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## News, Events and Updates at Brompton Academy

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### University of Kent Summer School for Year 10 and 12

The University of Kent is running virtual programmes for Year 10 and 12 students during the summer break. Students will focus on developing their knowledge, skills building and academic content experience to help them stand out in their job, sixth form, college and/or university applications.

Year 12: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

Year 10: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021

For further information and to apply, please click the following link:

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/outreach/summer-schools>

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### University of Kent Music Department Workshops for Year 10 and 13

During Term 4, the University of Kent (UoK) have been working closely with the Music Department to provide workshops for our Year 10 and Year 13 students. In the past, the workshops have been on site, however due to the current COVID restrictions, we have been conducting these via Teams.

Year 10 students have been working with lecturer Dr. Jackie Walduck and the UoK students working on creating a composition on "Freedom" - blending musical ideas together with their instruments and voices. Our students have been able to enhance their performance skills as well as their collaboration and confidence.

Year 13 students have been working with world renowned percussionist Simon Limrick and UoK students; they have been attempting to create a music technology performance by recording voices and instruments into a digital audio workstation (Logic) and playing with effects and loops.

This has been a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience working with lecturers who are experts in the music industry, learning different



musical skills as well as a rewarding experience UoK undergraduates to lead workshops ready for their future within the music industry.

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## Virtual Library

The English Department and the Library have worked in partnership to create a hand-picked virtual library of books for students to try. A fabulous array of fiction and non-fiction from the comfort of your own home! Students can access the individual year group Virtual Libraries through the Academy website:

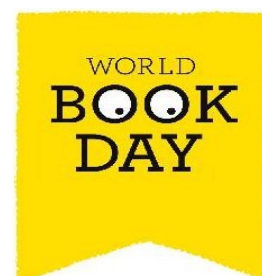
<https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/library>

## World Book Day 2021

World Book Day has been a big focus in the Library with lots of activities using technology for students who were learning from home.

The Library started the week with a 'warm up' quiz identifying famous book titles created from emojis.

Winners won a mystery prize!



## The Masked Reader

Always keen to embrace the silliness, staff were great sports and gave superb performances reading opening paragraphs of their favourite books, costumed as the Masked Reader! Students competed to identify who was the reader behind the mask.

Look out for the big reveal coming soon.....



A few of the Masked Readers!



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone  
J K Rowling

Wonder  
R J Palacio

Charlotte's Webb  
E B White

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

We have had a fantastic response to our online DofE challenges. A number of students completed their 5K walk challenge over the half term break, including some in the snow. We have also had an online first aid quiz with 50 students across our UKAT Academies participating and a 10-item rucksack challenge where students have had to select which 10 items they would pack to undertake a two-day walking expedition.

Denislav and Renzo in Year 9 have both completed their Physical and Volunteering sections for the Bronze Award and we are seeing some fantastic evidence coming through from both our Bronze and Silver participants. The DofE Team are looking forward to being able to sign off more sections in the next month.





For further information about the DofE Award, please visit the DofE and Brompton Academy websites by clicking on the following links:

<https://www.dofe.org/>    <https://bromptonacademy.org.uk/duke-of-edinburgh-award>

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## Brompton Academy Careers

Our current Year 11 students have been taking part in virtual career meetings – the process has been a great success, with lots of them already starting applications for their next steps and remaining students applying soon. It has been such a different way of working for all of us, but something that all of the students have embraced with enthusiasm. For students who would like more information or guidance about their future, please email [SharonMurphy@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:SharonMurphy@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk) – please remember to use your UKAT email address.



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## Year 7 Zombie Apocalypse

During their Science lessons 7G1 have been planning for the zombie apocalypse! Students had to create an early warning system using their knowledge of electrical circuits. The class spent several lessons planning their device and learning about circuits.

The zombie apocalypse day arrived; students created their pressure pad with some students bringing in their own supplies. We then tested their devices with zombies attacking. The whole class were amazing and defended the classroom from zombies using Science.



## Assemble – Performing Arts

It is Term 4 and the Performing Arts department are back together at last and we are thrilled!

As a team we continue to be extremely impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm from all students and are grateful for all the amazing work that is being produced now we are back at the Academy! Students are continuing to work extremely hard in their lessons even though some are yet to set foot in the studios and performance spaces!

### Years 7 - 9



Phase One are continuing to look at key skills in both Dance and Drama, through exploration of dance pieces and scripts as well as extended writing tasks and self-assessments. Although all Phase One PA learning has been from behind a desk, the team have been super impressed with the effort and enthusiasm that is being shown across the year groups.

Miss Aujila and Miss Hough were extremely impressed with 9Z/da1 and their tap-dancing abilities. The class have been looking at the work and influence of Gene Kelly and the impact he had in the entertainment industry. Students had a go at creating their own 'Kelly' inspired routines and performed them to each other!

Miss McMenemy has been super impressed with her Year 8 Drama group and has enjoyed being back in the classroom with them. They have already done lots of great work, including taking part in activities during creative careers week to learn about the different jobs in the industry. They have also continued their work on the National Theatre's production of Treasure Island and have explored how all of the different elements of a performance come together to make a fantastic show!

### Year 10 BTEC and GCSE

Year 10 BTEC (both PA and Dance) are continuing relentlessly with their component one research projects, focussing on specific performances and practitioners, including: The Lion King, Wicked, A Linha Curva and Hamilton. Now they are back at the Academy, students have had the opportunity to assess their own learning and identify the next steps on their BTEC journey!



### Year 11 BTEC and GCSE

Year 11 BTEC and GCSE are still in full swing, preparing for upcoming assessments as well as continuing with their technique classes and revising specific topics in their theory lessons! Lots of our Year 11 students are also thinking about their plans for after Year 11, including the UKAT Sixth Form!

## Sixth Form



Sixth Form Performing Arts have enjoyed getting back in the studio and taking part in a variety of workshops to brush up on their skills. They have worked like true professionals and have impressed the department with their work ethic and dedication. We are excited to see them continue rehearsing their plays over the next term as they build towards showcasing their talent to a wider audience. Watch this space!

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## Brompton Academy Associates

The Brompton Academy Associates meet once a term (currently via Zoom) and their next meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. 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 more information.

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## Former Student Success



This term we celebrated the successes of former Brompton Academy and UKAT Sixth Form student Prasida Rai. Prasida has been awarded the highly prestigious International Student of the Year in Bulgaria Award.

Prasida tells us he is currently preparing for his finals and will graduate in April as a Medical Doctor. He wanted to share this proud moment with us as Brompton Academy and the UKAT Sixth Form played a big part in his academic journey.

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## Keep Up to Date on our Social Media Platforms

For the most current news, information and competitions at Brompton Academy, we encourage parents and carers to follow our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching @BromptonAcademy.



## Jumping into Spring Photography Competition

Spring is upon us and blossom is appearing on the trees and daffodils are blooming; we invite our students to enter our Jumping into Spring Photography competition for their chance to win a £10.00 Amazon voucher.



For more information and how to enter, please visit our competition page. Terms and conditions apply.

<https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/competitions>



## Poem for a Loved One Winner

We are pleased to announce the winner of the Poem for a Loved One competition is Daniel in Year 11.



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**POEM FOR A LOVED  
ONE COMPETITION  
WINNER**

*Mum's smile can brighten any moment,  
Mum's hugs put joy in all our days,  
Mum's love will stay with us forever,  
And touch our lives in many ways,  
The values you've taught,  
The care you've given,  
And the wonderful love you've shown,  
Have enriched my life,  
In more ways than I can count.  
I love you mum!*

**Daniel - Year 11**

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# Online One-to-One Instrumental Lessons

## **Online one-to-one instrumental lessons available**



During the current pandemic, our professional, DBS-checked Instrumental tutors are currently delivering online lessons.

At Brompton Academy we also offer a 30% subsidy towards the lesson fees.

The instrumental teachers are as follows:

- Beverley Prankard (Trumpet and Flute)
- Paula Shoobridge (Clarinet and Saxophone)
- Danielle Hartley (Piano)
- Chris Garth (Guitar and Bass)



For further information or to book, please contact Miss Coupé Head of Music by emailing:  
[chloecoupe@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:chloecoupe@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk)

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## Access to Higher Education Diploma and GCSE

Do you want to develop your learning skills or return to learning after a break? Would you like to enjoy learning in a supportive atmosphere, and keen to gain a valuable qualification? If the answer to any of these is 'yes', then the University of Kent's Access to Higher Education Diploma, together with the GCSE Maths and English courses could be suitable for you.

Term 4 2020/2021

The Access to Higher Education Diploma is designed for adults and focuses on coursework and discussion.

Helpful University of Kent tutors, inspiring sessions and regular guidance are designed to help you reach your full potential.

You can study a range of subjects, including psychology, creative writing, sociology, politics with law and English literature. You can also gain skills in research, essay-writing and presentations, and you can even get GCSEs in English and Maths.

The Diploma is a part-time course and you are required to take at least three subject modules spread over two years to complete the qualification.

For further information or to register for the courses starting in September 2021, please click the following link:

[www.kent.ac.uk/courses/access](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/access)

Virtual taster sessions are available to adult learners, which give a flavour of the subjects that the University of Kent offers on the Access programme. To sign up for the taster activities, please click the following link:

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/access/brompton-academy/study#taster-sessions>

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## Facilities for Hire

We are pleased to advise that Brompton Academy's state of the art facilities are available to hire. For a full list of facilities available, further information or to book, please contact Martin May on 01634 852341, alternatively click the following link: <https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/facilities>



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## Free Talk Therapy for Adults

For further information or to book an appointment, please email  
[Counsellors@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:Counsellors@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk)

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Counselling offers opportunities to look at other ways to manage difficult situations.