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Updates for the parents and families of Broomfield School



Dear Parents/carers

As we come to the end of a very busy Autumn term I wanted to update you on the achievements and experiences of Broomfield school pupils this term.

In spite of the increasing impact of COVID it has been a delight to have an (almost) normal term.

I am immensely proud of the school community here at Broomfield. We have had a number of open mornings over the Autumn term and whenever I show visitors around the school they always comment on the calm and focused atmosphere around the school as they see pupils engaged in their learning.

Our sports leadership pupils have consistently been complemented on their impeccable behaviour as they have worked with local primary school children.

It has been fantastic to see our pupils able to engage in a whole host of extra-curricular activities including sports clubs – trampolining has been very popular and our Year 8 boy's basketball team have been particularly successful in inter-school competitions.

We have held singing assemblies and a Winter Show and many pupils enjoyed learning to upcycle in technology club. Many of our on-line clubs and societies started in lockdown have continued and debating club, law society and philosophy club continue to be popular with pupils across the school.

We have been able to have some visits out of school this term including a Year 7 visit to the Science Museum and a year 11 trip to Winchester following their mock exams. We are looking forward to all year groups being able to enjoy school trips next term.

OFSTED
As you are aware we received a visit from Ofsted on Wednesday 8th December. On the same day the DFE announced that all OFSTED visits would cease until at least the second week in January due to the COVID crisis. As a result of the impact of COVID on staffing and pupils in the school it was agreed that the OFSTED inspection would be paused and the inspectors will return in the new year. I will of course inform you when I have more details on this.

Finally I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.



Mrs C Seymour
Interim Headteacher

For more regular updates, follow the school on social media:



New account - Broomfield Stretch Challenge Enrichment



Autumn term focus - Wellbeing

There has been a significant focus on pupil and staff wellbeing this term. Pupils have a wellbeing page on their google classroom tutor groups where they can access information for support both in and outside of school should they require it. We have started our monthly wellbeing calendar where pupils can do a daily activity to help their own and others' wellbeing. We have a new group of Year 10 Wellbeing Warriors who will undertake leadership roles with Miss Gray to support their peers in the new year. As well as this we have had our Mad Hatters Tea Parties for Year 7 - 10 where pupils have been invited to bake cakes to celebrate positivity. The 15 best performing pupils were invited to come in and judge the cakes and relax with some hot refreshments and a good chat. Pupils have also had the opportunity to thank members of staff in school at the end of term for all their hard work and support.



Who's who at school

All staff can be contacted via the school office office@broomfield.enfield.sch.uk or 0208 368 4710

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Assistant Head
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Mrs Sharmila Mills
Assistant Head
Teaching & Learning

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Assistant Head
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Mr Coyle
Associate Assistant Head
Head of English

Miss Gray
Associate Assistant Head
Achievement Director
Year 10

Mr Lillywhite
Associate Assistant Head
Achievement Director
Year 8

Mrs Green
Achievement Director
Year 7

Ms Mali
Achievement Director
Year 9

Ms Bampanatsa
Achievement Director
Year 11

Mrs Tansley
Achievement Director
Transition and Primary Liaison

Mrs Chatterton
Achievement Director
Enrichment

New parent communication group



We are looking for a group of parents to join the **Parent Communication Group** in the New Year. Led by Mrs Tansley, the group will meet regularly online to review current parent communication and make suggestions for improvement. First agenda item will be the MyEd app and how the school can best use the app to communicate with parents. If you are interested please email office@broomfield.enfield.sch.uk with the subject heading Parent Communication Group.

Year 7

Over the past 14 weeks, our Year 7 cohort have mastered new timetables, new teachers and made new friends. They have participated in anti-bullying activities, team building sessions, been on school trips, attended clubs and represented school in sports fixtures.

They have raised money for charity, baked cakes for tea parties, sung in the choir and worn Christmas jumpers to school!

We are so proud at how well they've transitioned from primary to secondary school despite the Covid challenges over the past 18 months. We will continue to support them as the year progresses to ensure their learning habits are consistent and secondary ready.

Mrs Green and Mrs Tansley



Year 8

Year 8 started the new academic year with new forms and new classes for different subjects. They have done so well at adjusting to the relaxed Covid measures in school and definitely enjoy the variety in their subjects so far this year.

The year group were part of an exciting COP 26 project in October, raising awareness across the school about climate change and sustainable travel. A selected group of pupils also attended the London Schools' Climate Kick-Start awards ceremony with Sadiq Khan.

Mr Lillywhite

Year 9

Year 9 is an important year and the year group have started really well. Like Year 8, the year group have new forms and it's been great to see old friends reunited from previous years as well as new friendships forming.

We have a new group of peer mentors who have been relishing their new leadership opportunities across the school.

Coming up in the Spring Term will be the GCSE options. Pupils and parents will be provided with lots of support to discover all about the different subject options at GCSE level.

Mrs Malli



Year 11

We know this year can often be stressful for Year 11s and their families as they navigate the final year of their GCSEs especially considering the past 18 months. I am so proud of the committed and focused start to the year that has been displayed by Year 11.

We have a fantastic team of prefects including Mehmet, Dorothea, Richycarl and Ibo as Senior Prefects. All prefects are undertaking their leadership roles with maturity and commitment with various roles across the school community.

A few weeks ago we hosted a Careers Fair with London Academy of Excellence, Capel Manor, Bishop Douglas, Barnet and Southgate College, Winchmore, Compton, Kings' Maths College and Edmonton Grammar among many other Sixth Form providers. We also had stands from the Met Police, Middlesex University, Hertfordshire and Westminster Universities too. Pupils talked to the reps about Apprenticeships, A Levels and their future degrees.

Ms Bampanatsa

Year 10

The Year 10s have had a positive start to their GCSE courses. Reports will be going out shortly to parents to indicate how well they are settling into the year group.

All pupils have participated in a Year 10 PSHE Day this term focusing on health, relationships, nutrition and wellbeing.

Leadership opportunities include the Wellbeing Warriors, Peer Mentors, Form Reps and House Captains. I have been particularly proud of how many Year 10's are participating in our online societies.

Miss Gray



Sport @ Broomfield

It's been a fantastic term with pupils engaging in extra-curricular clubs and fixtures competing against other schools. We have fielded teams in Year 7-11 football, basketball, table tennis, netball and trampolining. We have also been fortunate to receive funding from London Sport to create two new clubs - tennis in partnership with Bounds Green TC and cricket in partnership with Highgate Cricket Club. The cricket club is also moving some of their training to Broomfield in the new year so watch this space for new opportunities to train and play cricket - both children and adults.

Special mentions go to

Taylan - basketball
Endri - basketball
Patience - basketball
Abdi - basketball
Brielle - trampolining
Haattan - trampolining
Joshua - trampolining
Ezekiel - trampolining
Florin - table tennis
Marcel - table tennis
Leena - netball
Chloe - netball
Georgi N - football
Georgi K - football
Reward - football
Trevaun - excellent commitment
Trevaunique - excellent commitment
Diana - excellent commitment



Performing Arts @ Broomfield

Winter Show:

Broomfield School's winter concert gives pupils the opportunity to show parents and peers what fantastic performers they are. Pupils work in lessons and in extra-curricular clubs rehearsing for performances. Our singing teacher, guitar teacher, drum teacher and steel pan teacher have spent the last term preparing pupils for our winter concert. The winter concert is a celebration of the effort and dedication of all the performers at Broomfield School.

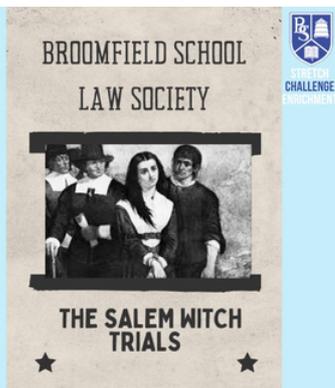


Matilda

Pupils have been rehearsing every Monday with the Drama department and every Friday with the singing teacher. They are learning the dialogue and songs for Matilda the Musical.



Stretch, Challenge & Enrichment @ Broomfield



"Enrichment at Broomfield continues to grow and grow. The success of the virtual debating, law and philosophy societies in the past twelve months has led to an expansion of our offer to include pupil-led societies such as the Mathematical Society, led by our Senior Prefect Mehmet Altinel. There is also now a Historical Society and a Literacy Society to compliment our already busy Coding, Art and Sports Clubs. Mehmet also set up the virtual Chess Club and has already taken a team through to the World League games. We are delighted to launch the Virtual Wellbeing Brigade and a series of pupil-led Masterclass lectures for the Spring Term.

Mrs Chatterton



English Speaking Union Schools' Mace

Five pupils from Broomfield School battled it out in three debates lasting four hours on Thursday 11th November. We were pitched against Channing School, Ashmole, Highgate Wood and Camden School for girls and had to defend the motion that 'it is the moral duty of artists to be political.' All the other competitors were Sixth Formers so our team really stretched themselves once again!

Question Time with Bambos Charalambous MP

Broomfield Debating Society questioned our local MP on what it is like to work in the Houses of Parliament. Pupils were fascinated to hear how Bambos became an MP and how the government works. He enjoyed his tour of the school and in particular the lesson on Charles Dickens that Mr Coyle was delivering.



St Paul's Girls' School visit



Pupils enjoyed their bespoke visit to St Paul's Girls' School. They were inspired by the many societies and extra-curricular activities and they appreciated the chance to ask questions about how to apply for bursaries for Sixth Form entry.

Eton College visit

Broomfield boys really enjoyed a day at Eton College. They were impressed with the beautiful buildings, warm welcome and fabulous range of extra-curricular activities and leadership opportunities they could enjoy there. They attended a talk on how to make an application for the Orwell Scholarship for Sixth Form Entry



Broomfield in World Chess League

Broomfield Chess Club is lead by our Head Prefect, Mehmet. He has set up a strong team that plays games in the World Chess League, the World 2020 Chess Championships and the English Chess Federation Schools Chess Championships.

Oxford Union trains Broomfield Debating Society

Twelve keen debaters from the Broomfield Debating Society have been trained this term by undergraduate debaters from Oxford University. They were trained on rebuttal skills and the British Parliamentary format of debating.

Law Society

The Law Society are currently re-enacting the trial of Salem men and women accused of witchcraft in 1692 in virtual, radio-play style sessions. Pupils have recreated the trial using original courtroom records. This is an excellent way of appreciating the dramatic events of the time and learning about travesties of justice.

**School starts from
Wednesday 5th
January 2022.**