

News, Events and Updates at Brompton Academy

Performing Arts Students Wow Audiences with performances of *Singin' in the Rain Jr.*

This term twenty-eight students from the Brompton Academy Performing Arts and Music Faculty students proudly presented four performances of *Singin' in the Rain Jr.* to enthusiastic audiences. Featuring students from Year 7 to Year 13 the talented cast brought a touch of vintage Hollywood glamour to Gillingham!



Since last October, students and staff had been working together relentlessly after school to bring the wonderful script to life. Following auditions, the cast was set and the rehearsals began. Weeks later the set was delivered, the cast perfected their American accents and finishing touches were made to their costumes in readiness for the premier show on the 20th March.

With stunning songs, an incredible set and some outstanding performances, students, staff, parents and carers were dazzled by the show. We received some lovely feedback,

and below are some comments from our Year 7 and 8 students after attending the matinee performances:



"My favourite part of the show was when all the characters were singing and dancing together, also when Kathy came out of the cake."

"I thought the whole show was so good."

"I liked all the main characters because they were funny, good at acting, singing and dancing. A real treat."

"When the red umbrellas came out I was really surprised! The choreography was so good."



A Year 8 student wrote the following:

"I walked into a beautiful setting of the 1920's era. Bright lights shining from the famous Singin' in the Rain lamp post and the piano set with sheet music ready.

The excitement filled up inside me as I waited to be seated and the show to begin. Suddenly the lights changed and lively Charleston music introduced us to the beginning of the show."





The Performing Arts Faculty would like to thank parents and carers of all the students involved for supporting the production and also the many staff involved for their help and hard work.

It must also be noted that the cast of students behaved impeccably and that their energy, enthusiasm and professionalism was very much appreciated by all involved.

Information about the Summer Showcase will follow soon!





Business Studies Trip to the 'Big Apple'

A five-day trip to New York helped expand the cultural horizon of a group of our sixth form students.



The staff of Brompton Academy escorted seven students stateside, some for the first time, and allowed them to take in almost every aspect the 'Big Apple' has to offer.

As well as all the fun things to do in the city, like looking out from the top of cultural icons like the Empire State building, there was a visit to the historical Liberty island, followed by a unique experience – enjoying multi-level pizzas.

Although the trip involved a lot of walking, the students coped extremely well, and loved strolling through Central Park and gazing out at the world from the top of the Rockefeller Center.

On a more emotional note, students also were able to pay their respects at the 911 Memorial site and visit the museum – a moving experience for us all.

Students even had some time for designer shopping at one of the biggest outlet stores, followed by the opportunity to eat some fabulous American traditional food.



Overall, the whistle-stop tour of one of the world's finest and most important cities was an eye-opener for many of us when all those movie and television images of Time Square were suddenly turned into a neon reality.



Table Tennis Club Gains Sports Directory Grant

Every Wednesday the PE Department hold a weekly table tennis breakfast club before school from 7.45am - 8.35am. The club has proved hugely popular and has recently been awarded a small grant from Sports Directory to purchase equipment to attract more students to play table tennis.

This has proved popular as over twenty students have been attending each week. Many of the students have made huge development in their sporting skills and have thoroughly enjoyed the turn up and play concept of this club. The club is open to all ages and runs every Wednesday, PE kit is not required.

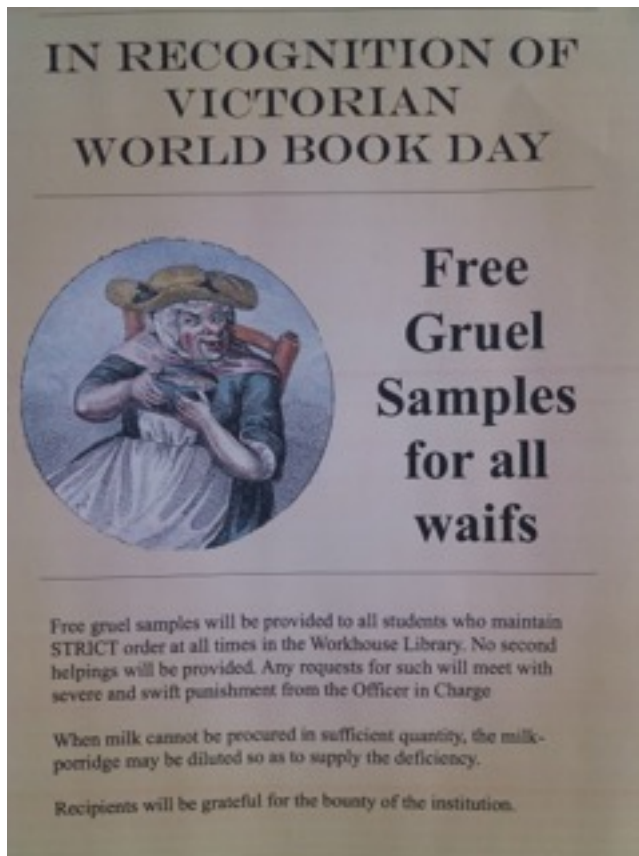
Brompton Academy Students and Staff Champion World Book Day

World Book Day took place on 7th March and this year Brompton Academy's theme was the Victorians.

Great fun was had by all, especially the English department who all dressed up as Victorian literary characters. The prize for best dressed went to Mrs Curley who embodied the famous Miss Havisham and spooked some of our Year 7s!



In English, all Year 7 and 8 Brompton Academy students took part in creative writing exercises focused around the context of the Victorians. Across the school they took place in activities relating to their subject with a focus on the Victorian era. A big thank you again to all departments who helped out with this!



The wonderful Mrs Baker-Moss ran a 'gruel' stand so our students could taste some of the food which the Victorians ate.

As you can see below, not all students enjoyed the experience!



Mrs Baker-Moss also ran a hugely successful Spelling Bee competition. Fifty students entered and ten achieved full marks!

Congratulations to the winners who went away with not only bragging rights but a Creams voucher!

All in all, Brompton Academy students and teachers had a wonderful day and students received book vouchers to spend.



We are already looking forward to next year and can't wait to find lots more fun activities to continue to promote literacy and love of reading.

Barcelona Tour 2019

This term twenty-eight excited students and four members of staff set off for a week in the wonderful city of Barcelona on an Easyjet flight from London Gatwick.



After settling in to the fabulous Sant Jordi hostel, on day two the group travelled by public transport to Gaudi's Parc Guell where the students were awed by the world-renowned architecture and mosaics. Students were immersed into a 4D interactive experience where they were shown the initial designs of Gaudi by 'flying through time'.





A visit to the chocolate factory followed. There were life sized models of everything from Pixar characters to Buddha; all made entirely from chocolate!

The students were able to create their own chocolate lollies, four in fact – but as expected they didn't last very long and were mostly eaten before we visited the next attraction, the beautiful 'La Sagrada Familia.'

In the evening, 'The Magic Fountains' entertained the group with a beautiful display which was accompanied by modern music.

On day three the students travelled by bus to Cosmo Caixa Orbita (Science museum), such a wonderful place for them to explore - there was even an indoor Rainforest! Then shopping at Las Ramblas and La Boqueria - the fresh food market; before heading down to the port where they stepped on to a glass bottomed boat for a tour around the bay.



As an evening excursion, the group were transferred by private luxury coach to a Mediaeval Castle to watch the Knights and Villains battle on horseback.

There were jousting competitions that the students were encouraged to cheer for while eating a mediaeval feast of a whole cooked chicken and roasted potatoes, the ice-cream for dessert was a modern welcomed twist!

Students were then led to a banqueting hall and treated to a Flamenco show. At the end of the day, there were some very tired students sleeping on the coach back to the Sant Jordi Hostel.



After a pit stop to taste the best churros in Barcelona, day four began with a tour of Camp Nou. Students were able to learn the history of Barcelona Football Club while taking in the views that many iconic footballers have done over the decades.

Students toured the changing rooms, walked through the famous tunnel, past the prayer room on to the pitch. In the afternoon, the visit to Barcelona City Zoo was a fabulous way to burn off all of the extra calories consumed earlier at the Chinese buffet lunch!

Then it was time for a trip to the Maremagnum Shopping Centre at the port where the students were able to purchase as many keyrings as they wanted to.

The final evening before packing to say our farewells, students were taken to a gourmet burger restaurant where delicious food was consumed and lots of fun was had by all.



A fantastic experience with yet another brilliant cohort of students who represented Brompton Academy very well at all times.

Success in the Kent Schools Trampolining Competition

Brompton Academy entered twenty-two students into the Kent Schools Trampolining Competition this term.



The students trained for two terms for the competition and were a pleasure to train. All students dealt with the high-pressured day very well and we had some great results.

Chloe in Year 7 came 3rd place in the Advanced category for her age group and the Year 9's came 3rd in Kent out of twenty-two teams which are both fantastic results for our students.

Well done!



Key Curriculum Brings History and Geography to Life

An incredibly busy and interesting term in Key Curriculum. Amber Cottee visited from The Royal Engineers Museum with a Roman bridge building challenge for students to use their collaboration skills to compete against each other in teams to construct the strongest river crossing using only the materials supplied.

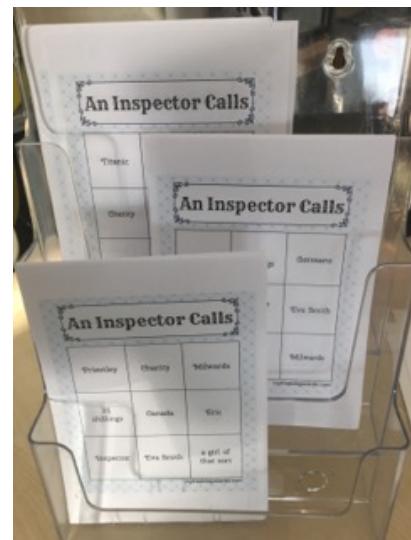


We also had a return visit by Jeremy Clarke from the Guildhall Museum in Rochester bringing replica Roman Army uniform for students to try on and artefacts for them to explore.

He explained the importance of the Roman settlement near us and how it was the gateway to Europe!

GCSE English Literature Students Experience 'Dinner with the Birlings'

As part of Year 10 preparations for GCSE English Literature, the Library created a stage setting for 'An Inspector Calls', looking at lighting, props, costumes and stage directions to add depth to students' exam answers. There was also the opportunity to test their knowledge with a round of Birlings' Bingo where they could win a Birlings' Bonus, excellent fun!



A Big Thank You to Mrs Crispin

A massive thank you goes out to one of our Year 8 parents who saw our post on Facebook asking for contributions for fundraising raffles for future events. Mrs Crispin kindly donated a big bag of unwanted gifts, and the BA Associates wanted to publicly say thank you for your support.

Brompton Academy Girls' Rugby Team Showcase Real Team Spirit

The PE department were very proud of the girls' efforts at the Secondary Schools' Games Rugby competition. The girls had to play with one less player throughout the tournament due to illness and injuries; reducing the team of seven to six players

The girls were very determined and showed amazing team spirit throughout the competition. In their last game, they scored a try in the final seconds to finish 3rd. The girls were extremely happy with their Bronze medals.

Up next is SSG Rounders Competition for Years 8 and 9.



CCF Visit the Royal Engineers Museum

As new recruits into the CCF, part of our induction is to visit the Royal Engineers museum and learn about the history of the Corps and how it has shaped history. We were amazed to see such an array of artefacts ranging from William the Conqueror to the recent conflict in Afghanistan.

The museum is laid out in a chronological order and like IKEA you could only walk one way! We were split up into teams of four to complete a quiz that our Troop had set about what we had seen, but of course we asked the museum staff for some of the answers.

My favourite part was the Cold War section, Captain Loughrey gave a talk on his part as a young Sapper in West Germany in the 1980s and his role as a soldier. The Berlin wall section and threat of the Soviet Union was quite frightening.

After we had toured the museum we went back to Brompton Academy to have lunch and talk through the quiz answers. It was a tight call but my team managed to win that section.



After lunch we were taught how to use an air rifle and had a little competition shoot that was a lot of fun. We all had our own targets and had five pellets to see who could score the highest score.

It was a great day and lots of fun, we can't wait for the next adventure!

Lots of Learning and Fun Activities in the Brompton Academy Library

Game ON!

Students from Year 7 have been participating in a new initiative supported by the University of Kent. We are using table top games to boost vocabulary, debating and listening skills all leading towards those essential skills for GCSE English.

Science Week in the Libraries



A group of Year 7 students visited Gillingham Library to take part in the National Science Week Initiative. They took part in the Tunnel Challenge - using recycled material to create tunnels testing gravity and friction. Future engineers!



Launch of the Little Library



Students and staff are invited to use the Little Library at Brompton Academy. We have a collection of books suitable for all ages from babies right through primary school.

Books can be borrowed so students can practise reading aloud to younger siblings or to listen to them read. Brilliant ways to boost reading fluency and highlight the importance of reading at home.

Borrow a book... read and enjoy... then simply pop it back to the Little Library.
Great little books for the little people at home.



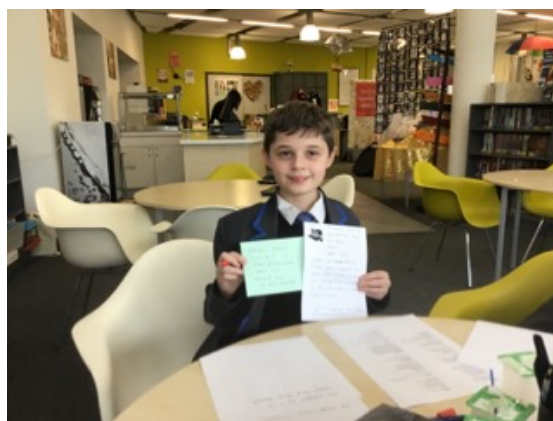
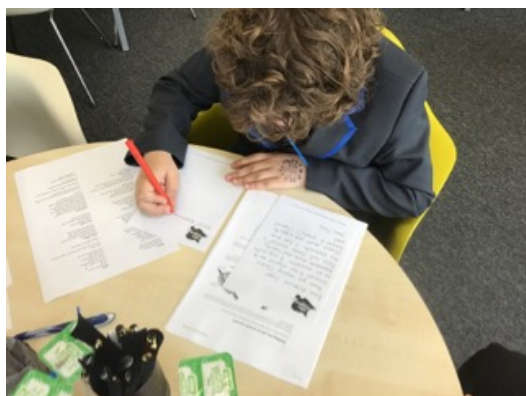
An amazing eighty-three students from different year groups entered our writing competition to tell us what makes their mum, step-mum, grandma, auntie or sister such a special part of their lives.

These wonderful women inspire, care for, support our students as well as making people's lives better at school and at work!



A small group of Year 7 students have been working on improving their handwriting to help them perform to their very best in class.

We learnt about 'warm up exercises', correct posture and have been using traditional fountain pens to practise writing postcards, letters and cards. Plus, this has been a great way for students from different Personal Tutor groups to get to know each other - and celebrate the occasional birthday.



Awesome Science at Brompton Academy

The Science department was busy last term. In addition to the assessment period for Years 7-10 and mock GCSE and A' levels, the Science department ran a number of extra-curricular activities:

Stand Up Science Competition

In celebration of National Science Week, all classes were given the opportunity to work on a Science presentation on a topic of their choice. The presentation was restricted to no longer than three minutes and students were not permitted to use PowerPoint.

The winners from each class went forward to the finals which took place in the Lecture Theatre in front of a wider audience and a panel of judges. The topics varied from the life cycle of stars, skeletons, lemon juice and light sabres!

The winners from each year were awarded a trip to the Big Bang Fair near Brighton in June.

X Lab for Years 7 and 8: 'The Art of Chemistry'

X Lab takes place every other term and allows selected students who are achieving their target grades at any level the opportunity to participate in some alternative creative activities. This term's activity involved looking at chemical reactions both fast and slow and recording them by photograph and video. Some of the reactions, videos and photos were spectacular!



Phase Two Challenge (Years 9 and 10): 'Models of Science'

The Phase Two Challenge is an ongoing competition between all Year 9 and 10 Science classes.

This term's competition was all about Scientific Models. Each class was tasked with creating and modelling any scientific process or structure by:

- Recording a '**Torn Paper**' Animation
- Making a **Giant Model of a Cell**
- Choreographing and recording an '**Over-Head Crowd Video**'
(A little like the British Airways TV advertisement from the 80s)

Processes modelled included fertilization, the food chain, photosynthesis, phagocytosis, the water cycle, kinetic theory, the big bang and a giant sneeze!



With one more Phase Two Challenge to go this year, 10y1 is at the top of the league table with 10g2 and 10z3 close behind!

Phase Two Challenge League Table After Two Terms (Terms 2 and 4)							1st
Final Challenge in Term 6							2nd
							3rd
Place	Class	Marks After Term 2 (Construction)	Giant Cell	Overhead Crowd Video	Torn- Paper Animation	Total	
		/40	/20	/20	/20	/100	
1st	10y1	35	19	19	18	91	
2nd	10g2	38	15	18	14	85	
3rd	10z3	30	14	14	14	72	
4th	10g1	14	20	17	20	71	
5th	10z2	26	10	14	17	67	
6th	9z2	23	8	14	18	63	
7th	10z1	31	16	15	0	62	
8th	9h1	26	18	16	0	60	
9th	9g2	27	12	0	19	58	

Year 7 Key Curriculum Students Raise Money for Caring Hands Charity



Year 7 students in Key Curriculum raised over £400 from the 'Brompton Inc Christmas Markets' and decided to donate it to the homeless charity Caring Hands. Thomas Smith from the Charity came to collect the payment and was warmly surprised when presented with a whole cage full of contributions of food, toiletries and clothes collected by students and staff.

The staff also raised over £100 by donating money they would have spent on Christmas cards which was added to the amount.

Students Take Part in Dodgeball for Comic Relief

Over fifty students helped raise money for Comic Relief in March after taking part in a dodgeball and dance event organised in partnership with The University of Kent Sports Management students. The event also featured dance workshops in Zumba and Street Dance and proved popular with students.

The event saw six teams battle it out to be crowned Brompton Academy Dodgeball Champions. Students had to put together their own teams and donate money to Comic Relief in order to participate. It was a fantastic event which saw some excellent dodgeball skills on show and a great atmosphere with students encouraging each other, whilst raising money for a good cause.

Sixth Form Trip to University of Kent Centre for Music and Audio Technology

On Monday 1st April, UKAT Sixth Form Music students visited the University of Kent Centre for Music and Audio Technology.

The students had an invaluable and first-hand experience of what life is like for an undergraduate studying at the University of Kent. This included a tour of the impressive, industry-professional facilities as well as a Music Industry lecture and Music Technology Workshop with UoK's Head of Music Business and leading Film/TV music composer, Professor Richard Lightman.



Phase One - Instrumental Lessons

As an Artsmark Platinum Centre, we are always working to celebrate and nurture new Arts talents at the Academy. We are now offering guitar and drum lessons for Phase One pupils.

All tuition is conducted on a one-to-one or groups basis with a rolling timetable. This means that a student will have a lesson at a different time every week, therefore the impact on missing the same lesson twice is minimised.

There are a limited number of places and instruments available and therefore it is a first come first served basis.



Please can you get in contact with chloecoupe@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk for further information regarding prices, timetable etc.

Get Involved in the Phase One Urban Playground

Urban Playground is an Orchestra/Big Band group where you can continue learning an instrument or learn how to play a new instrument. The Brompton Academy Music department is highly resourced with top quality instruments which can be used by the students during this club. The club is funded by the Universal Music Sound Foundation.



The club runs on a Tuesday afternoon
3.00pm until 4.00pm and is conducted by professional musician,
Darren Currington. It is open to all Phase One students with an
interest in music tuition.



Exciting News about the Brompton Academy Summer Showcase 2019

Date for your diary – **Brompton Academy Summer Showcase**

I have great pleasure in inviting you to join us for our Summer Showcase on
Wednesday 10th July 2019

Students have been working very hard within their Music, Dance and Drama lessons to learn a variety of pieces for this occasion.

More information and tickets will be available through Parent Pay soon.



GCSE Dance Trip to see 'Within Her Eyes'



On Friday 8th March, the Performing Arts department took forty-three GCSE Dance students to the Robin Howard Theatre in London to see one of their set works, 'Within Her Eyes'.

It was an inspiring evening, and we even got to meet the choreographer of the piece and the lead dancer from the work!

Brompton Academy Soccer Elite Scholarship Teams Finish Strongly

The Academy's Soccer Elite Partnership continues to develop, and results on the pitch have been steadily improving throughout the season.

The Premier League Squad, captained by Eitel, have had a very respectable season and at the time of writing were sitting in 4th place in the league with a possibility of gaining third place with one game remaining.

The Championship Squad have been relying on the goals of Nana to fire them to an impressive 3rd place finish in their debut season. With many of the squad currently still in Year 12, next year promises to be an excellent opportunity to build upon this season's success.

Many of the squad have started to make the breakthrough into men's football and two players (Eitel & Tyler) have represented Chatham Town FC first team with several more featuring for the reserves. The Premier Squad have one remaining game at home to Maplesden Noakes and we wish them lots of luck.

New Detention System in Place after Easter

After the Easter holiday a new detention system will be in place:

- Detentions will be held on the same day of issue and will last thirty minutes.
- A text message will be sent to parent/carers if your son/daughter has been placed in detention.
- During the detention period of thirty minutes students will be expected to complete a 'Student Reflection Sheet' and also have a restorative conversation with their class teacher who has set the detention.
- If students fail to attend the detention which has been set, they will be placed in the ER on the following day and complete their detention after school on that day.
- If a student has a number of detentions in one day or week other sanctions will be used.

If you have changed your mobile number recently can you please inform the Academy so that we can update our records.

Brompton Academy Associates

The BA Associates were delighted to assist selling refreshments at the school show Singin' in the Rain on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March. Both nights saw an impressive raffle and plenty of sweets and treats available to purchase to be consumed during the interval.

One of our Associates Terry Williams made the following comments about the show:

"This production was so good, well-acted, brilliantly sung with great dancing! Well done to all involved, you should all be proud of your hard work."

The next event that our Associates will be fundraising at is the popular Easter Transitions event for our new Year 7 students who will be joining us in September. The BA Associates will be selling teas, coffees, drinks sweets and even delicious hot pizza during the inflatable's session on the final day.

We are still looking for any helpers for our event on Sunday 12th May, and in particular need a large BBQ (preferably gas which we will provide). Please contact joprice@universityoftrustacademie.org.uk if you think you can help us on Sunday 12 May.




UKAT Wellbeing Centre

We are very fortunate to have four fantastic rooms that we use for UKAT Wellbeing Centre where we offer counselling provision, group work, mindfulness etc.

To ensure that they are student focused we have been making some new additions such as all rooms have easy-read and standard clocks so students can be fully aware of the time allocation for their sessions and take ownership of their appointments.

Out of hours the rooms are also used to provide free counselling support to the wider community. If you would like to know more about our UKAT Wellbeing Centre or have any great ideas about how you would like to see this provision grow please contact:
joprice@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk.

WE NEED YOU!



We are looking for as many Staff, Student and Parent/Carer helpers as possible to assist with a big event!

SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2019

**EVENT RUNS FROM 8:30AM UNTIL AROUND 6PM.
ANY TIME YOU ARE ABLE TO OFFER DURING THIS
PERIOD WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

We need people to:

- Supervise activities - bouncy castles, games etc.
- Take money for activities offered to attendees
- Running supplies & stock to stands
- Assisting with setting up and taking down stalls
- Assisting with tea, coffee, food & drink sales

Can you provide any of the following for our event?

- Baking - cakes, traybakes etc to sell by the slice
- A large (preferably gas) BBQ to borrow
- Donations for raffle prizes - all ages
- Stands/Stalls that may be of interest to the public offering a portion of the profits to our BA Associates

**For more information or to sign up to assist at
this event please contact Jo Price at
jopricesuniversityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
or contact 01634 852341 for more information.**



**Volunteering
Opportunity!**

Sports Clubs - Term 5

Day	Sport	Phase	Time	Coach
Tuesday	Girls Football	All	3:00-4:15pm	Anchorians FC
	Cheerleading	Juniors	3:00-4:15pm	Miss Hill
	Cricket	Yr7 Girls	3:00-4:15pm	Miss Mann Mr Denness Mr May
Wednesday	Super 8 Athletics	Yr7	3:00-4:15pm	Miss Mann
	Rounders	Yr8&9 girls	3:00-4:15pm	Mrs Smith
Thursday	Cheerleading	Seniors	3:00-4:15pm	Miss Hill
	Athletics	ALL	3:00-4:15pm	Mr Webster Mr Sparkes
	Indoor tennis <i>Finishes on 09/05/19</i>	All	3:00-4:15pm	External coach
Friday	Football (Boys & Girls)	1 & 2	2:00 - 3:15pm	PE Dept.
	Badminton	1 & 2	2:00 - 3:15pm	Medway Badminton
	BTEC Support	3	2:00 - 3:00pm	Mr Webster