
News, Events, and Updates at Brompton Academy

Box Clever Romeo and Juliet Performance

On Wednesday 3rd May 2023, the English Department invited Year 10 and Year 11 students to watch an adaptation of Romeo and Juliet, performed by Box Clever Theatre Company.

The actors used an edited version of the play along with lights, music, and audience participation to present their take on Shakespeare's classic play. They presented their version of the play in just over an hour. Our students were then invited to take to the stage and gave a truly dramatic performance. Many students were keen to take part in the workshops.



After being taught some Shakespearian insults and directed how to deliver their lines for maximum impact, the students took to the stage much to the delight of their peers. Matthew from Year 10 told us that "The play was modernised with media and terminology used in today's modern world which made the play more engaging, which I really liked!" The play was enjoyed by both audiences, and the English Department hope to host Box Clever again in the future.



World Scout Jamboree in Korea

Silas, Year 10 student, has been chosen to represent the UK at this year's World Scout Jamboree in Korea. As one of seven Scouts from the Medway Towns and 108 Scouts from Kent, Silas will join over 50,000 young people aged 14-17 years from nearly every country in the world!

The World Scout Jamboree is an educational festival that takes place every four years in different countries worldwide. It is an opportunity for cultural exchange and adventure, with activities designed to encourage young people to become active citizens and take positive action on global issues such as

peace, the environment, and sustainable development. Silas underwent a rigorous selection process at a weekend camp, where he was assessed on various criteria including communication skills, resilience, positive attitude and teamwork. Since then, he has attended seven training camps to prepare for this unique experience.

In addition to his training, Silas has been actively fundraising for his trip, which costs £4,000, with a portion of the funds going towards subsidising attendance for Scouts from less economically developed countries.

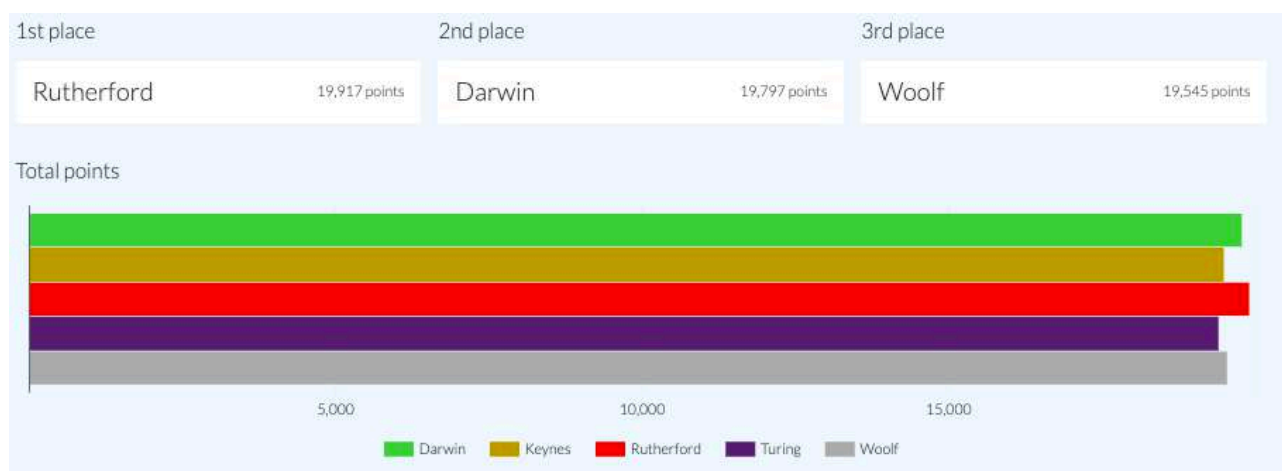
We wish Silas luck and look forward to hearing all about his adventure on his return.

Mini School Update - Term 5

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

Mini School Term 5 Leaderboard

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



Term 5 Leader Scores

1st place - Darwin

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

Woolf Mini School - Blue Zone Project



Woolf 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), 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 of the world. His 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 Term 5, students in Woolf Mini School have been discussing and exploring the following:

- Exploring their Blue Zone – Loma Linda – Greece.
- Trying fruits and vegetables in Mini School time.
- Personal development on sustainable eating.
- Looking at recipes and types of foods.

- Taking time to take part in activities outside during Mini School.

Students loved trying fruit and food from Greece during the second week of term. Students sampled figs, apricots, tzatziki, cherries and olives. It was great to see students trying foods outside of their comfort zone and staff joining in on the fun! Students have shown real maturity and aspiration to learn about their chosen country and are currently producing ideas towards how they can represent Greece.

Rutherford Mini School - Fundraising Event

This term, Rutherford Mini School (MS) are raising money for the amazing charity 'My Shining Star'. My Shining Star is a children's cancer charity based in Medway that supports families through incredibly tough times. Rutherford MS held a big Kings Coronation street festival in the courtyard on the last day of term (26th May 2023). Students were able to participate in a variety of fairground games and cake sales. It was a fantastic day! The amount raised will be advised during Term 6.



To find out further information about My Shining Star, or if you feel you would benefit from their support, please visit the following link: <https://myshiningstar.co.uk/>

Mini School Competitions

Football Competition

On Tuesday 9th May 2023, students from Year 7 and Year 8 battled it out on the football pitch, in an attempt to score points for their Mini Schools. The event was very well attended and there was some fantastic football skills on show! Woolf Mini School triumphed with Rutherford Mini School a close second. Thursday 11th March 2023 was the turn of the Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11 students. This tournament was always going to be an exciting event, with some experienced footballers across all Mini Schools. Keynes Mini School came first with Turing Mini School closely behind in second.



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

Here are the results:

Year 7 and Year 8 Students

1st place - Woolf Mini School

2nd place - Rutherford Mini School

Joint 3rd place - Turing and Darwin
Mini Schools

4th place - Keynes Mini School

Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11

1st place - Keynes Mini School

2nd place - Turing Mini School

3rd place - Woolf Mini School

4th place - Rutherford Mini School

5th place - Darwin Mini School



Eliot Centre Dodgeball Competition

On Wednesday 17th May 2023, over 50 students from the Eliot Centre participated in our much anticipated Mini School dodgeball competition. Students in Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 battled it out to see who would be crowned the Dodgeball Champions!

For the Year 11 students it was their final Mini School competition before they leave us. The competition was split into two age categories – Year 7 and Year 8, and Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11. There was some fierce competition going into the event.



We are so proud of each and every one of our students for having the confidence, resilience, and aspiration to perform in front of the entire Eliot Centre and staff. The teamwork and community spirit on display was absolutely brilliant!

A huge well done to every student that got involved.

Here are the results:

Year 7 and Year 8 Students

1st place - Woolf Mini School

2nd place - Darwin Mini School

3rd place - Turing Mini School

Joint 4th place - Rutherford and Keynes Mini Schools

Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11 Students

1st place - Keynes Mini School

2nd place - Rutherford Mini School

3rd place - Darwin Mini School

4th place - Turing Mini School

5th place - Woolf Mini School

Mini School Public Speaking Event

After school on Tuesday 16th May 2023, 12 students attended our first ever Mini School Public Speaking Event. With no fixed criteria, we listened to a range of topics delivered in a very professional and, occasionally, entertaining manner. Topics included Space, Social Media, Charity, Judgement, F1, Time and Phil Foden's Brother!

The standard was extremely high and the staff and students who were watching were super impressed with the preparation, the delivery style, and the courage to stand up.

Every participant received 10 REACH points and the overall winners were Turing Mini School, followed by Darwin, Woolf, and Rutherford Mini Schools.

Special mentions go to Destiny, Ellie, Evie, Tyler and Ember. Also thanks to Alfie, Elspeth, George, Isabelle, Michael, Rosie and Thomas.

Thank you for providing a memorable occasion.

REACH Reward Points - e-Praise App



Well done to all students earning REACH points in their subject lessons, outside the classroom, and during Mini School competitions this term. All individual points earned by students go towards the termly and overall Mini School leaderboard.

This term, we had over 200 different students from Year 7 to Year 11 representing their Mini School in our MS Football, MS Public Speaking, and MS Eliot Dodgeball competitions.

Our Academy shop has been successful this term with

many students purchasing items on Fridays during lunch times and after school. Thank you to our Academy shop volunteer student supervisors for running the shop so well and providing a great service for the rest of the students to enjoy. They have been amazing with providing impressive customer service, keeping a stock check, and suggesting new items to Mr Denness. A reminder that all shop items are available to see on students iPads/ePraise accounts, alongside termly raffle prizes they can also enter.

Our big raffle prize entry this term was the opportunity to win a prize worth **£300**. The winning student was revealed during Personal Tutor time on the last day of term. We had over 200 entries!

Other raffle opportunities students could enter were ice skating for you and a friend voucher, Ninja Warrior voucher for you and a friend, £20 Chatham Bowl voucher (bowling), £10 Love to Shop voucher, SOAR Karting voucher worth £15 and 100% attendance raffle worth £10 (five students are selected from each Mini School).

Each Mini School tutor group delivered their Mini School rewards presentation during Personal Tutoring on Friday 25th May 2023. Students were recognised for their successes, and we also celebrated and rewarded students for their contribution within their Mini School and individual achievements outside of the Academy.

Student Leadership Roles

Thank you to all the Student Leaders who have enabled us to inspire other students to play an active role in our Academy community.

Here are all the Student Leadership roles we have available:

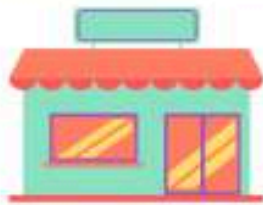
- Mini School Ambassador (UKAT Sixth Form role supporting Heads of Mini Schools).
- School Council Representative.
- Academy Shop Assistant.
- Community Leader – Supporting new students into our community.
- BA News Reporter.
- LGBTQ+ Representative.
- Sports Leader.
- Career Leader.
- Peer Mentor.
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
- Combined Cadet Force.
- Reading Leaders (UKAT Sixth Form).
- Numeracy Leaders (UKAT Sixth Form).
- WOW workers (UKAT 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 robertdenness@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Term 6 Raffle Prizes

INDIVIDUAL REWARDS

SCHOOL SHOP - EPRAISE



DONATE TO YOUR CHARITY



LARGE RAFFLE ENTRIES - 15POINTS

- T1** APPLE AIRPODS 
- T2** £100 LOVE TO SHOP VOUCHER 
- T3** ULTIMATE FOOD BUNDLE 
- T4** 1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION SPOTIFY 
- T5** X10 CHOICE (WORTH £300) 
- T6** £150 LOVE TO SHOP VOUCHER 

SMALL RAFFLE EVERY TERM - 10POINTS

- £10 LOVE TO SHOP VOUCHER 
- NINJA WARRIOR 
- FLIPOUT CENTRE 
- ODEON TICKETS 
- PIZZA PARTY YOU + 3 FRIENDS 
- ICE RINK - YOU + FRIEND 
- CHATHAM BOWL £20 VOUCHER 
- £20 NARDOS'S £15 SUBWAY VOUCHER 

Term 6 Mini School Competitions

All students can sign up to the Term 6 Mini School competitions by speaking with their Head of Mini School during Period 4.

	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	
MINI SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDER 2022-2023	SPELLING BEE Tuesday 11th October ALL	XMAS FAMILY FORTUNES Tuesday 6th December ALL	THE CHASE Tuesday 31st January ALL	
	NETBALL Year 7&8 Tuesday 4th October Year 9-11 Thursday 6th October	BADMINTON Year 9-11 Tuesday 13th December Year 7&8 Thursday 15th December	TABLE TENNIS Year 7&8 Tuesday 24th January Year 9-11 Thursday 26th January	
		TERM 4	TERM 5	TERM 6
	BROMPTON'S MASTERCHEF Year 7&8 Tuesday 7th March Year 9-11 Tuesday 14th March	THE BIG BA DEBATE Tuesday 16th May ALL	BROMPTON'S GOT TALENT Tuesday 4th July ALL	
	DODGEBALL Year 9-11 Tuesday 21st March Year 7&8 Thursday 23rd March	FOOTBALL Year 7&8 Tuesday 9th May Year 9-11 Thursday 11th May	SPORTS DAY Year 7&8 July 18th July Year 9-11 July 19th July	

Term 6 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 1ST 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 robertdenness@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk



Racket Skills Festival

Term 5 saw 20 students selected to be Sports Leaders at a Primary Racket Skills Festival. Students were chosen due to their contribution to racket skills clubs and competitions at Brompton Academy or their exceptional attitude in PE lessons.

The day involved delivering sessions in a range of racket sports such as badminton, squash, table tennis, and leading drills and games to develop the abilities of the young people. Students had to work alongside qualified coaches and collaborate with them to ensure the Year 3 and Year 4 students were having fun and learning new skills.



All of the students were an asset to Brompton Academy, where teachers commented on how professional, confident, and enthusiastic they were. Well done to every student involved!

Parliament and School Council

The Parliament and School Council have been working hard this term to ensure students voices are being heard. Two of our groups have also been working closely with staff and students to gather evidence and make changes to gain awards and certificates for the Academy. Two of our parliament members have provided updates on their mission below:

Environment Sub Committee Report

The Environmental Sub Committee is happy to report that we are making great progress towards achieving the globally recognised EcoSchools Green Flag accreditation. Our small team has been working hard over the last few months on an extensive environmental review.

Our review covered a wide range of topics such as biodiversity, energy, global citizenship, healthy living, litter, marine, school grounds, transport, waste and water. Through this process we gained a deeper understanding of the environmental work our Academy is already doing, and we have also identified areas where we can improve. Based on our findings, we have compiled an action plan outlining the projects we will be focussing on to make environmental improvements.

We look forward to updating everyone on our future progress.

Silas, Year 10 student



Brompton Academy's solar panels and members of The Environmental Sub Committee: Bethany Year 9, Seb and Silas Year 10, Tilly Year 9 and Nikoleta Year 11.

Rights Respecting Schools Committee Report

Over the last few months, the Rights Respecting Schools Committee has completed a series of surveys to establish student's opinions on whether they are rights aware and how they feel they are treated. This gave us an insight to what students knew and how they felt in the Academy. From this, we were able to look at what was working well and what we needed to try and adapt or change. We also hosted meetings with members of the Pastoral Team about ensuring how rights are respected and what they do with regards to this. This was also a good time for us to feedback the opinions of the students.



In order to spread our message even further, we have confidently delivered assemblies to students so they are aware of their rights and what they can do if they feel these rights are not being respected. All of the great efforts of our committee are providing us with the evidence we need to help us gain the Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award.

Over the next term, we aim to invite a member of the UNICEF Team to visit Brompton Academy and look at all the amazing things we are all doing regarding Rights Respecting Schools. We hope this will result in a well deserved Silver Award!

Grace, Year 11 student

Football Season Comes to a Close

During Term 5, the football season came to a close with all of our teams finishing their league and cup fixtures.

This year, we were unable to make a cup final but came very close with both of our Year 8 and Year 9 teams getting knocked out in the semi-finals!

The stand out success for Brompton Academy this year was our Year 8 Team who have won their division!

All final league results are shown below, and we look forward to next years fixtures!

Year 7 Results - **4th place**

Year 8 Results - **1st place**

Year 9 Results - **2nd place**



Huge well done to all our teams - your team spirit and positive attitudes shone throughout the competitions!

Gillingham Football Club

On Wednesday 26th April 2023, Gillingham Football Club (GFC) ran multiple football sessions for our PE classes, as the Academy players were being assessed to pass their coaching badges. GFC provides a great opportunity to our students to showcase their talent to the Gillingham coaches and the scholars. GFC were very pleased with the attitude of all our students. The football club coming into lessons creates a good relationship with the Academy and the club. We look forward to welcoming GFC back for more sessions!



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).

There has been some coverage in the news about Relationships and Sex Education in schools recently, so we wanted to share with you how we deliver these topics at the Academy. Firstly, our curriculum is planned carefully to ensure that it is age appropriate and progressively builds students knowledge of topics. We use quality assured resources from the PSHE Association and Medway Health, which are adapted to the needs and abilities of our classes. Staff receive training in best practice and safeguarding. When discussing sensitive topics, we aim to create a safe learning environment with clear ground rules for respectful discussions to take place.

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 8 have been exploring relationship values and expectations.

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.

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>

Childnet: <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/sexting/>

Library News

World Book Day 2023

To celebrate World Book Day 2023, all students in Year 7 and Year 8 were given a free book! The list of books included: Dave the Pigeon, The Boy with Wings, Dragon Realms and the Strangeworld Travel Agency, Boot It, An Amazing Pocket Guide to Spiderman and Kay's Brilliant Brains! There were also some great audio books on offer!

Our fabulous Librarian, Mrs Baker Moss, role-played for World Book Day - The Kraken from Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. Lots of students got involved and successfully guessed Mrs Baker Moss' character!



Bunnies in a Book Quiz

Over a hundred students entered our Easter quiz and correctly identified rabbits in classic and contemporary fiction - harder than you think!

The winners all won a prize!



Biblioboxes

Students could complete an online request to receive a bibliobox - a limited edition curated box of two books chosen especially to suit the student's taste, accompanied with a selection of sweet treats, stationery, herbal tea, badges or lip balms.



New Library System



Mrs Baker Moss is currently preparing to launch an exciting new Library system providing students and staff with more access to books than ever! More updates and inductions for students to follow.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

This term, the Year 9 Bronze Award students embarked on their practice and assessed expeditions. The expeditions, which took place at Buckmore Park and in Meopham respectively, saw students walking approximately 40km with their food, tents, equipment, as well as camping for two nights. The students truly embraced the spirit of adventure.



The staff that supported the expeditions were very impressed with how self-sufficient the Bronze Award students were and their positive and mature attitudes. The DofE Team are looking forward to guiding the students through the Silver Award next year.



Careers Corner Term 5



The Career Hub has had another successful Careers Business Networking Breakfast meeting this month, with three more fantastic businesspeople talking to students in Year 10 and Year 12. The speakers were Professor Bijay Singh (Orthopaedic Surgeon), Mandy Walters (Hairdresser), and Richard Lightman (Producer, Composer, Musician and Sound Designer).



Career of the Month

Each month, posters and information are displayed around the Academy with information about the 'Career of the Month'. This month the career was Physiotherapist and next month we will be looking at the role of the Forensic Psychologist!

Meet the Governor



Richard Ebanks - Trustee and Chair of the Local Governing Board

Richard Ebanks was a partner in a very large dental practice in Chatham for over 30 years. He was involved in all aspects of the business including personnel, business development, and finance. He now continues to work as a dentist in a different practice in North Kent.

Richard was asked to become a Governor for Brompton Academy by the Local Authority in 2010, as he had taken a keen interest in all aspects of education. As a Trustee, he has been involved in the oversight of the academies within the Trust but with an emphasis on the Discipline Panels.

Recently he has been asked to Chair the Local Governing Board of Brompton Academy.

Richard is a local resident and, when time permits, is a keen amateur rugby referee.

Brompton Academy Associates Need You!

**BROMPTON ACADEMY
ASSOCIATES**

**WE 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 we want to achieve so much more but, if we cannot get more help, we may not be able to continue this 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@universityofkentacademiestrust.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: <https://www.thestreet-angels.org/>

Term 6 PE After School Clubs

 TERM 6 SPORTS CLUBS 				
Day	Sport and Venue	Year	Time	Coach
Monday	 BTEC Catch Up - R102	Year 10/11	3-4PM	Mr Webster
	Indoor Tennis - Sports Hall	Year 7-11		Frindsbury Tennis
	 Gym	Year 7-11	4-5PM	Olympia
	 Community Basketball Crusaders Club - GIRLS ONLY - Sports Hall	Year 7-11		Crusaders
Tuesday	 Boxing- Gym	Year 7 - 11	3-4PM	Olympia Boxing
	 Table Tennis - Sports Hall			Hurey Mr May
	Cheerleading - Sports Hall			Miss Gardner Miss Hough
	 Athletics - Field			PE Team
Wednesday	Basketball - Sports Hall	Year 7-11	3-4 PM	Crusaders
	 Community basketball Crusaders Club		4-5PM	
	 Gym Club		8-8:40 AM	
Thursday	 Cricket - Astro	Year 7-11	3-4PM	Mr May
	Dodgeball - Sports Hall			Mr Gower
	 Rounders - Field			Miss Pedelty
Friday	 Football - Astroturf 	Year 7-10	2-3PM	Soccer Elite

Free Talk Therapy for Adults

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University of Kent Academies Trust Counselling Service

FREE Talk Therapy for Adults
Monday to Thursday,
4pm - 8pm

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 an appointment, please email Counsellors@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

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 lettings@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Alternatively, click on the following link: <https://www.bromptonacademy.org.uk/facilities>



Lettings

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Sports Hall Activity Studio
Conference Facilities Fields
Assembly Hall Astro turf
Therapy Rooms

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