAKE OFF TUESDAY 7TH MARCH P5 & 6 (FOOD TECH)	DODGEBALL WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY (P6 - SPORTS HALL)	SPORTS DAY Year 7&8 July 18th July Year 9-11 July 19th July





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Brompton Academy's Mini School Team



Robert Denness, Associate Assistant Principal, oversees the Mini School System and the Heads of Mini School Team.

If you require any support with the Mini School system, Personal Tutoring, or Mini School Tutoring, please contact Mr Denness by emailing <u>robertdenness@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk</u>

Performing Arts

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our students across the Performing Arts subject! As a department, we have been extremely busy, and all students have remained committed throughout a tough term!

Year 13 Performing Arts

Year 13 Performing Arts students have continued to work with a high level of enthusiasm and commitment throughout this term. They are devising their own performance, based on the poem 'Random' by Liz Lochhead, as part of their assessment. Students have worked very hard in the research and discussion phases, which is now paying off as they have a clear plan for their performance piece and some great content already! We are excited to see what the final outcome is and look forward to them performing this to other students. Keep it up Year 13!







Year 12 Performing Arts

Year 12 students have taken part in lots of different acting workshops and have continued to improve their skills as they prepare for their performance of 'Bouncers' by John Godber. This is a fast-paced performance where students must use their skills to switch between multiple characters, something they have been working hard on in lessons. We have seen some great interpretations of the characters so far, and we can't wait to see what the final performance looks like!

As well as this, Year 12 have also been creating and devising material for their Unit 3 performance. Students have partaken in extensive discussions and undertook research tasks to create a performance piece based on the same poem as Year 13. The team are very excited to see the performance and how both classes have interpreted the same stimulus!

Year 10 Performing Arts



Wow – what a fantastic and busy term our Year 10 students have had! They are working on their Component 1 and Component 2 assessments and have been learning about the different features of the musical 'Newsies'. Alongside this, they are developing their own rehearsal and performance skills in preparation for their final performances of 'Girls Like That' and 'The Play That Goes Wrong'. In rehearsals so far, they have impressed us with their comedic

timing, characterisation, and commitment. We wish them luck as they head into the final stretch of these two components!

Year 10 Dance

Our Year 10 dancers have also been going from strength to strength this term, improving their technique as well as exploring different genres and styles of dance. The group are currently learning repertoire from the hit musical 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' which they will be performing for their Component 2. Rehearsals have been intense, but every single student has been working tirelessly to develop their musical theatre and performance skills - Miss Aujila cannot wait to see the result!



Dance Company & Glee Club

The Performing Arts Team would like to thank all the students who have continued to attend our extra-curricular clubs each week; their commitment and enthusiasm is the driving force and what make our clubs so much fun!

Every Tuesday you will hear the wonderful sounds of Glee Club belting out musical numbers in the dance studio. Miss Hough and Miss Fox have been working closely with





our very talented and tuneful students on a variety of ensemble songs and solos that we hope to showcase soon!

The PA Dance Company have also been busy learning several new dance pieces at once! Students must work extra hard each Thursday, as Miss Aujila and Miss Hough are fond of making different sounds instead of using actual counts!

The PA Company also got the opportunity to work with the amazing choreographer/dancer Sherisse Bisram, who came and taught not one, but two dance workshops! Over 40 students attended the hip-hop and commercial sessions and loved every second! Sherisse was very impressed with all the students and is planning another visit very soon!

Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th, and Saturday 25th March 2023, Silver Award students embarked on their assessed expedition in the Ashdown Forest, after completing their practise expedition locally.

A huge well done to all the Year 10 students who all passed this section of the DofE Award. They camped for three nights and walked for around 100km with their food, tents, and equipment in their rucksacks. This years silver expeditions were especially challenging with the harsh and ever-changing weather conditions. All the students showed real resilience, great teamwork, and pure determination to complete the challenge together. All staff said that their behaviour and positive attitude was exemplary!







Careers Corner Term 4

The Career Hub has had a very busy term celebrating Careers Week (6th - 10th March 2023), National Science Week (10th - 19th March 2023), and International Women's Day (8th March 2023).

February's CBNB

We have had another successful Careers Business Networking Breakfast meeting at the end of February, with three more fantastic businesspeople talking to students from Year 10 and Year 12. Our guests were from Uniper Energy (who work on decarbonising our energy production), Marlowe Theatre, and the NHS. All students were engaged with all the speakers, which was great to see!



Women in Science Talks

On 8th March 2023 (International Women's Day), all students from Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 listened to two speakers, from the University of Kent, talk about what they did and how they made their career choices. The students asked some very thoughtful questions after each session.

Feedback from 257 students of the 1,000 or so who attended said that:

- 54% learnt a lot about career opportunities
- · 63% said that it was interesting to hear what the scientists did and how they chose their career
- 15% agreed that the talks had changed their career plans

Additional comments made by students:

"I really liked and enjoyed the talk. I thought it was very interesting and I hope we do this again."

"It has helped me understand forensic science more, as this is what I would like to do in the future."

"It was interesting to hear about the jobs and how they help cancer."

Personal Tutor Time Career Activities

Every Thursday in March, the Personal Tutor activity has been dedicated to using Unifrog. This is a device that every student has on their iPads that enables them to explore career opportunities linked to their preferences.





This included a career challenge quiz competition (271 students entered), which recorded interest and personality profiles and explored what careers Unifrog suggest. It further recorded what careers are best suited to each student's work environment preferences and completed their skills profile.

Career Business Networking Breakfast

On 24th March 2023, we saw our second Careers Business Networking Breakfast meeting of the term. 20 interested students from Year 10, Year 11, and Year 12 chatted over breakfast with businesspeople from Microsoft and GitHub, The National Grid from the Isle of Grain, and Creative media industries.



X Lab in the Science Department

This term's X Lab has been all about Electricity and Climate Change. In these extra-curricular Science activities, the students explored the Science, career opportunities, and the creative modelling and expression of two subjects.



Year 7 and Year 9 students worked on a project called 'Creative Climate Change Awareness'.

The final part of the week's project was to create animations and video recordings persuading and encouraging people to reduce their carbon footprint.

UKAT Governing Board Reshuffle

It has been a busy term for our UKAT Governing Body, with tours of Brompton Academy (BA) and strategic planning days. Members, Trustees, and Governors alike have been spending time with staff and touring the Academy.

Below is an introduction to Alex Martin-Carey, who is one of our Governors:

As a Governor, my role is to work with the rest of the Board to ensure that the Academy is doing its best for the students, and meeting its obligations and requirements. This means that we meet regularly (at least six times a year) to discuss a wide range of issues and provide challenge to the Senior Leadership Team. We receive reports from the Academy Principal and other Senior Leaders covering the full range of activities in the Academy – everything from how students are performing in their subject assessments, to outcomes of





Mini School competitions, or updates required to the Academy site and its buildings. When we can, we try to see what goes on in the Academy day to day. Sometimes that means observing lessons, or eating lunch in the Academy Refectory, or attending performances and events. The Governors report to the UKAT Trustees, who are responsible for overseeing the whole of UKAT.

The teachers are of course the experts in the classroom, but our role is strategic and to challenge the Academy Leaders to make sure that they are making the best choices they can in the interest of all students. We bring a wide range of expertise; some of us have worked in education, but others come from a variety of industries or sectors. There are two current BA parents and one current BA staff member on the Board, too. Bringing all these different experiences together means that we sometimes have very different views, but that discussion and debate is a healthy part of making difficult decisions. Several of the Governors are linked to particular areas of the Academy – I am the Careers Governor, which means that I work closely with the Careers Team in the Academy. I meet with them regularly to discuss their plans and what has taken place, I attend events, and offer advice.

Every Academy has challenges, and I do think that diverse and committed Governors and Trustees at BA play a key role in helping leaders to address those challenges. Although I have spent lots of time at the Academy through my role at the University, it's been great to get to know the Academy in this new way over the last year. Being a Governor makes me think hard, often considering things from a new perspective, but it's also a chance to use my experience to support others in a different way. I have even more respect now for the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to keep the Academy running and am often bowled over by the achievements of staff and students.

You can also read about all of our Trustees and Governors by visiting our UKAT Governance webpage <u>https://www.universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk/governance</u>

If you or someone you know are interested in joining our Governing Boards, please contact <u>ukattrustees@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk</u>

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

We are pleased to announce that through the sales of honey and lip balm, Brompton Academy raised £317.50, which was donated to Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

For further information on the DEC, please visit the following link: <u>https://www.dec.org.uk/?</u> <u>gclid=EAIaIQobChMII574mJL8_QIVJ-_tCh3UjAVNEAAYASAAEgJLtPD_BwE</u>





Brompton Academy Associates Need You!



Brompton Academy Associates are a small team of super friendly volunteers, dedicated to raising valuable funds for the sole benefit of Brompton Academy students.

However, we do need more help from parents, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles to enable our young people at BA to flourish, enjoy, and maximise as many opportunities as possible while learning.

Here are some examples of what we have been able to support and fund so far.....

Library resources - including books, SEN Christmas event, and games

Trip costs – paying for the coach costs £500 for the World Challenge Trip

Year 11 Prom – donated £500 towards the cost of the event

Music resources – allocated £700 towards the cost of microphones and music electrical leads for students

We are extremely proud of what we have achieved and what we want to go on to achieve but, if we cannot get more help, we may have to stop this fabulous great work!!





We currently meet online by Zoom in the early evening, six times throughout the academic year for about one hour, to review and plan our actions for some great events and activities for the young people at Brompton Academy.

If you have a small amount of spare time and feel like "giving something back" why not contact Jo Price (joprice@uniersityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk) and find out more about how we work and how you could help.

It is very rewarding and a lot of fun!

Best wishes David Taylor - Chair

Gillingham Street Angels Free School Uniform Clothing Bank Swap Shop

Gillingham Street Angels is a charity located in the Kent area. They offer many support services for the wider community, including uniform.

They have a free school uniform clothing bank swap shop - which has a stock of Brompton Academy uniform - at their Chatham store in the High Street (open from 9am until 4pm, Monday to Saturday).



The stock is available to look through in their store and they welcome all visitors.

If you need some good quality donated uniform, then please visit their Chatham store.

For more information on Gillingham Street Angels, please follow the link: <u>https://www.thestreet-angels.org/</u>





Term 5 PE After School Clubs

B TERM 5 SPORTS CLUBS					
Day	Sport and Venue	Year	Time	Coach	
Monday	BTEC Catch Up - R102 Indoor Tennis - Sports Hall Gym Community Basketball Crusaders Club - GIRLS ONLY - Sports Hall	Year 10/11 Year 7- 11 Year 7- 11 Year 7- 11	3-4PM 4-5PM	Mr Webster Frindsbury Tennis Olympia Crusaders	
Tuesday	Boxing- Gym Table Tennis - Sports Hall Cheerleading - Sports Hall Athletics - Field	Year 7 - 11	3-4PM	Olympia Boxing Hurey Mr May Miss Gardner Miss Hough PE Team	
Wednesday	Basketball - Sports Hall Community basketball Crusaders Club Gym Club	Year 7- 11	3-4 PM 4-5PM 8-8:40 AM	Crusaders Mr Yeowell	
Thursday	Cricket - Astro	Year 7- 11	3-4PM	Mr May Mr Gower Miss Pedelty	
Friday	🐌 Football - Astroturf 🚯	Year 7- 10	2-3PM	Soccer Elite	





Free Talk Therapy for Adults



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

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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 <u>office@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk</u>, alternatively, click on the following link: <u>https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/facilities</u>



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