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University Fair a great success



This year's University fair, organised by our Head of careers and higher Education, Rachel Caine, saw almost 40 universities from around the country come to the college to talk to our pupils about university in general, the application process and to deliver specific subject talks in 'masterclass' workshops. This allied to further presentations by several other universities, through their outreach programmes, has meant this year's crop of Brooke House students have probably been better informed about their future degree course options than any previous cohort of A Level students.

ISI inspection shows the college meets every regulatory standard

Like nearly all Independent Schools in the country, Brooke House College is subject to inspection by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI). This term, we were visited by the inspectors for a full regulatory compliance inspection and have satisfied ISI that we are fully compliant in all 8 Independent School Statutory Regulations (ISSR) and all 20 National Minimum Standards (NMS) for boarding. The inspectors viewed all policies and verified their implementation, they observed lessons, met with pupils and staff, attended registrations, visited the boarding houses and observed the wide-ranging activity programme in operation. The Principal and Directors were delighted by the findings. Mike Oliver said "We greatly value the tremendous trust that our parents place in us to look after their children and the ISI oversight of our school gives them the confidence that this trust is not misplaced. We could not be happier with the outcome".

National Anti-Bullying Week led by the School Council



The School council, in tandem with the PSHE staff led from the front in promoting this year's National Anti-Bullying Week. This year's President Aisha Zhanseit and her team were all seen wearing special tee shirts throughout the week extolling the virtues of a bullying-free school. The PSHE programme reinforced the message to leave nobody in doubt as to the sort of school we want to live in.



Duyen (Jenny) Cao and Duy Pham have led the way this term with their Extended Project Qualifications (EPQ) Jenny researched four styles of eastern art, and then produced four pieces in each style, whilst Duy researched over 400 property types in Vietnam to consider solutions to Urban overcrowding in his own country.



The mathematicians have entered the senior mathematics challenge, with 70% of all entrants gaining either gold, silver or bronze certificates. The winners were, Duyen Cao, Khang Doan, Chinhang Sit, Hoang Luong, Luan Nguyen, Liam Long, Anh Pham, Quynhanh Hoang, Thao Ho, Chung Bui and Sze Chun Liu. Special praise should go to Duyen (Jenny) Cao, who not only came top of the whole school, but also did so well that she then took part in the Mathematics Olympiad.

As well as sporting excellence from the football players, there are a growing number of pupils who have joined the local Harborough rugby club to train and represent them in several age groups. Whilst the younger players feature at youth level, the star of the show is undoubtedly Brian Atwine. Brian, who comes from Uganda arrived with a glowing CV in the sport and quickly made an impact with HRFC. Indeed, after a few games for the 2nd XV he was rapidly promoted to the mens' 1st XV, where he has been putting in some very fine match-day performances.



Our A Level Geography students spent time at a local field study centre undertaking practical case examples for the courses being undertaken this year.



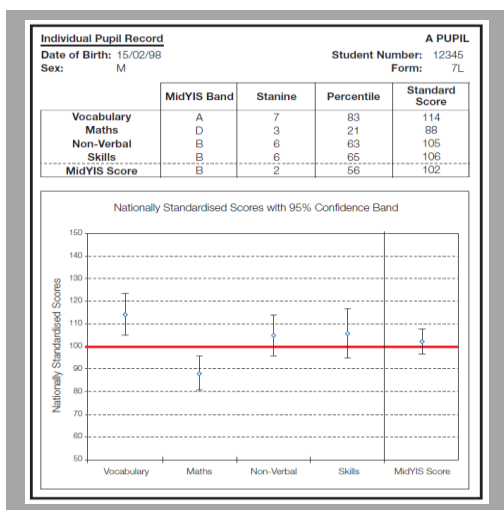
Duke of Edinburgh's Award practice ready for the next expedition



Bassey, The Hype Master getting the crowd going at the School Council organised Halloween party

Baseline testing comes to Brooke House

In a new initiative for the college, we have introduced academic tutor groups to help track and monitor our students' progress. Each tutor not only has the internally generated reports from subject teachers, but also now has access to the CEM produced baseline test results from ALIS and MidYIS. The additional data is enabling our pupils to set for themselves and have set by their tutors, realistic targets as they progress through the various courses they are studying. As a college, we see this as a key 'next stage' in what we offer in terms of educational quality for our students.



New fitness centre open



The old function room in Northampton House has been turned into a new fitness centre to add to our football academy provision in terms of the strength and conditioning side of the game. Each player received a thorough induction programme of every piece of apparatus before they were allowed to use the equipment, but the extra effort does seem to be paying off. As well as the football teams enjoying the new facility, the rest of the school have enjoyed using it in the co-curricular activity timetable.



The Football Academy

Araphat, Jordan, Miras and Paolo are pictured above after receiving their player of the month awards. However, as a team game, it is not the individual, but the sum of all the individuals that matters. The teams this season so far, in the different age groups, are all doing well with some significant victories in both league and cup competitions as well as representative honours for some in regional ISFA teams. In addition to our regular coaches leading the training sessions, we have enjoyed the company of two guest coaches this season; Gjorgi Hristov and Gabrielle Cioffi added much to the players' education on the pitch this season, especially in set piece situations.

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