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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the Summer 2026 edition of the Brook 6th Form & Academy Newsletter.

As another academic year comes to an end, we're taking a look back at some of the highlights from the summer term.

Inside, you'll find some of our favourite moments from April to July, showcasing the opportunities our students have taken, the experiences they've enjoyed and the achievements they've earned along the way through a wide range of super-curricular and extracurricular activities.

A huge thank you to our students, staff and partners for making this another fantastic term. We hope you enjoy reading about everything that's been happening at Brook, and we wish everyone a well-deserved summer break.



BROOK KARTING CLUB MAKES RED BULL SOAPBOX RACE HISTORY



This summer, our Brook Karting Club achieved something truly remarkable, becoming the youngest team ever to compete in the world-famous Red Bull Soapbox Race.

Designed and built by our Year 13 STEM students, the team's vintage Ferrari-inspired soapbox was the result of months of planning, engineering and teamwork. Competing against teams representing organisations and brands including Samsung, Tesco and Virgin Radio UK, alongside Premier League football clubs such as Crystal Palace, Newcastle, Fulham and Aston Villa. Our students delivered an outstanding performance, finishing 16th out of 52 teams and earning a perfect 10/10 score from the judges.

The team's record-breaking achievement attracted national attention, with their inspiring journey featured on BBC News' Tech Now, as well as being broadcast on BBC News and BBC Breakfast, showcasing Brook and its students to audiences across the UK.

From an after-school engineering club to the national spotlight, this achievement is a testament to the creativity, resilience and ambition of our students, and one that the entire Brook community is incredibly proud to celebrate.



GCSE EXAM SEASON



This summer marked an important milestone for our Year 11 pupils as they completed their GCSE examinations after months of hard work and preparation.

Throughout the exam period, pupils demonstrated resilience, determination and maturity, approaching each exam with confidence and giving their very best. Their commitment reflects the dedication they have shown throughout the year, supported every step of the way by our staff.

We are incredibly proud of everything our Year 11 pupils have achieved and look forward to celebrating their results later this summer. We wish them the very best of luck and hope to welcome many of them back as they begin the next stage of their journey at Brook Sixth Form & Academy.

SIXTH FORM EXAM SEASON

Our sixth form students have also reached an important milestone, completing their end-of-year assessments across Level 3, T Level and A Level courses.

For our Year 13 students, these final examinations marked the culmination of two years of hard work, commitment and perseverance as they prepare to take their next steps into university, apprenticeships and employment. Meanwhile, Year 12 students completed a combination of End of Year One internal and external assessments, helping them prepare for the demands of their final year.

We are incredibly proud of the dedication shown by all of our students throughout the exam season and wish our Year 13 leavers every success as they await their results.



BIOLOGY FIELDWORK AT EPPING FOREST

A Level Biology students took their learning beyond the classroom with a visit to the Epping Forest Field Centre.

The trip gave students the opportunity to carry out fieldwork, exploring sampling techniques, ecosystem analysis and biodiversity in a real-world environment. Applying the knowledge they've developed in lessons helped strengthen their understanding of ecological investigations and scientific research.

Working in a natural environment allowed students to develop practical skills that simply can't be replicated in the classroom.



UK UNIVERSITY SEARCH FAIR AT ARSENAL STADIUM



Our students visited the Emirates Stadium to attend the UK University Search Fair, where they explored a wide range of universities, apprenticeships and future career opportunities.

Throughout the day, students spoke with representatives from higher education institutions and employers, learning more about courses, entry requirements, student life and the different pathways available after sixth form.

With conversations ranging from university courses to apprenticeships, students left with plenty of ideas for the next stage of their journey.

BLETCHLEY PARK VISIT

Year 12 A Level Maths students visited the historic Bletchley Park, discovering how mathematics played a vital role in World War II codebreaking.

During the visit, students explored interactive exhibits, took part in problem-solving activities and had the rare opportunity to operate a genuine working Enigma machine. The experience brought together mathematics, history and technology, demonstrating how mathematical thinking has shaped some of the world's most significant events.

Seeing mathematical theory applied to one of history's greatest codebreaking operations gave students a unique perspective on the power of problem-solving.



VISIT TO SILVERSTONE MUSEUM



Our students enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Silverstone Museum, exploring the history, innovation and engineering behind the home of British motorsport.

From iconic racing cars and legendary drivers to the technology that powers modern motorsport, the visit gave students an insight into one of the world's most famous racing circuits. It was a brilliant opportunity to see how engineering, design and innovation come together both on and off the track.

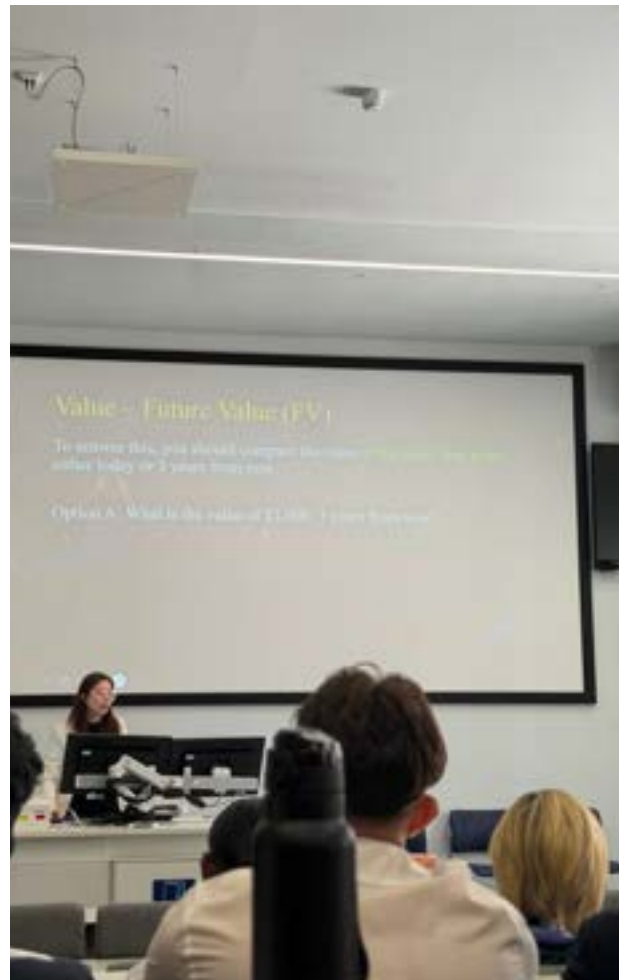
The trip offered an in-depth look at the technology and innovation behind British motorsport, with plenty to inspire the next generation of engineers.

GREENWICH MATHS TIME

The A Level Maths students visited the University of Greenwich to take part in the Greenwich Maths Time event, joining students from other schools for a day of mathematical thinking.

The event featured interactive workshops, challenging activities and university-style maths sessions, giving students the opportunity to apply their skills in new ways while experiencing mathematics in a higher education setting.

It was an engaging and rewarding experience, encouraging students to think critically and collaborate with others.



T LEVEL MEDIA CAREERS VISIT



T Level Media students took part in an inspiring careers visit, meeting creative industry professionals and gaining valuable insight into the media sector.

Students heard from professional photographer Jimmy Lee, who shared his experience working in street photography, film and television as a unit stills photographer, as well as documenting communities during the pandemic. They also took part in a careers networking workshop led by Liza Vallance, learning how to build professional connections and prepare for future opportunities in the creative industries.

Hearing directly from professionals gave students an honest insight into the creative industries and the different routes into a career in media.

STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY

Brook Sixth Form marked Stephen Lawrence Day with a special assembly exploring Stephen's life, the impact of his story and why it continues to matter today. Students also learned about the work of the Stephen Lawrence Foundation and reflected on this year's theme, "Flags", encouraging conversations around identity, belonging and the values we share.



STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY

The day also celebrated the diverse cultures within our academy, with students proudly wearing traditional clothing and bringing in flags representing their heritage. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about one another's backgrounds and celebrate the rich diversity that makes Brook such a vibrant and inclusive school.



YR13 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY



We came together to celebrate our Year 13 Leavers as they reached the end of their journey at Brook Sixth Form & Academy.

The leavers' assembly was an opportunity to reflect on the past two years, recognise students' achievements and celebrate the friendships, memories and experiences they have shared along the way.

As our Year 13 students prepare for university, apprenticeships, employment and other exciting opportunities, we would like to thank them for the positive contribution they have made to our academy. We wish them every success in the next chapter of their journey and hope they will always remain part of the Brook Sixth Form family.

MATHS CELEBRATION WEEK



Our annual Maths Celebration Week brought the whole academy together through a series of exciting activities designed to challenge, inspire and encourage a love of mathematics.

Pupils and students put their problem-solving skills to the test in a variety of competitions, including a Rubik's Cube Challenge, a Chess Rivalry Tournament and a whole-school Maths Bingo Challenge. Each activity encouraged strategic thinking, teamwork and a healthy sense of competition while demonstrating that maths can be engaging, interactive and fun.

The week was a fantastic success, with enthusiastic participation across the school and plenty of memorable moments as students embraced every challenge.

HIGHER EDUCATION WEEK

Our annual Higher Education Week gave students the opportunity to explore the many pathways available after sixth form through a packed programme of talks, workshops and guest speakers, helping them make informed decisions about their future.

Throughout the week, students heard from representatives from the University of Staffordshire, Ravensbourne University, Brunel University, University of Portsmouth London Campus and CU London, gaining valuable insight into university life, UCAS applications and choosing the right course. They also took part in sessions on writing personal statements, researching universities and navigating the UCAS application process.



HIGHER EDUCATION WEEK

Students also benefited from an insightful university finance presentation delivered by Jo Baldwin, while Ford Motor Company introduced students to the world of degree apprenticeships, demonstrating how they can earn a salary, gain industry experience and achieve a university qualification at the same time. Together, the sessions gave students a broader understanding of the many routes available after sixth form and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.



NEXT KEY DATES



Event	Date
A Level, T Level & Level 3 Results Day	Thursday 13 August 2026
GCSE & Level 2 Results Day	Thursday 20 August 2026
Enrolment Days	Thursday 20 August 2026 - Friday 21 August 2026
Start of Autumn Term 2026-2027 & Yr10 Induction Day	Wednesday 2 September 2026
<i>Yr10 Induction trip to Stubbers</i>	Friday 4 September 2026
<i>Yr12 Induction Day</i>	Tuesday 8 September 2026
<i>Yr12 Induction Trip to Stubbers</i>	Wednesday 9 September 2026



As another fantastic academic year comes to a close, we'd like to thank all of our pupils, students, staff, parents, carers and partners for making it such a memorable one.

This year has been filled with incredible achievements, inspiring opportunities and moments we'll be proud to look back on for years to come. Whether in the classroom, on educational visits, through competitions or preparing for the next step in life, our pupils and students have continued to demonstrate ambition, resilience and a commitment to excellence.

We wish everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces back to Brook in September for another exciting year ahead.

Have a wonderful summer!