

Presentation Evening

*Welcome to the Broadstones
Summer 2 half term
newsletter!*

*We have now reached the end
of another very successful
academic year.*

*After our wonderful
presentation evening, we have
now said goodbye to Year
11s, and began the process of
inducting our new starters.*

*In this final issue of the year,
we begin with coverage of the
presentation evening, followed
by: a few words from Millie,
this year's school ambassador;
our sustainability lunch; the
new punchbag in sport; visits
from outside speakers; details
of the sign writing course
that's just ran and due to
restart again in September;
the usual curriculum area
catchup information; Summer
Sessions in the Vale;
September reminder details;
and finally a bit of friendly
advice for those Leo and Virgo
natives out there for the next
few weeks!*

The theme of this year's event was *The Greatest Showman*.

Another successful, entertaining, lively and vibrant event that allowed us to formally say goodbye to Year 11 and to recognise their, and other year groups' academic successes of the year.

The theme was very much a celebration of individuality, fun, and excitement, and everyone looked fantastic in their fancy attire. But the message of the evening was unequivocal: Broadstones continues to provide a supportive, inclusive, safe and nurturing environment for all of our pupils.

The night was a mixture of fun activities and formal celebration with a fantastic array of awards given out. In order for the event to run so smoothly, a lot of preparation and hard work took place

before, during and after by pupils and staff alike.

We would like to thank all staff and pupils involved in the organisation of the event, especially Claudia and her team, Dave for compering, and pupils and parents/carers for helping to make the night the success it was.

Plus a special thanks to Bella, our guest speaker, for sharing her transformative journey with us; she is a shining example of resilience, tenacity and sheer hard work. Bella never forgot what Broadstones did for her, and was keen to return as an adult to give something back.

Bella is greatly placed to help our young people achieve their own goals and ambitions; she is a fantastic role model and continues to inspire as well as pass on her knowhow to the next generation.

Please see the following page for some of the images captured on the night.



Welcome board featuring Dave the compere



The lovely venue during the presentation



Bella, guest speaker giving her inspirational speech



The Broadstones Band helping us sing and dance the night away

School Ambassador

The hunt is now on for a new School Ambassador after the inevitable departure of Millie, who has now gone on to pastures new.

Millie was a fantastic ambassador who will be sorely missed. However, before she left we were able to take a poignant statement from her that she wishes to share with everybody:

"I have loved being school ambassador, helping people with their issues, and contacting relevant staff on their behalf. I have raised quite a few issues as ambassador and can honestly say they were dealt with very effectively.

I will miss Broadstones a lot, its staff and pupils, but a special mention must go to Lilly and Lacey who've been good friends to me during my time here."

On behalf of staff and pupils, I would like to thank Millie for her enthusiasm and energy in enhancing the experience of our pupils.

Millie will leave us and go on to progress in the health and beauty industry, and we wish her the best of luck and thank her for her ambassador work.

Sustainability Lunch



The recent heatwave had us all thinking about global warming, which in turn, led us to think about sustainability - a subject we teach across all year groups.

This culminated in a special sustainability lunch being organised at the end of June.

On the menu were a range of vegan options such as vegetarian lasagne, and curry, plus cheese and vegetable pie, a selection of pasta salad bowls - and all from locally sourced products.

A great opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of using farming and fishing practices that protect natural resources, minimise environmental impact, and support local economies. In short, food that nourishes both people and the planet.

New Punch Bag Hits the Mark: How Our Students Are Boxing Clever to Boost Focus

Amy, PE, has organised the delivery of a punch bag to help pupils release pent up energy and keep fit. Here is Amy's rationale behind the endeavour in her own words:

"We are thrilled to announce a fantastic new addition to our sports department: a professional-grade boxing punch bag!

This new equipment did not just appear by chance. It is the direct result of our students taking the initiative, finding their voices, and demonstrating incredible maturity. A group of students approached the sports department to explain how a punch bag could help them manage their energy and self-regulate during the school day. They proactively described how they would use the equipment safely, respectfully, and responsibly.

Impressed by their thoughtful pitch, we agreed to bring the equipment in – and the results have been absolutely phenomenal.

Channeling Energy. Building Focus

For many students, sitting in a classroom all day can cause pent-up energy and stress to accumulate. The punch bag has provided the perfect physical outlet. By releasing that high energy in a safe, controlled environment, students are experiencing a powerful sense of physical and emotional regulation.

The positive ripple effect back into the classroom has been immediate:

- Sharper Concentration: Teachers have noted a visible rise in attention spans and focus during academic lessons directly following sports sessions.
- Emotional Regulation: Students are using the bag as a healthy tool to ground themselves, reset, and lower stress levels.
- Outstanding Engagement: Lesson participation has skyrocketed, with students showing immense enthusiasm for their new fitness routines.

A Lesson in Responsibility

True to their word, our students have treated the new gear with the utmost respect. They have established clear ground rules regarding safety and taking turns. It has become a brilliant tool not just for cardiovascular fitness, but for teaching accountability, self-control, and mutual respect.

We are incredibly proud of how our students have driven this positive change in their school environment. A huge well-done to everyone involved for proving that high energy, when channelled correctly, leads to high achievement!



The new punch bag packing a punch i

PE

Visits from outside speakers

We were pleased to announce visits from local school liaison professionals during PSHE sessions to help keep our pupils safe and informed.

The first talk was on knife crime. This was a very age appropriate presentation by a police officer with over twenty years experience. Her aim was to implement early intervention strategies, and make young people aware of the harsh legal realities, physical consequences and dangers of carrying weapons.

Following this is a visit from the hate crime team - more details in our next edition Autumn 1, 2026-2027.

Also early next year, we will invite The Fire and Rescue Service in to explain to our pupils how to stay safe, particularly with the number of tragic outcomes involving water this year.

On the topic of PSHE, as from September, the subject will be renamed RSHE. The government has decided that the national curriculum needs a much greater focus on relationships of all kinds, and our new school updated

scheme is designed with this in mind.

Sign Writing with Steve

Our adult education / post-16 classes are now well and truly underway.

Steve has just delivered his six week course, teaching the skills of traditional sign writing. The sessions have been held on Wednesday evenings between 6pm and 9pm.

Why not sign up to learn the art of creating stunning signage? You could unleash your creativity or even begin a new career!

You get to learn about all aspects of production and to take your completed signs home!

The courses will be running again from September 2026 so if you are interested or anyone you know is interested - please see our website for details.



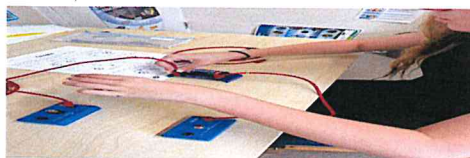
Steve overlooking his students' handiwork

Science with Claire

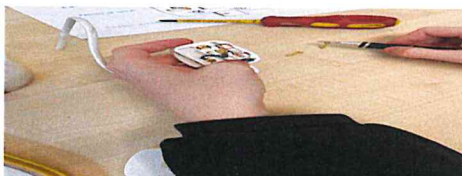
Some of our new pupils have been busy in science with Claire, wiring plugs, building circuits and food testing.

Alfie did a fantastic job of wiring his plug and did so in record time.

Meanwhile, whilst Elliette was building circuits, other pupils were testing food for starch, proteins, fats and sugar. They learned that testing with iodine highlights starch in food by turning food a shade somewhere between blue and black. Purple highlights the presence of protein; while the presence of sugar is confirmed by the solution turning yellow, green, orange or red. Contrast that with a cloudy result present if fats are located!



Ellie's circuits



Alfie's plug wiring

Also in Science, Claire is thrilled to announce that James has constructed the largest copper sulfate crystal ever made at Broadstones to date.



James's copper sulphate crystal!

Summer Sessions at The Vale site



Once again on Wednesdays between 10am and 2pm, the community centre will open up to any of our pupils that wish to drop in, play a few games, and have a change of scene for a few hours.

Pupils get to meet up with friends and staff, play games, and snacks are provided for free!

Sessions begin from Wednesday 29th July and run until Wednesday 26th August.

For more information contact Alex Elliott on: 07538322696 or email:

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September 2026 Reminder

Just a reminder that school reopens for pupils on Thursday 3rd September.



And finally, continuing our topic of horoscopes, we conclude with some advice suitable for those born under the signs of: Leo and Scorpio as these signs coincide with our current half term.

So, for all you under the Leo sign:

 **Leo: Time to Shine and Share the Stage**

Leos are naturally creative, brave, and enthusiastic. This month brings a big burst of energy that makes them feel like the star of the show.

Try New Activities: This is the perfect month to start a new hobby, try an art project, or learn a new game.

Practice Sharing the Spotlight: While it is fun to be the leader, Leos will have the most fun if they cheer on their friends and siblings, too.

Listen to Your Body: Energy levels might go up and down. When feeling super energetic, play outside; when feeling tired, it is okay to rest and read a book.

And all you under the Virgo sign:

 **Virgo: Embracing Small Steps and Cozy Routines**

Virgos love to help, organise, and figure out how things work. The upcoming month invites them to enjoy the quiet moments and celebrate their progress without worrying about being perfect.

Enjoy Quiet Recharging: Virgos might feel a bit quieter than usual. Setting up a cozy reading nook or spending time doing solo puzzles is highly recommended.

Celebrate Trying, Not Just Winning: It is great to be neat and precise, but the universe reminds Virgos that making a mess while playing is part of the fun.

Set Simple Daily Goals: Starting a small routine—like picking out clothes the night before or keeping track of a plant's growth—will bring a lot of joy.

 **How Leos and Virgos Can Play Together**

If you have a Leo and a Virgo playing together, they make a fantastic team because their strengths match up beautifully.

The Big Ideas & The Great Plan: Let Leo dream up a wild backyard game or castle design, and let Virgo figure out the rules and how to build it.

Kind Words: Leo should remember to thank Virgo for being helpful, and Virgo should tell Leo what a great job they did leading the group.

2026 -2027 half term Astrological focus overview

HT1: Libra & Scorpio

HT2: Sagittarius & Capricorn

HT3: Aquarius & Pisces

HT4: Aries & Taurus

HT5: Gemini & Cancer

HT6: Leo & Virgo

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