

Brook 6th Form & Academy End of Year newsletter



Staying connected

This newsletter is an insight into some of the exciting things we have had going on this term. As most of you may know, we are currently in the transition period of becoming Brook 6th Form and Academy, with the full transition complete in time for September.

We would be very grateful if you could leave us a google review.



**BROOK 6TH FORM
& ACADEMY**

A UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE



Our school review

We are now recognised on Google Maps as Brook 6th Form & Academy.

However, this means we currently have 0 reviews. Please leave us a review if you can!

Brook 6th Form & Academy



Our Year 12 Theatre Trip Thursday 30th March

RUN BY MS NSUBUGA

The students went to see "Gone too far" at Stratford East theatre. This was about two brothers from different continents who go down the street to buy a pint of milk, they lift the lid on a disunited nation; a world where everyone wants to be an individual, but no one wants to stand out from the crowd, and where respect is always demanded but rarely freely given





Achievement Assembly 31st March 2023

RUN BY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MR
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We use the end of every term as a time to celebrate the students achievements. Each subject teacher will pick 2 students from every year group they would like to award certificates. Here are some of our achievers from March.

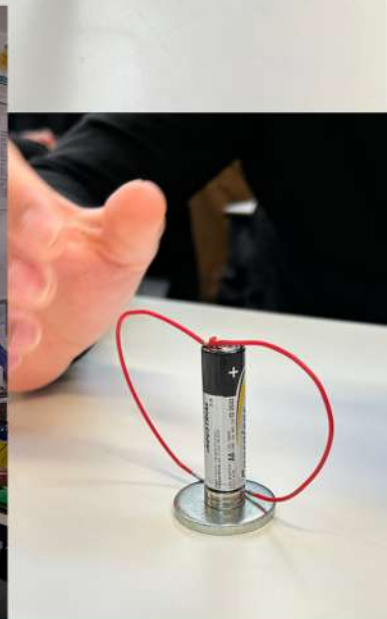
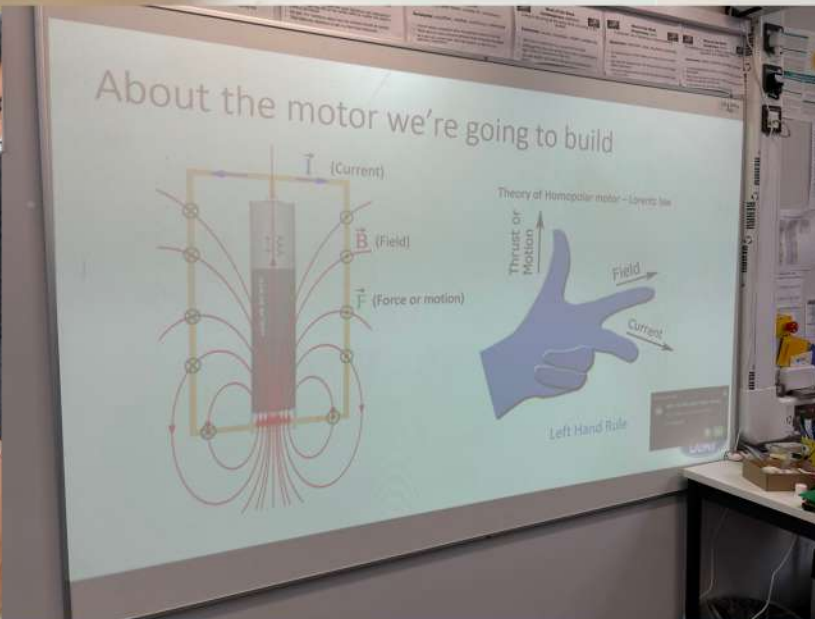
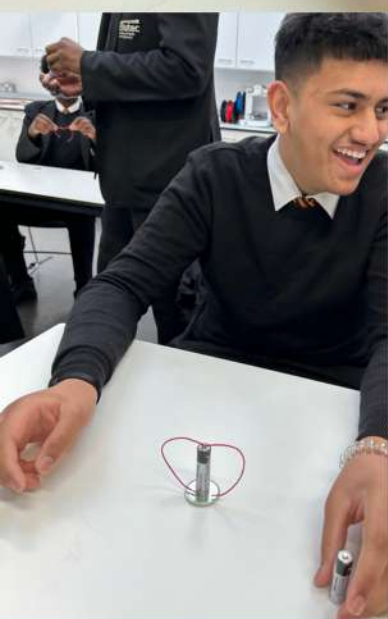


Year 10 Ford visits throughout the term

RUN BY MR DAGLESS



Our Year 10 have been working closely with Ford Motor Company, they have been having regular sessions with the team. On this occasion they were building motors.



UCL Pearl visits throughout the term



"For the last few months I was a part of the UCL PEARL ambassador scheme thanks to my school Brook Sixth Form and Academy.

What is UCL Pearl? At first, I wasn't sure myself, but to put it simply; PEARL stands for Person-Environment-Activity Research Laboratory which is a unique facility to simulate real-life scenarios in a controlled environment to see and predict how people will react in the real-life world, to make the controlled environment so realistic. They have a complicated system which can manipulate a wide spectrum of light, video, sound, and space.

Pearl's vision is to create a better world in which people and the environment can thrive together in a mutually beneficial, safe, equitable and healthy way. After working with them the past few months, it became obvious that their vision is always the center of focus and their priority.

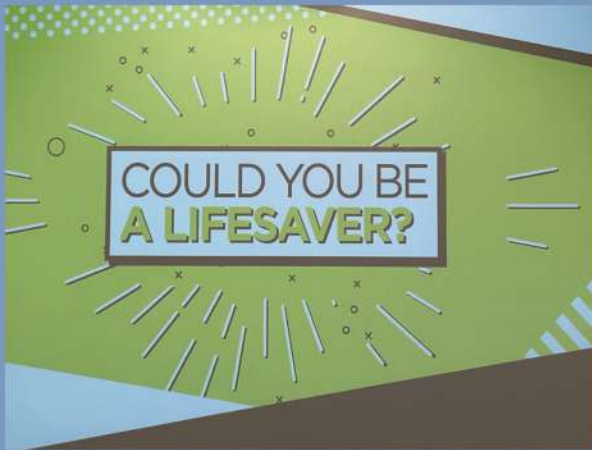
During my time here, I have developed both my soft and hard skills, learning how to communicate in an appropriate and professional manner and how to use world class equipment which I couldn't get anywhere else. Me and a few other people also got the opportunity to work on our own group projects, allowing us to step in the shoes and feel how a researcher would feel, gathering and recording all the resources we need and watch it all piece together really gave us all a rush of dopamine.

This year was truly an experience and I cant wait for what UCL pearl has in stock for me next year!"

Leo Zhang Year 12



Anthony Nolan Visit Wednesday 26th April



Anthony Nolan is the charity that makes lifesaving connections between patients in need and incredible strangers ready to donate their stem cells.

Every year Anthony Nolan come and visit our Year 12 students to explain what the charity is about and see if any of our students would like to join their life saving program.



ANTHONY NOLAN



Great Dunmow Soapbox Race Sunday 30th April 2023

After the endless hours of engineering, tweaking and improving the kart our Karting Club entered the Great Dunmow Soapbox Race for the very first time. It was a great experience, the boys came in the top 50! Well done to the Karting Club Mr Nottage and Mr Haque! We cannot wait to expand the Karting Club next year.



RSHE lessons with our school police officer throughout the year



Throughout the year different year groups will learn different topics in their RSHE lessons. Year 10 cover topics including mental health concerns, relationships, diversity and discrimination, consent, first aid and lifesaving skills, skills for employment and personal safety.

Year 11 cover money management, preparing for adult life, relationship challenges, families and parenting, grief and loss, safe and healthy lifestyle choices, celebrating success and goals and actions for the future.

Year 12 cover writing a cv, interviewing techniques, manage transitional life phases, career and life goals, emotional/ physical/ social and legal consequences, indentifying body images and recognising bullying in the work place.

These are only some of the topics covered for each year group.



Snippets of the classroom

Here we have some snippets of our practical learning in the classroom.





May Fitness Challenge

Mr Djouranov set a couple of fitness challenges throughout May. One was to see how many press ups you can do without stopping. The other was to see how many box triceps dips can you complete until you cannot do any more!



1. Yasin 100
2. Akil 50
3. Kwame 31
4. Tsvet 15
5. Kean 5



1. Akil 64
2. Kwame 56
3. Chris 56
4. Yasin 50
5. Asad 50



National thank a Teacher Day! Wednesday 21st June

We used national thank a teacher day to ask the students what teachers they wanted to thank and why. Here are some of our thank you posts.

thank you



Mr Lewis

"For making maths lessons fun and always being enthusiastic"

Imal Year 13

thank you



Ms Keller

"For always answering my questions even if i ask multiple"

Mya Year 12

Mr Lewis
thank you



thank you



Ms Nsubuga

"For helping me with my epq"

Samreen Year 12

thank you



Ms Bannister

"For always being there to help me"

Arminas Year 13

Ms Keller



"For being the best maths teachers"

All of Year 10

Amazon Trip Wednesday 28th June 2023

The Amazon logo, featuring the word "amazon" in a bold, black, lowercase sans-serif font, with a curved orange arrow underneath it pointing from the letter 'a' to the letter 'z'.

Female and non-binary students from 19 UTCs all over the country gathered in Amazon Headquarters in Liverpool Street. As four girls from Brook Sixth Form were able to participate in the event. We were able to learn about the career paths of very successful women in industry, and acquire the knowledge on how they were able to reach the position they are at. We were able to learn about apprenticeships at Amazon, and the similar opportunities provided by other companies. Being taught about employability and being a woman in stem was a nice opportunity, as well as socializing with other girls my age who wish to follow the same path as I do.



Leavers day Friday 30th June 2023

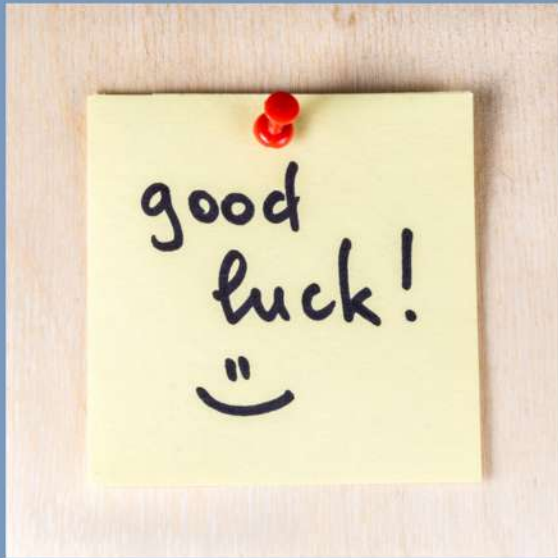


Our Year 13 students decided they would like their leavers day to have a basketball match, an assembly and then some food and music. Here are some of the pictures from their day.

Well done to Imal and Husna who created the presentation using photographs and videos from their time at Elutec Academy. They will be the last Elutec Academy leavers now we will be transitioning to Brook 6th Form & Academy.



Leavers day Friday 30th June 2023



Here are some of our Year 11s on their leavers day. They had an assembly in the morning where they collected their certificates and awards.

Jack won "Drama King"

Elizabete won "The most laid back style"

Arianna won "Sleepy Queen"

Faustus won "The best hair flick"

Afia won "Popstar in the making and ever changing hairstyles".

They then went to Mini Golf, Pizza Express and finished their day in the arcades.

We look forward to seeing some of them back in the Sixth Form.



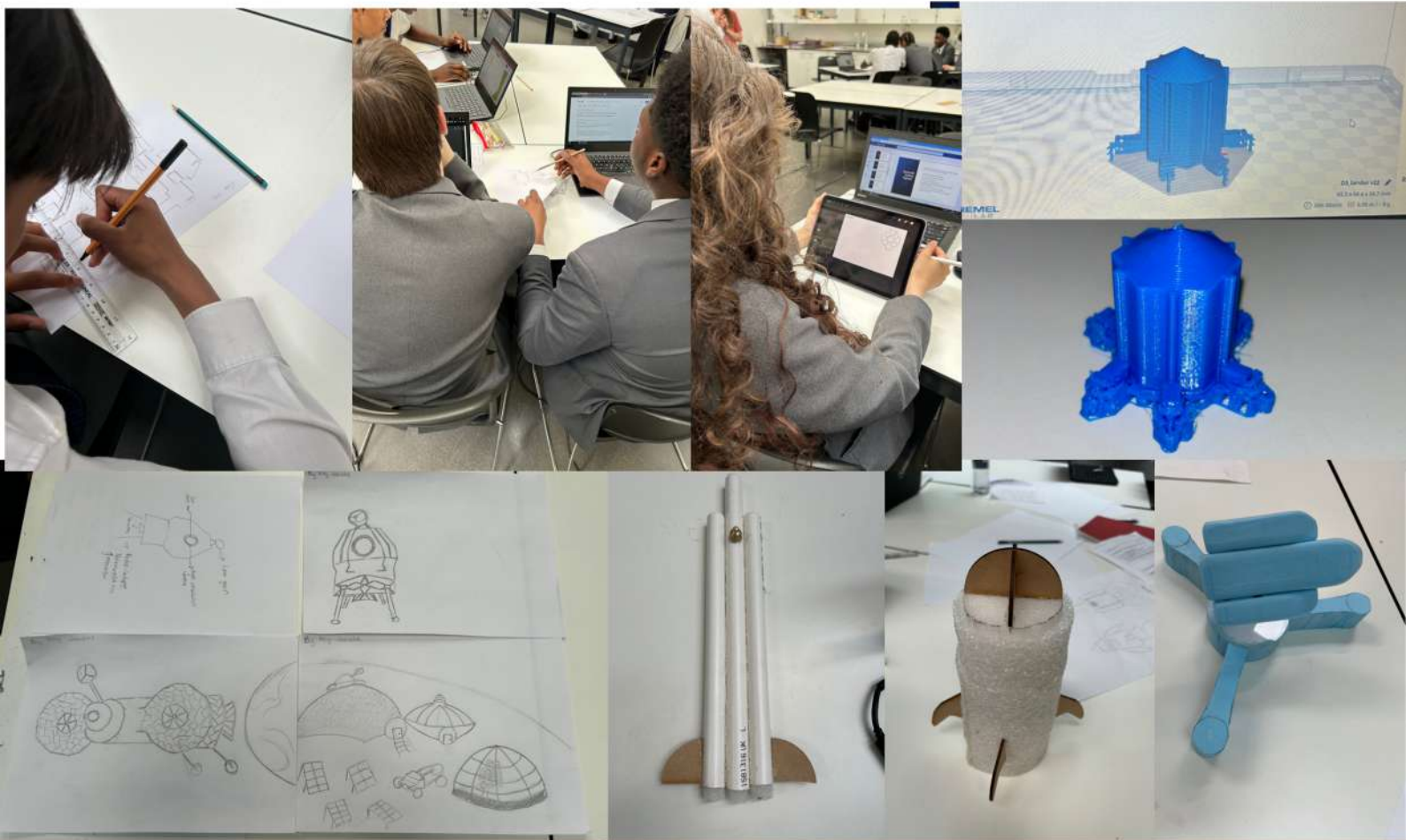


The Callisto project

4th July 2023

Callisto is a stable rocky and icy world, rich in water ice, silicates and organic compounds. This second-largest moon of Jupiter boasts a low radiation environment, and a thin atmosphere of carbon dioxide, with oxygen and hydrogen. However, this thin atmosphere means there is little protection on this cold and cratered surface...

This is a Engineering Project that needs the students to use their Maths, Science, Engineering and English skills to create their solutions. In each group there will be a Spacecraft System Engineer, a Resources Engineer, an Environment Engineer, a Societal & Health Engineer. They will be designing a spacecraft and organising how to keep the crew safe and healthy. Students will then present their ideas and compete against other UTC's. Well done to all that participated! The winning team from Brook came 2nd overall against all the UTC's. Congratulations Liam, Hans, Zayn and Dominic.



Higher Education Week July 2023



Here are some pictures of all our presenters from Thursday 6th July. Our first presenter Ms Donovan done an introduction on what Higher Education University week was about and why we encourage the students to "reach for the stars".

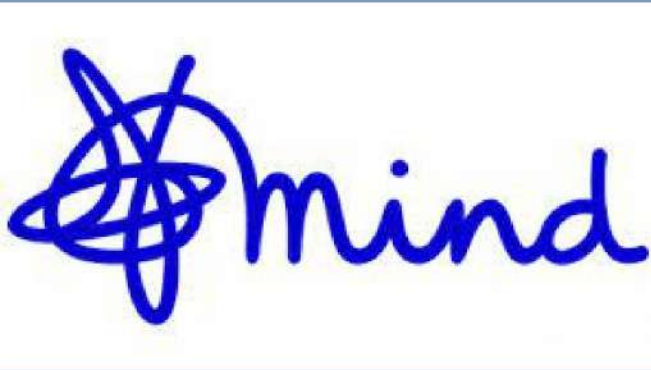
Professor Deborah Andrews and graduate Daniele Di Pablo both from London SouthBank University. Deborah gave us an insight into what STEM based courses they have to offer at LSBU, as well as informing us of the apprenticeship schemes they have going on. Deborah also showed the students who their visiting lecturers are as well as their awards and extracurricular activities. Daniele showed the students his "service design" and how he has been funded and will now expand his project to a community project.



Jo Baldwin who spoke about Money and University covered "Practical financial issues and the psychology of money" Jo gave tips on how to budget, how tax works, the fees that come with taking out a student loan and how and when you pay it back. Jo also gave our students tips on how to make some extra money. As well as this Jo spoke about how influenced Gen Z can be through social media, how they are good with multitasking but have a short attention span, all of this was to encourage them to think about budgeting for the future.

Ms Nsubuga also gave presentations on UCAS, how to write a personal statement, how to find the course for you and more.

Cultural Appreciation Day Friday 14th July 2023



The students took the event with gusto and were so excited in showcasing their culture. It was a delight to see so many cultures being celebrated and discussed openly in this event. We raised £100 for the charity Mind.



Year 10 Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Monday 17th July 2023



Our Year 10s participated in the Jack Petchey Speak Out challenge. They learned how to deliver a speech using an opener (a question, a fact or a statistic), middle and closing (a moral, what does the audience think). This was a big confidence boost for the Year 10s to stand up in front of their peers talking about a topic that was close to them using eye contact, hand gestures and engaging conversation.



**STRIDE
STAND
SMILE
SPEAK
STAY**

RE Dropdown Day Tuesday 18th July 2023



Stacey Burman returned to Brook 6th Form & Academy to deliver her final session on RE for all students. The students discussed the issue of the soul with great enthusiasm and adapted their thoughts to how they perceive their day to day lives.



Sports Day Wednesday 19th July 2023



The active Academy took to the field on the annual Sports Day. All students participated in both team and individual sports which culminated in the 'Staff vs Students' tug of war competition. Of course, all the students waited to take on the staff, but the staff of Brook 6th Form & Academy were the winners.



New students changes to dress code

*Dear Parents and Guardians new to Brook 6th Form & Academy
Changes to uniform and dress code*

In the current economic climate, in which prices appear to be rising each week, we have reviewed the Academy uniform and dress code to ensure that it is as affordable as possible for all of our students and their families.

Students joining Year 10 can now purchase the majority of their uniform from any uniform shop or supermarket. Please see the attached uniform list. Shirts, trousers, skirts, jumper, blazer, PE shorts, socks and T-shirt can all be purchased from the majority of large supermarkets. We have only four specialist items, namely:

- The school badge*
- The school tie*
- The Engineering workshop boiler suit*
- The Engineering workshop boots (also required for visits to employer partner sites)*

We are currently researching distributors for our four specialist uniform items and aim to send you a letter regarding this, with appropriate supplier links, later next week.

Students joining Year 12 will note that the current dress code is a grey business suit. This suit can be bought from any suit supplier, supermarket, high street or on-line store. We have also extended the dress code to include a second colour. From September 2023 students can wear any blue or grey Business suit or Abaye as part of the Sixth Form dress code. The shirt must be white and the shoes must be black. The tie or hijab can be a colour of the students choosing. Ties can also be purchased from the Academy reception. Please see attached uniform and dress code sheet regarding the PE shorts, socks and T-shirt, which can also be purchased from any large supermarket. The sixth form dress code includes two specialist items for students completing an Engineering course, namely:

- The Engineering workshop boiler suit*
- The Engineering workshop boots (also required for visit to employer partner sites)*

I hope that the above changes ensure that the Academy uniform and dress code are more affordable for all students and their families.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

*Ms Donovan
Principal*

Existing students changes to dress code

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Year 11 students can continue to wear their existing Elutec logo blazer and workshop Boilersuit. Year 12 and Year 13 students will note that the current dress code is a grey business suit. This suit can be bought from any suit supplier, supermarket, high street or on-line store. We have also extended the dress code to include a second colour. From September 2023 students can wear any blue or grey Business suit or Abaye as part of the Sixth Form dress code. The shirt/blouse must be white and the shoes must be black. The tie or hijab can be a colour of the students choosing. Ties can also be purchased from the Academy reception. Please see attached uniform and dress code sheet regarding the PE shorts, socks and T-shirt, which can also be purchased from any large supermarket. The sixth form dress code includes two specialist items for students completing an Engineering course, namely:

- The Engineering workshop Boilersuit
- The Engineering workshop boots (also required for visits to employer partner sites)

Year 13 students can continue to wear their current dress code, including the Elutec logo Boilersuit.

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Yours sincerely,

Ms Donovan
Principal

Brook 6th Form & Academy

For Year 10s we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th September at 8:30am

For Year 11 we look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday 6th September at 11:30am

For Year 13 we look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday 6th September at 12pm

For Year 12 we look forward to seeing you on Monday 11th September at 12pm

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