
News, Events and Updates at Brompton Academy

Careers Week

During Careers Week 2022 (7th - 12th March), the Social Science Department invited Per Laleng, Senior Law Lecturer from the University of Kent, to talk to Year 12 and 13 Criminology students and Year 11 Sociology students about careers in Law.

Students learnt lots of interesting information, including how to become a Barrister, Solicitor, and Legal Executive. They then went on to discuss a legal case where they had to decide how they might represent/prosecute the accused. This session was very inspiring for our Social Science students, and we are looking forward to further projects with the University of Kent's Law school in the future.



To find out more information about Careers Week, please click on the link: <https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/national-careers-week-2022/>

International Women's Day - Women in Science

On International Women's Day (Tuesday 8th March), Year 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 students listened to three Scientists and Engineers talk about their careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

The Dietetics Postgraduate, Researcher in Virtual Reality and University Outreach Officer who all have degrees in Psychology, talked about their work, career journeys, and the choices they made at school, and how they shaped their career paths.

The students asked some very insightful and interesting questions.



Personal and Professional Development

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

Year 7 students have been learning about the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty, and how to make healthy lifestyle choices to support these changes.

Year 9 students have been learning about relationships, sexual reproduction and health, with a particular focus on the law, consent, and how to stay safe.

Year 10 have been exploring issues around self-esteem and how to build self-confidence, and Year 8 have learnt about healthy and unhealthy coping strategies when faced with emotional difficulties.

Finally, Year 11 have been learning about self-care, first aid reminders, and medical health services.

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

Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/you-your-body/puberty/>

Think-U-Know (online safety) - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Young Minds - <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/media/ck4pwzq3/self-esteem-updated-june-2020.pdf>

Cancer Research - <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/cancer-symptoms/how-do-i-check-for-cancer>

Mini School Update

It has been another successful term for students belonging and representing their Mini Schools in various activities and events. This term students have been earning lots of REACH points (ePraise) in their lessons, as well as earning points for participating in Mini School competitions. Students are enjoying the new Academy shop where they can now purchase items using their points from ePraise. Our raffle entries have been very popular and it's been great to reward the winners in assemblies during the last week of term.

Rewards - ePraise System

All students have access to the reward app called ePraise which is personalised for the Academy. The app is easily accessible and available to all students, staff and parents/carers. Within the ePraise system students can view REACH points, achievement badges, leader boards, virtual certificates,

timetables, their student bio, after school clubs, activities, raffle rewards and donations towards local charities.

Students can earn individual REACH points for personal efforts, and team points for competing and/or supporting the Academy community.

Staff reward students that demonstrate our Academy ethos: Resilience, Equality, Aspiration, Community and Happiness. ePraise points are extremely valuable and are only distributed to students that staff feel have gone above and beyond in their learning.

Students can spend points on items from the Academy reward shop, enter raffles for larger termly items (such as Apple Air Pods), or donate a proportion of their points to a cash value for charity. Students can also suggest other prizes and items too, and we have recently added Aslan into our programme of awards so students can do tricks and training with photographs included during a lunch break.

The ePraise reward system helps our students continuously develop, and demonstrates positive reinforcement for good behaviour.

Term 4 Reward Assemblies

We held our termly Mini School assemblies that recognise students that have gone above and beyond to support their team mates, or have done something that requires extra recognition.

Each Mini School has a separate celebration assembly, which allows all year groups within the Mini School to come together and celebrate the success and achievements of individuals, groups and classes for both in school and out of school activities. Assemblies include:

- Overall update of the current winning Mini School leader board - all points added up from students from the start of the academic year
- Termly winning Mini School leader board
- Termly Mini School Tutor Group leader board
- Top five students recognised for earning the most REACH points per Mini School
- Raffle winners and prizes presented to students with gift cards - up to £200
- Subject Stars - three students from each year group nominated for academic achievement
- REACH Stars (five students per Mini School)
- Summary of the Mini School competition results for the current term

Term 4 Leader Board

These are all the Mini School points added up from individual students, and from the placing in the Mini School competitions for Term 4 only.

Congratulations to our Turing students and staff for becoming the Term 4 leaders. All students and staff received a Creme Egg after their assembly!

Mini Schools	Points	Position
Turing	3012	1st
Darwin	2997	2nd
Woolf	2995	3rd
Rutherford	2913	4th
Keynes	2749	5th

Terms 1 - 4 Points Overview

Competition has been fierce with all Mini Schools trying to achieve as many ePraise points as possible. Currently Rutherford are the overall leaders at this point! Congratulations to all students in Rutherford Mini School!

The annual overall winning Mini School will be announced on Sports Day. Winners will have the opportunity to go on our July 2022 reward trips. Options for the winning Mini School trips will be: laser tag, bowling, ice skating, pizza making, sports festival, movie afternoon and more!

The winning Mini School will also receive the Mini School Cup!



Academy Reward Shop

Students have been enjoying the opening of the reward shop - with over 550 items being purchased in March alone!

The Academy reward shop is open every Friday during lunchtime and at the end of the Academy day. This is led by students who are thriving on the ownership of the shop. Students are able to purchase items such as stationery, drinks, sports hall takeover during lunch, meal vouchers, hairbrushes and so much more!



Raffle Prizes for Term 5

During Term 5 students will have the opportunity to enter an amazing bumper raffle! Students will be able to enter the raffle on ePraise. The winning student will be able to select one of the prizes listed below. We would like to thank the Associates of Brompton Academy for donating £300 towards the Mini School raffle.

32" Samsung TV

Xbox Console + Two Games of Choice

Mountain Bike of Choice worth £300

BEATS Studio 3 Wireless Headphones

High Street Shop Voucher worth £150

WE ARE GOING BIG TERM 5

See next slide for further details!

Sport Event Ticket + Travel Expenses Worth £300

Apple Watch SE

Digital Camera Worth £300

BOSE SoundLink Revolve II Bluetooth Speaker

Any Item Worth £300 from the List Above

Students also have the opportunity to enter the smaller raffles, which include prizes to local attractions.

Mini School Competitions and Events

We host several competitions and events throughout the academic year for Mini Schools to compete in.

Great Brompton Eliot Centre Bake Off

On Tuesday 8th March, five students from our Eliot Centre battled it out to become Brompton Academy's best baker. All bakers had to follow a mystery recipe, which was only given to them on the day! Every competitor showed determination and skill when completing their bakes, and all worked so hard throughout. A huge well done to each student that took part and stepped forward to represent their Mini School, you should be so proud of yourselves!

Here are the results:

- 1st place - Keynes - Amelia
- 2nd place - Rutherford - Marius
- 3rd place - Woolf - Praise
- 4th place - Turning - Harry H
- 5th place - Darwin - Harry R

Congratulations to Amelia for baking the winning batch of cookies!



Brompton Bake Off

Ready, Steady, Bake! The Brompton Bake Off competition was a huge success! The competition took place over two days, and had over 30 students baking to represent their Mini School.



Each year group were given a different baking task to complete, including cookies, cupcakes and swiss rolls. Guest judge Tom Fletcher came to give his advice and judge the final bakes alongside Mr Goode.

A massive well done to every student that took part in the Bake Off - your bakes looked so professional and tasted delicious! Keep on baking!

Dodgeball Mini School Competition

On Tuesday 8th March students from Year 7 and 8 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! Turing came out on top, with Keynes a close second, and Rutherford not too far behind in third place.

Thursday 10th March was the turn of Year 9, 10 and 11 students. This tournament was always going to be an exciting event, with some experienced dodgers across all Mini Schools. Turing and Darwin came joint first place for Year 9, and Woolf won the Year 10 and 11 competition.

Well done to all the students involved; it was fantastic to see so many students enjoying taking part in competitive sport! Bring on the next competition!

Mini School Fundraisers

Darwin Medway Street Angels Fundraiser

Over the last term Darwin Mini School were raising funds for local charity, Medway Street Angels. Students organised an array of different events raising over £1,500, and collected two large stacking trolleys full of clothes, books, toys and bedding etc.

Here is an example of the events organised by the Darwin Mini School:

- Movie night
- Valentine's dance
- Car wash
- Spin the wheel
- Cupcake sale
- Donation station
- Tag day
- Staff and student raffles
- Guess the number of sweets in the jar



Students also created awareness videos and posters, and volunteered at Gillingham Street Angels.

If you would like to find out more information about the Medway Street Angels, please click on the link:
<https://msahomeless.co.uk/>

Keynes Home-Start Medway Fundraiser



This term Keynes Mini School have been working hard to create two events to help raise money and awareness for their chosen charity, Home-Start Medway. The students have created lots of lovely gifts for the Mother's Day Fair, gifts included plants, flowers, gift sets, books, handmade cards, and cakes. They have also created fun stalls for the end of term Easter Fair, including pin the tail on the bunny, lucky dip, tombola, an Easter egg hunt, a drone raffle, and much more! Whilst the final figure raised is yet to be confirmed, the students efforts at raising funds and awareness for this local charity have made us all very proud.

To find out more information about Home-Start Medway, please click on the link: <https://home-startmedway.org.uk/about-us-2/>

Year 11 Update

Term 4 has been very busy for our Year 11 students; they completed their second round of mock exams. These mocks, unlike the November mocks, were a full set of exams to prepare them for their GCSEs in the summer. Students have also received their results for these mock exams, and are working hard with their teachers to be fully prepared for the public GCSE summer examinations.

The study programme has been very successful this term, with our hardworking students continuing to spend their own time after school in targeted revision sessions with their dedicated teachers. Many of our students are attending regularly each week, making those small steps to achieve. Each revision session attended contributes to a reward each term - this term's reward will be selected soon! Next term the study programme will be relaunched with changes to revision opportunities and dedicated days for different refreshments.

The Easter Revision Programme took place during the first week of the holidays (4th - 8th April) and offered plenty of opportunities for students to boost their revision further. These sessions are run by subject teachers, and a full comprehensive range of subject sessions are available for Year 11 students to attend. Each session attended by students contributes a double stamp on their termly reward target.

YEAR 11
REVISION
PROGRAMME

As a final reminder - there are only 20 school days until the first GCSE exam for our Year 11 students! It is important that this time is used wisely; this is the opportunity for students to work with their teachers to make significant progress before their exams start.

Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom has now been officially confirmed for this year and will take place on Thursday 23rd June 2022, at the St George Hotel, Chatham. Tickets will be on sale soon and more information will be released about the event in the next few weeks.

We are looking forward to celebrating this end of year event with our students.



Racket Skills Festival



A specially selected group of Brompton Academy students were recently invited to Medway Park to support as Sports Leaders at a Primary School Racket Festival. Students were chosen based on their contribution to the Academy's table tennis teams.

The students were coaching a variety of racket sports, and received a number of compliments from teachers and coaches for their excellent work.

Well done to all students that were involved.

Rugby Success for Year 7 and 8 Girls

This term a number of our Year 7 and 8 girls travelled to Medway Rugby Club for the Secondary School Games (SSG) competition. The girls had a morning of coaching, learning a range of skills, including contact tackling. In the afternoon, students competed in matches against other secondary schools. We are pleased to announce that the girls team were placed 3rd out of seven schools. Congratulations to all the students involved, they should be extremely proud of their achievements!



Gym Club

Gym Club has now been running successfully for the last two terms. Students have had the opportunity to experience a mixture of circuit training, HIIT workouts, and boxing skills. Gym Club will continue to run during Term 5 where we hope to see many new faces on a Wednesday morning before the start of the Academy day.

This club is open to all year groups, and runs from 7.45am to 8.30am every Wednesday.



Netball Tournaments

The Academy's Netball Club which has a team in Year 7, 8 and 9, together with an under 16s team, have been out competing in tournaments and games against other schools. The teams are doing extremely well and are showing fantastic progression from the start of the year. This year netball has taken a strong turn in the right direction, seeing fixtures and competitions played and won by every year group. Well done to all students involved!

Personal Development at Brompton Academy

Duke of Edinburgh Award

After completing their expedition training, 27 Year 9 Bronze Award students accomplished their practice expedition on the 10th and 11th March 2022. All students worked hard and found the two days very tiring but a great experience.

Students experienced a range of different workshops, developing skills that they will need on their assessed expedition. Students took part in sessions including cooking outdoors, pitching tents, first aid and navigation. Students also completed a practise walk, in which they were remotely supervised to simulate the conditions that they will be in for their assessed expedition.

On the 17th and 18th March the students embarked on their assessed expedition which involved a two day expedition with a night in a tent. Students navigated themselves around the Kent countryside, set up camp, and cooked in order to pass their expedition section. This is the section that students find the most challenging, but also the most rewarding!

The UKAT DofE Team were extremely proud of all the students. They showed true teamwork, and behaved respectfully. They were a credit to the Academy, and we look forward to heading out on the assessed expedition!



Rainbow Laces Campaign

Miss Foster and students at Brompton Academy have been selling rainbow laces. This is to show their solidarity and support for the Rainbow Laces Campaign ran by the LGBT+ charity Stonewall, and also to raise awareness for LGBT+ history month.

In total they have raised £225! Thank you to all staff and students who have supported the campaign.

Rainbow Cake Competition Winners

We had an overwhelming array of creative rainbow cake entries to celebrate LGBTQ+ Month 2022.

All students who participated in the competition have received 20 Leadership Points.

Here are our winning entries:



LGBTQ+ MONTH 2022

**RAINBOW CAKE
COMPETITION
WINNERS!**

**1st Place Winner:
Liberty (Year 9)
£20 Amazon voucher**



LGBTQ+ MONTH 2022

**RAINBOW CAKE
COMPETITION
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**2nd Place Winner:
Leila (Year 10)
£10 Amazon voucher**



LGBTQ+ MONTH 2022

**RAINBOW CAKE
COMPETITION
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**3rd Place Winner:
Brandon (Year 8)
£10 Amazon voucher**

Annie Jr. - What a Success!

This term saw the culmination of months of hard work and commitment, as the cast of Annie Jr. stepped onto the stage and showcased their incredible talents. The show week atmosphere was one of excitement, and the positive energy from all involved made it such a fun experience. In the final lead up to opening night, the rehearsals intensified, as we brought in the set, costumes, lighting and microphones! As you can imagine, these new elements bring new challenges, but the cast and crew responded like true professionals and worked as a team to pull everything together.

It was an amazing feeling to be able to welcome a full audience back to the Academy, and we are incredibly grateful for all the support from parents, carers, staff, friends and family. We know how much



it means to our young people to have these opportunities, and to see people they know in the audience supporting them. There are many people who contributed to the show in some way, and we want to say a big you to them all.

If you saw the show, you will know how wonderful the cast were, and they have made us so extremely proud, from start to finish. Their commitment and passion, and determination to succeed from start to finish, made it a pleasure to direct. The feedback from audience members has been amazing, and there was even a standing ovation! Seeing the ecstatic faces of our students at the end of the finale, when they were able to soak up the audiences' appreciation after months of hard work, was very special. The professional level of the show has been commented on multiple times, alongside the exceptional talent displayed by our students.



For some of our Year 11 and Year 13 students, Annie Jr. was the finale to their own time at Brompton Academy, and we would like to wish them the best of luck for their next steps. They have been fantastic role models for our younger students, and a consistent support for the department, going above and beyond to make the show special.

We know that being in the show has created memories for all to last a lifetime, and it was a pleasure to see our young people's confidence grow and watch new friendships develop. We cannot wait to start planning for what's next!





Easter 'Guess the Origin of the CV' Competition

Huge congratulations to Tilly for winning the Easter 'Guess the Origin of the CV' careers competition. More competitions are on way - students are to keep to an eye on their emails for the latest updates.

Uniform Project

We are pleased to announce we will be launching our new Brompton Academy Green Recycling Uniform project in Term 5. This project will enable our parents and carers to have an alternative choice when purchasing branded uniform items for their children. This exciting new project means we are working towards becoming more environmentally friendly and encouraging a greener uniform offer, and at the same time we can offer a more affordable range to families looking to save some money and support a really good cause.

Parents and carers will be invited to purchase recycled branded uniform items from next term via ParentPay, so please keep a look out regarding this project via emails and our social media platforms, as we will be posting news and updates very soon.

All profits raised for this project will go back into the Mini School system, so we are creating funds for future student projects. We are now looking for donations of clean, good quality items of branded uniform. If you can help us get this project started, please contact us by emailing Recyclinguniform@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk to arrange for a convenient drop off time for your donations.

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.

We would like to say a big thank you to the Associates for donating £200 to the gardening club and £300 towards a couple of prizes for the Mini School raffles!

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 virtually via Zoom on Thursday 21st April at 6pm.

National School Breakfast Programme

Brompton Academy is now part of the National School Breakfast Programme, which is funded by the Department for Education to support schools in England to provide children with a healthy breakfast at the start of the school day. A healthy school breakfast, without barrier or stigma, will have a positive impact on student's learning and wellbeing, and gives them the very best chance to succeed.

Breakfast will be available every day from 8.00am to 8.30am in the Refectory and is FREE to all students. There is no need to sign up, just come along and have something to eat!

We are providing the following cereals for breakfast:

- Cheerios
- Shreddies
- Nestle Crisp Rice
- Cornflakes
- Gluten Free Cornflakes

Please note we cannot be responsible for monitoring all students during breakfast and ask that if your child has any allergies that they take responsibility for checking the individual packets of cereals.

The Academy's normal paid breakfast service will also continue to be served in the Refectory if students wish to purchase bacon rolls, hash browns and other items.

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



Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Course



 **Brompton**
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MINDFULNESS COURSE

A SIX WEEK COURSE FOR ADULTS

The six week program will focus on Mindfulness based stress reduction, and good health and wellbeing to help us build resilience to allow us to face life's difficulties with self-compassion.

No prior Mindfulness experience required.

Starting Thursday 9th June 2022
6.30pm to 8pm
at Brompton Academy
(Marlborough Road, Gillingham, ME7 5HT)

Fee: £100 per person

For further information, please call 01634 583548.

Payment for the course is required a week before the first session on the 9th June 2022. Payment can be made via the Academy merchandise shop by clicking on the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=714>

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 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>

Lettings



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Fields

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