

# News, Events and Updates at Brompton Academy

## Mini School News

Our Mini School system is now reaching its first full academic year and there is a lot of success to celebrate. To end this academic year, we want to reward the Mini School with the most REACH points a range of different activities for students to choose from.

The result of the winning Mini School will be announced at Sports Day on Thursday 14th July 2022 to all students, and an email will be sent to parents/carers informing you if your child has won and therefore able to attend.

The Reward Day will take place on Thursday 21st July 2022 - here are a list of activities that students get to choose from:

	Activities	Cost
<b>Option 1</b>	Battle Sector X (Laser Tag) - Rochester See website for further details <a href="https://www.battlesectorx.com/">https://www.battlesectorx.com/</a>	£16.50 - 3 x games
<b>Option 2</b>	Film at BA with popcorn – chosen by students	FREE
<b>Option 3</b>	Sports Festival – at the Academy	FREE
<b>Option 4</b>	Hollywood Bowling – Rochester	£5
<b>Option 5</b>	Ice Rink – (1 hour staking) plus 30 minutes coaching	£7.50
<b>Option 6</b>	Pizza making at the Academy - Food Tech room	FREE
<b>Option 6</b>	Picnic afternoon at the Academy	FREE
<b>Option 7</b>	Cinema at the Odeon – Chatham	£5.50

## ePraise Term 5 Raffle Winner

This term the raffle prizes were the biggest that we have had on offer to date. The lucky winner had the choice of choosing one of the following fantastic prizes:

- 32" Samsung TV
- Xbox Series S Console plus two games of their choice
- Mountain Bike up to the value of £300
- Beats Studio 3 Wireless Headphones
- High Street Voucher worth £150
- Select a sport event and travel for you and a family member (worth £300)
- Apple Watch SE
- Digital Camera worth £300
- BOSE Soundlink Revolve II Bluetooth speaker
- Anything else worth up to £300 (must be only one item)

Congratulations to Dorian in Year 8 (Turing Mini School) who was this terms winner and chose the Xbox Series S Console and two games as his prize!

## Term 5 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 5 only.

Congratulations to our Woolf students and staff for becoming the Term 5 leaders!

Mini Schools	Position
Woolf	1st
Turning	2nd
Rutherford	3rd
Keynes	4th
Darwin	5th

## Mini School Competitions and Events

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

### ‘My Shining Star’ Mini School Fundraiser

During Term 5, Rutherford raised money for the amazing charity ‘My Shining Star’ - a children’s cancer charity based in Medway that supports families through incredibly tough times.



Rutherford planned a big Queen's Jubilee Street Festival in the courtyard on the last day of term (27<sup>th</sup> May). There were all sorts of things to buy and to get involved with, from fairground games and cake sales. It was a truly fantastic day which raised over £600 for a very deserving charity.

We are now on the look out for any students with long hair that would be willing to donate some of it to a cancer charity. Students are asked to speak with Mr Webster with regards to being involved.

To find out further information on My Shining Star, please click on the following link: <https://myshiningstar.co.uk/>

## Mini School Big Debate Competition

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022, we held the Mini School Big Debate competition. Everyone involved in the debate put so much hard work into the preparation - and their hard work bought deserved reward!

The topic of debate was whether Transgender athletes should be able to take part in their preferred sport as their preferred gender, as long as they abide by the rules put in place. Mr Swann was particularly impressed by those who had found out about the guidelines and rules regarding testosterone levels, and about the various athletes who had legally adapted those levels in order to make the switch. Mr Swann was also impressed by those who highlighted other issues and advantages which suggested that the change was not always fair to cisgendered athletes.

Overall, there were more contributions from those who were in favour of the motion than were against.

Finally, for the first time in any Mini School competition, there was an equal first place between Turing and Darwin. Both of them had high quality speakers from all year groups and so a draw was a deserved result.

In the modern world, where there is such a reliance on technology, it may well be that those who have kept the traditional skills of spoken communication, especially in front of an audience, may stand out from the crowd. I am pleased to say that Brompton Academy has students who will, most definitely, stand up and go far!

## Mini School Football Competitions

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, students from Year 9, Year 10 and, Year 11 battled it out on the football pitch in an attempt to score points for their Mini School. The event was very well attended and there was some fantastic football on show. Rutherford came out on top for Year 9 with Turing a close second. Woolf were victorious for Year 10 and Year 11, with Turing as runners up.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March was the turn of the Year 7 and Year 8 students. This tournament was always going to be an exciting event, with some experienced footballers across all Mini Schools. Rutherford came first for Year 7 and Turing won the Year 8 competition.

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

## Eliot Centre Mini School Dodgeball Competition

This term saw our most competitive Mini School competition yet! Our students competed for their Mini School in an intense dodgeball tournament! What a fantastic event this was, with students demonstrating so much resilience, teamwork and enthusiasm. We are so proud of all our students, whether they were playing or supporting their Mini School.



**Year 7 and Year 8**

**Joint 1st Place** - Darwin and Turing  
**2nd Place** - Rutherford  
**3rd Place** - Woolf  
**4th Place** - Keynes



**Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11**

**1st Place** - Turing  
**2nd Place** - Rutherford  
**Joint 3rd Place** - Woolf, Keynes and Darwin

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## Umpiring at Netball Mini Youth Games

This term, Brompton Academy were selected to support at the Netball Mini Youth Games. Ten students were chosen to umpire at the event, where they had to independently manage a court and work together as a team throughout the day.

A huge well done to all the students involved - they received excellent feedback from teachers and the organisers of the event. All students demonstrated professionalism and confidence and were absolute naturals!



## SSG Rounders Competition

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 12 Year 8 and Year 9 students attended the Rounders Secondary School Games (SSG) competition. The girls team are currently sitting second in the overall standing for SSG.

To maintain this spot, we needed to be competitive against other schools. Our first game, which was against the Hundred of Hoo Academy was tough for Brompton Academy; the team showed great batting skills but lacked the quality in the field that they had been showing in training. Our backstop Erin was awarded player of the match for fantastic fielding.



Our next game was against Chatham Grammar; with a squad rotation and new players playing, we had a fresh side ready to take to the pitch. For both academies, it was a must win for all! The team showed their form in fielding with great communication and teamwork from all players. The team then batted fantastically to give Brompton Academy the win!

Player of the match was awarded to Harley for fantastic rounders scored when batting and great communication when fielding.

Our third game was always going to be a tough game against Rainham School for Girls. The team showed brilliant teamwork and determination but unfortunately lost to a very good Rainham side. Player of the match was Carolyn for fantastic stops in the field.

Game four and still all to play for was against Fort Pitt Grammar School; an extremely competitive game with the team showing fantastic tactical awareness to win by half a

rounder. Player of the match awarded to Tabitha for great batting and fielding on post one, stumping many players out.

The team won their fifth game against St John Fisher School, winning 8 ½ to 2 rounders. Player of the match went to Lucy, brilliant fielding on second post and fantastic hits scoring 3 ½ alone. This proving an important win with Brompton Academy coming third in their group on runs for and against, meaning Brompton Academy were playing for fifth and sixth place play offs against Rochester Grammar School. All the girls showed amazing grit and determination when fielding and batting. They displayed great team work to win the final game and they placed fifth overall. Player of the match was Ellie for fantastic bowling and batting.

Player of the Day was Charlie for being fantastic in every game! Well done to all the girls involved - we are very proud!

## Young Lives Foundation Cup

On Friday 29th April, over 120 Brompton Academy students took part in a 7-a-side football tournament held on the Academy all weather pitch. This event was organised to raise money for the Young Lives Foundation (YLF). The tournament was organised by Mr Kasongo, a University of Kent student with support from a range of volunteers. The event proved to be a huge success as students across all year groups took to the pitch to enjoy a Friday afternoon of football. All of our students who attended on the day found themselves displaying key attributes which included being tactical, showing accuracy, working well as a team, and being determined. Some students also took part in an agility circuit which took place on the hardcourt in order to win prizes!



The three students who completed the circuit in the quickest times were Kairell (14.36 seconds), Jordon (14.89 seconds), and Lauren (15.32 seconds). The prizes for our winners included Amazon gift cards and a free 'family swim' voucher to use at Medway Park!

Students raised £122.50 for the YLF. The YLF are a charity who work alongside children and young people to support them through times of difficulty and distress. The charity also works to enable the voices of young people whilst championing their rights and interests. It was great to have representatives of the charity in attendance on the day, including YLF mascot Lenny the Lion taking photos with some of our students. The CEO of YLF, Stephen Gray, said "The team supporting the football event, the staff at Brompton Academy and all the students, whether playing or watching, were so welcoming. I was really impressed with how polite and engaging all the students were - they are a credit to the Academy."

The day was a huge success. Congratulations to all of our students who took part - you were all winners on the day!

To find out further information on the Young Lives Foundation, please click on the following link: <https://ylf.org.uk/>

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## Personal Development at Brompton Academy

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

During Term 5, the Duke of Edinburgh's Team have been extremely busy supporting many students who were embarking on their practice and accessed expeditions.

The Silver Award students completed their practice expedition in the Folkestone and Dover areas and were accessed in Ashdown Forest. We would like to congratulate the 12 Year 10 students who all passed this section of the DofE Award. Students camped for four nights and walked 100km with their backpacks jammed with their food, tents and equipment - such a fantastic achievement!

We would also like to congratulate the following Year 9 students who have completed volunteering and physical sections of the Bronze Award:

**Volunteering Section:** Tyler and Jack.

**Physical Section:** Harry.



This has been a really busy year for the DofE Team who have been ensuring that all students who were unable to complete their expeditions, due to COVID-19, were finally offered the chance to complete their expeditions. The DofE Team has spent 26 days on these expeditions, running three sets of Silver Award expeditions and two sets of Bronze Award expeditions since July 2021, with over 300 participants joining them!

Well done to everyone who took up the challenge. You have shown resilience, mental and physical strength and made the staff who worked with you very proud. Information assemblies for Year 8 students to start the Bronze Award will begin in Term 6.

Please keep an eye on Brompton Academy's website and social media platforms for further information for students who would like to complete their Silver Award in Year 10.

For further information on the DofE Award, please click on the link: <https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/duke-of-edinburgh-award>

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## UKAT's Furry Friends

We are excited to introduce UKAT's Furry Friends, our three dogs that are now working with us at Brompton Academy. The dogs have been assessed by an external qualified dog behaviourist as appropriate to work with young people in a school environment and are known as our Dog Mentors.

The UKAT Furry Friends are as follows:

**Jake** - A five-year-old German Shepherd owned by Mrs McDonald.

**Chewy** - A one-year-old Cockapoo owned by Mrs Hodgson.

**Aslan** - A nine-month-old Rottweiler owned by Miss Price.

From Term 6, the UKAT Furry Friends will be based on a rota in the library during lunch times for any students to come and visit.

Our UKAT Furry Friends are also helping to reduce stress and anxiety for some of our Year 11 students when sitting their core exams. They are also available for our UKAT Sixth Form students when needed.

Students can also treat themselves and five friends to a speedy lunch pass, tricks, training and photographs with Aslan during a lunchtime, using their ePraise reward points.

We will also be working with some students on a one-to-one basis, and if this programme is offered, we will request consent forms from parents/carers.





Signage will always be on display to show where the UKAT Furry Friends are working, so young people can avoid certain areas if they prefer not to be around the dogs for personal reasons.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact Jo Price, Director of Corporate Services and Wellbeing, by emailing [office@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:office@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk)

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## Library News

During Term 5, there has been lots of reading and studying with both Year 11 and Sixth Form students preparing for their summer exams.



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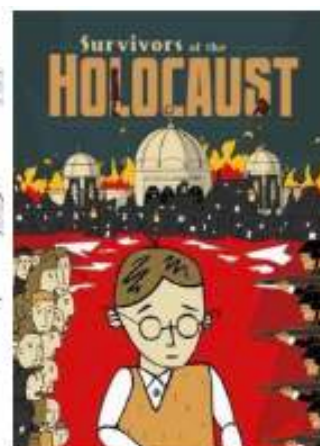
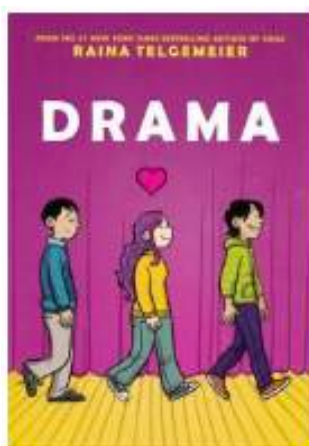
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We are excited to announce that we have launched our own Library TikTok account! Our TikTok account will allow us to share quick and snappy updates on what is happening in the Brompton Academy Library. To follow us please click on the following link:

[https://www.tiktok.com/@ukatbooks?is\\_from\\_webapp=1&sender\\_device=pc](https://www.tiktok.com/@ukatbooks?is_from_webapp=1&sender_device=pc)

## Graphic Novels

We have recently added a great new selection of Graphic Novels to the library collection - a brilliant way to attract readers and motivate our students to try new genres.



## A Book in a Day



Our students enjoyed some inspired reading performances from our Strategic Leadership Team and our very own Executive Principal Ms Best, who shared *The Starlight Watchmaker* with the Academy. Feedback was amazing, as we combined classic storytelling with our Academy Television Studio to reach students.

## Craft Activities

Craft activities in the library are a great way for students to connect and to see literacy skills in action when reading instructions. Our fabulous BA Associates have provided funding for some fun creative activities for us to enjoy in Term 6.



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## Green Recycling Uniform Project

We are pleased to announce we will be launching our new Brompton Academy Green Recycling Uniform project in Term 6. This project will enable our parents/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/carers will be invited to purchase recycled branded uniform items from Term 6 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](mailto:recyclinguniform@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk) to arrange for a convenient drop off time for your donations.

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## Associates of Brompton Academy

The Associates of Brompton Academy are a motivated, keen, and determined group of parents/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.

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



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## Current News and Information - Social Media

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Facebook: @BromptonAcademy

Twitter: @BromptonAcademy

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## 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](mailto:office@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk), alternatively, click the the following link: <https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/facilities>

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