



Broadfield
Specialist School

Newsletter 2025/26



Message from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of the 2025/26 academic year, I find myself saying what I say every year – where has the time gone? This year has passed remarkably quickly, and it doesn't seem that long ago that our new Year 7 pupils were joining Broadfield and beginning their journey with us. Yet, once again, we have reached the end of another successful school year.

I am incredibly proud of all our pupils and the progress they have made throughout the year. In particular, I would like to acknowledge our leavers, who have achieved so much during their time at Broadfield. It has been a privilege to watch them grow in confidence, develop new skills, and prepare for the next stage of their journey. We wish them every success and happiness for the future.

I would also like to thank our parents, carers and staff for their continued support, commitment and dedication throughout the year. Working together, we have achieved so much for our young people.

I wish all our pupils, families and staff a well-deserved summer break. Enjoy the time to rest, recharge and make special memories.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Angela Wade
Headteacher

A Message from Mrs Harrison, Attendance Officer

Hello everyone, I'm delighted to share that I've recently been appointed as Broadfield's Attendance Officer, and I'm really looking forward to working closely with our families in the new academic year.

To celebrate the end of this year, we're holding a big attendance raffle this Friday. Student's who have been in school every single day this year will be entered... and **one lucky winner will be taking home a Nintendo Switch**. It's going to be an exciting moment for our school.

And this is just the start. Next year, our prizes and incentives will be even bigger and better, with rewards for pupils who attend every day and those who show the most improvement. We want every child to feel motivated, proud, and excited about coming to school.



Thank You Parents!

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have joined us at our events this year.

It's been lovely to see families getting involved, whether that has been at our coffee mornings, parent and child reading sessions, parent outings, the Christmas and Easter fairs, or the other activities we've held throughout the year. Spending time together and building positive relationships benefits everyone and helps create a strong, supportive school community.

I'm really looking forward to planning even more opportunities for parents and carers to get involved next year. We'll be starting with a coffee morning in September, where I'll be asking parents to complete a short questionnaire. This is your chance to tell us what you've enjoyed, share any ideas you have, and let us know what you'd like to see more of in the future.

I'm looking forward to meeting new parents, welcoming back familiar faces, and see even more families getting involved next year.

Thank you again for all your support! Have a fantastic summer, and I'll see you in September!

Mrs Dunleavy (Family Liaison)





7 Asghar



This year, 7 Asghar have made a fantastic transition into Broadfield and have embraced every new challenge with enthusiasm and determination. We have worked hard to develop our independence and have made excellent progress across a range of important life and learning skills.

Throughout the year, students have focused on developing their reading, writing and functional maths skills, showing increasing confidence and resilience in their learning. We have also worked on communication, teamwork, problem-solving and personal independence, helping everyone to become more confident both in and out of the classroom.

7 Asghar have enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities, educational visits and enrichment opportunities, which have supported learning and created many wonderful memories. We are incredibly proud of how much each student has achieved and the positive attitudes they have shown throughout the year,



7 Didsbury



What a fantastic first year it has been for Year 7 Didsbury! They have made a wonderful start to life at Broadfield and have adapted so well to their new school. Starting secondary school can be a big change, but they have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and have grown in confidence throughout the year.

It has been lovely to see so many friendships and strong bonds develop within the group. They have supported each other, worked well together and created a kind and welcoming class community. We have also enjoyed some fantastic trips, including visits to the cinema, the pantomime and Smithills Family Farm, making lots of special memories along the way.

We couldn't be prouder of how hard every single student has worked this year. They have given everything their all, shown resilience when faced with challenges and matured so much since joining Broadfield. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow, and we are looking forward to seeing all they achieve in Year 8.



7 Turner



7 Turner have had a wonderful first year at Broadfield. We have been on trips to the cinema, Pantomime in Blackpool, Bowling and the Farm. We have a weekly walk in the local area to develop real life skills. We have learnt about the Battle of Hastings and had an actual Battle in the Theatre. We have had lots of other opportunities such as swimming, skiing and Football Tournament's. The highlight of our year was the visit from Eric, Emma and Ella, 3 orphaned lambs.



7 Unwin



This year 7 Unwin have been on trips to Rochdale cinema, Blackpool, Towneley Park, Scott Park

Leo Cleary arranged the school car show and was involved in our year 7 production and the school show 'Broadfield on Broadway'.

All students contributed to a Big Read Book of mythology.

All students contributed to Sports Day

At the Easter Fayre we created chocolate bark

At the Christmas Fayre we had a 'higher or lower' stall.

All students have provided energy and personality throughout the year and have learnt an awful lot!



7 Mills



Class 7 Mills have had a fantastic first year at Broadfield! We have worked really hard in all our subjects and made lots of progress. Our favourite subjects are English, Spanish, Earth Education, History and Music.

The highlights of our year have been; re-enacting the battle of Hastings, going to watch the Cinderella pantomime, our community walks, making new friends, performing in our year 7 show, world book day, learning lots of new things and finally, our class trip to Blackpool Zoo.



7/8 Barnett



7/8Barnett have had a fantastic year, we have had so many great adventures together! We have enjoyed weekly trips to the local community park and café, school trips to Blackpool Cinderella panto, Sea life Centre, and Blackpool zoo. 7&8Barnett have worked exceptionally hard all year, always trying their best and working together. They have all made fantastic progress and I am so proud of each and every one of them.

We have all had lots of fun, and made some great memories. I hope 7&8Barnett students have the most fantastic summer break, it is very well deserved!!



8 Armstrong



What a year 8 Armstrong have had, we have enjoyed a variety of different activities throughout the year from creating our catchy £1 milkshake song to selling it at the school fare (which was a sell-out) to creating rockets and launching them. We ended with a lovely celebration at the beach. We've had a year packed with lots of random facts, interesting discussions and even more laughs. Can't wait for what 9Armstrong will get up to next year :)



8 Brankin



8 Brankin have had a fantastic year, working hard in all subject areas. The class have took part in both swimming and horse riding sessions and thoroughly enjoyed them. We have also had members of our class play key roles in this years school play and have took part in sports day and the MFL afternoon recently. All the class are looking forward to our end of year trip in the last week of term, using our independence skills and taking part in bowling and a McDonald's brunch!



8 Harling



Maths - We have been learning about fractions, volume, capacity and practising our times tables

English - We have been exploring the use of formal and informal written language, how to structure a letter and the correct use of punctuation. Next week we are excited to send letters to the residents at Springhill Care Home.

R.E - In R.E, we have been learning about important religious figures across different faiths and their core beliefs.

Art- In art we have been exploring the use of water colour and digital art

RSHE- in RSHE we have been sharing ideas on how to stay safe in the sun, water safety and learning about sexual orientation and equality

French - French has been really exciting this term, we have been tasting French food and listening to French music from throughout the ages. More recently, we have chosen a French topic and are creating a presentation to present to the class. These include model building, leaflets and clay model work.

Dance – We are creating our own dance routines using props.



8 Walton



8 Walton has had a fantastic year filled with friendship, growth, and new experiences. Throughout the year, pupils have built lovely new friendships, strengthened relationships, and developed valuable life skills, including learning how to handle money. Weekly walks to our local library have helped us explore and enjoy the local community, and we've also had some exciting trips, including a visit to a science museum and a trip to the cinema to watch Toy Story 5. It has been a wonderful year of learning, laughter, and memorable experiences for everyone.



8 Ward



8Ward have had a fantastic year together! We have worked hard and learnt lots throughout the year. We have enjoyed spending time together and working on our social skills in Thrive lessons and even had a cuppa together! In Maths and English, we have all made lots of progress and enjoyed opportunities to use our practical skills. In Food Tech, DT and Textiles we have made lots of different things, such as birdfeeders and cheese straws. We enjoyed our end of year trip to DiscoBowl and sports day last week and are looking forward to the end of term annual water fight!



9 Gaughan



9 Gaughan have had the best year! Learning, building friendships and resilience. They recently had a (planned) unexpected change to their daily routine with a trip to the park to show that changes can be good. They were all amazing and thoroughly enjoyed their morning. Well done 9Gaughan!



9 Graham



9Graham have been working really hard on their core subjects ahead of year 10. They have made lots of progress and gained new skills along the way. Recently, 9Graham have been to Lytham St Annes on our end of year trip where we went to the beach, got fish and chips and then finished the day with an Ice cream!



9 Pilkington



This year in 9 Pilkington we have been working very hard studying various topics. Class have really enjoyed the text 'Billy Elliot' and making use of many online activities such as 'Kahoot' and interactive maths games.

Some students have benefitted from weekly outdoor interventions such as Bowling, Bird Watching and Boxing.

We have many talented students, some who have recently formed a new school band and some keen footballers who often represent our school in tournaments.

It has been a pleasure supporting the class on their 'Learning Journey' and staff wish them every success going forward into KS4!!



9 Rawnsley



This year 9 Rawnsley have had a fantastic year together some of the highlights of the year are walking down to Scott Park, having a Valentine's meal within class for Valentine's Day and making crispy cakes to sell at the Christmas Farye.

In Math's we have looked at time where we used chalk to draw our own clocks outside on the yard and all the students have also been amazing at practicing their times tables.

In English we really enjoyed looking at different plays and then acting them out within the class.



10 Ainsworth



We have had a wonderful year of learning in 10 Ainsworth. Pupils have worked super hard in developing their communication and interaction skills and have created some wonderful, lasting friendships with each other. Everyone has worked so hard this year, both in school and out in the community



10 Davies



We've had a fun packed year in 10 Davies! Here's us celebrating world book day, Christmas and Eid

Here we are enjoying a trip to Space centre followed by McDonalds, celebrating eco day, having a visit from NHS nurses and having fun playing games together.

We also had an amazing opportunity to visit North Lancs training group this year, where we worked really hard to create a fantastic footstool.



10 Garratty



This Half Term, 10Garratty have been raising money for a chosen charity, Burnley Together in their Thrive sessions. We have been on a sponsored walk to the Singing Ringing Tree and have planned a Staff vs Students football match. The students have engaged well with the activities in order to raise money for the charity. If you would like to contribute to the cause, donations can be made to 10Garratty to add to our final total.



10 Hardman



September saw us make a fantastic start to Key Stage 4 as we settled into our new class and enjoyed choosing our own WJEC courses. In early December Scarlett entered BGT and made it through to the top 5! She signed beautifully and we were so proud. To celebrate an amazing first term, we went bowling and had pizza at Christmas, which was a brilliant day for everyone. After Christmas, Miss Robinson joined our class and we loved welcoming her to 10 Hardman. We worked incredibly hard preparing for our mock exams and completing our WJEC coursework. In March, Miss Briody joined Team Hardman and became a wonderful addition to our class. One of our biggest achievements was winning the Easter Fayre in April, where we successfully sold our 3D-printed fidget toys. In May, some of us completed our final exams and all of us handed in our WJEC coursework – a huge accomplishment and a massive relief! In June, Ashton starred in the school musical, and we were all proud to support him as he gave an amazing performance. We finished the year with a class trip to Nando's in July, which was a great way to celebrate everything we had achieved together. We have had a fantastic year full of hard work, success and fun, and we are all excited to return in September ready for Year 11.



11 Archer

Our Final Year at Broadfield School



This year has been a memorable one for 11 Archer, filled with achievements, new experiences and plenty of fun.

Many of our students successfully completed their Maths, English and Science accreditations, showing great commitment and determination throughout the year. We have also spent lots of time developing important life skills, helping to prepare us for adulthood and life beyond Broadfield.

Some students attended NLTG, where they learned practical skills and made their own foot stools. A highlight of the year was our residential trip to Marton Mere, where we stayed in a caravan, played crazy golf, went swimming and enjoyed spending time together. The trip was a great success and created memories that will stay with us for years to come.

As this was our final year at Broadfield, attending Prom was a very special occasion. Everyone looked fantastic, enjoyed dressing up and celebrated with friends. We also had great fun taking part in Sports Day, showing excellent teamwork and enthusiasm.

We are incredibly proud of everything the students in 11 Archer have achieved this year and wish them every success as they move on to their next adventure. Congratulations, Year 11! 🎓🌟



11 Haslewood

Our Final Year at Broadfield School



What a fantastic term we have had! We enjoyed celebrating our leavers with special leaving parties and made wonderful memories on our school trip to Lytham. Our topic this term has been 'Summer', and pupils have taken part in a wide range of exciting activities designed to develop their communication skills and promote greater independence. We also had a brilliant time taking part in Sports Day, where everyone showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils' achievements this term and wish everyone a happy and relaxing summer break.

11 Haslewood Class Staff x



11 Haworth

Our Final Year at Broadfield School



This term, 11 Haworth have been working hard in preparation for their transition to college. They have all put in a tremendous amount of effort and achieved some truly excellent exam results. They have made themselves and us very proud.

To celebrate their hard work, we attended The Beatles Story in Liverpool as a class, reflecting the students' shared interest in music. We also visited Liverpool ONE, where we had lunch at McDonald's. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

To mark our final week at Broadfield, we took a walk to Scott Park, where we enjoyed a picnic of Greggs sausage rolls, cakes, crisps, and drinks. While at the park, the students spent some quality time together and made the most of the sunshine, even enjoying a game of tennis.

Throughout the year, the class band Harry, Waylon, Theo, Sonny, and Laura (10 Garratty) have been practising hard in preparation for their final performance. Their dedication paid off when they took to the stage in the theatre and performed for the rest of the school. They truly rocked the audience, and their talent shone through. As a class, we are extremely proud of all our students. We will miss each and every one of them as they move on to begin the next exciting chapter of their journey at college.

Good luck, 11 Haworth!

Disneyland Paris Residential Trip

Eighteen students and three members of staff enjoyed an unforgettable three-night trip to Disneyland Paris. The group travelled to London Euston before boarding the Eurostar for the journey to France.

Throughout the trip, the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves, making the most of every opportunity. They experienced a wide range of rides, with many bravely stepping outside of their comfort zones and trying attractions they had never been on before. Despite the very hot weather, they remained positive, showed great resilience, and made the most of every moment.

We are incredibly proud of the way all of the students represented the school throughout the visit. Their behaviour, respect, enthusiasm, and support for one another were exemplary, making them a real credit to the school. They were amazing ambassadors, and the trip was a fantastic success, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

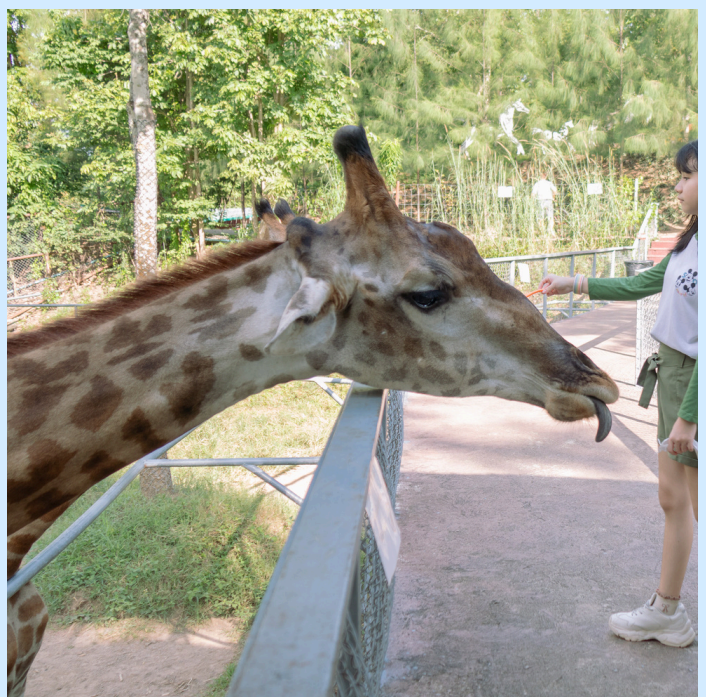
Sensory Willcox

Sensory Willcox has enjoyed a busy and exciting term, taking part in a wide range of activities both in and out of school. Regular visits to Scott Park and a fantastic trip to Blackpool Zoo.

In school students attended an England football celebration, where the students enjoyed socialising with their peers, playing games and got to try lots of lovely food.

They were also invited to the college to take part in a range of engaging water play activities.

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable term for both students and staff.



Alternative Provision

Lucy

Lucy has had a wonderful year; she has come on tremendously. She has worked really hard both academically and socially and emotionally. She has enjoyed various activities such as going out in the community; swimming, shopping and going to the park. She has completed the first year of her personal progress accreditation with ease and continues to enjoy spending time in the kitchen making some great food 😊

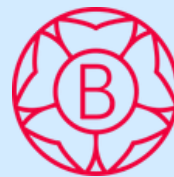
Student A

Another Student who accesses our alternative provision has enjoyed a fantastic term filled with outdoor activities. He has shown great enthusiasm each week and has made wonderful progress across all sessions.

Fishing has been a real highlight for him. Every Thursday he has taken part with excitement, and last week he impressively caught 22 fish in one session. He was especially proud to learn how to safely unhook the fish and release them back into the wild.

The student has also taken part in bowling, which has supported his balance, coordination, and teamwork skills. He has approached each session with positivity and determination.

Out of all the activities, skiing has been his favourite. He has shared how much confidence he has gained on the slopes and continues to challenge himself each week.



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Aspire (College)

Mostly new to college this year, Aspire have brought an energy and willingness to get stuck in throughout the year. They've worked really hard and maintained a good sense of humour, across the wide range of lessons, activities and work placements that are teaching them important life-skills. I'd like to highlight just how well they have represented themselves and college when out in the community this year. Staff returning from work placements regularly pass on messages of how impressed people are with the way they go about their work. Finally, a special mention to Abubakar, who has been such an amazing member of class and will be leaving us this summer. Best wishes for the future from all of us!

Flourish (College)

We have had a very busy last term and have been making lots of food, learning life skills such as cleaning, washing and organisation plus completing our Asdan Qualifications. We also had the pleasure of attending Thornton Hall Farm and feeding some of the farm animals. We have definitely earned our summer rest!





Working Towards the National Autistic Society Accreditation

We are delighted to share that, next year, we will be applying to be reaccredited for the Autism Accreditation. This award recognises schools and settings that demonstrate a strong commitment to providing an inclusive, supportive, and autism-friendly environment for all children.

As part of the accreditation process, parents and carers will be invited to complete a survey to share their experiences and feedback. Your views are incredibly valuable and play an important role in helping us demonstrate the positive work taking place across our setting.

We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey when you receive it. Your participation and support will make a significant difference to our application and help us work towards achieving this important award.

Thank you for your continued support.

WJEC Hair and Beauty

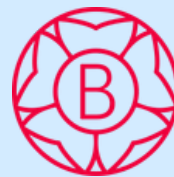
WJEC Hair and Beauty class opened the salon up to all students taking appointments for hair nails and facials also SLT enjoyed an afternoon of being pampered! The year 10's WJEC also helped prepare some of the Y11's prom hair, nails and makeup.



Thrive

Thrive has been rolled out across the school and we have provided intervention support to over 70% of the school, we will continuously work until this is 100%. We provide group, individual and whole class interventions to boost student wellbeing in the aim that happy students achieve their true potential.

Attached are some pictures from the Thrive trip to Blackpool on the 2nd July 2026



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