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**Welcome to Broadstones' first, jam-packed newsletter of the school year!**

*For those unfamiliar with our fantastic newsletters - they are published at the end of each half term, are brimming with information on the great things that's happened during the half term, as well as focusing on some of the great work (and play) carried out by our pupils.*

*Read on to find out what's been happening this term such as: our new PSHE curriculum; First Aid for learners; bowling trips; Stockport Careers Week, and lots, lots more....*

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## End of Year Barbeque

Our July 2023 half term ended with our traditional school BBQ for all our staff and pupils.

As well as the fantastic array of food on offer, sporting activities were also enjoyed.

The BBQ, attended by all staff, pupils and even board members was enjoyed by everyone, and it was a lovely way to end the school year and mark the start of the long summer holidays.

Thanks to all staff and pupils whose hard work in the background and on the day, enabled complete BBQ success.

Plus a special thanks to Alex on the day, in his impressive role as chef, providing firm evidence that his cooking skills are almost as good as his knowledge of bikes!



Alex taking orders at the BBQ

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## Welcome to new staff

We welcome two new members of staff this term.

Welcome to Arthur and to Michael, who've joined Broadstones as support workers.

Working with our young people is an absolute privilege and we know they are going to enhance the experiences of those they support.

Arthur has already demonstrated his expertise on the bowling alley and Michael is apparently a dab hand with a motorcycle and at street dancing!

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## CPD (Continuing Staff Development)

Congratulations to Clare in the Salon for achieving her Level 3 award in Education and Training.

Clare worked tirelessly to complete this 2 year course in half the time!

And as if that's not enough - she's now keen to commence the level 4 course.

Great work Clare!

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## Stockport Careers Week

Stockport Careers Week took place from the 9th to the 13th October.

This event, organised by Stockport Council and Stockport Jobs Match, brought a week-long Virtual Careers Fair to help young people understand their choices from 16 plus.

The 5-day event allowed them to explore the different career, education and training pathways available, in conjunction with local business and training providers.

Here at Broadstones, our pupils participated with on-line activities to

help prepare them for their future careers.

Thanks to Jackie for arranging this; no better way of reminding our Year 11s that they only have eight months left in school - a vital time to be laying the foundations for their future plans.

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## Work Placements for Year 11

And leading on nicely from Stockport Careers Week, Broadstones' work experience placements are currently being organised.

This is a fantastic opportunity for a taste of the real world - so if you haven't yet - please discuss with your child the type of work placement they may like to sample.

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## PSHE

As part of our new- look PSHE curriculum, with the emphasis on fun as well as learning, all of our pupils have enjoyed activities such as: dance (with a qualified instructor attending each week until Christmas); bowling, First Aid courses, etc...

Here's some of the exciting sessions pupils (and staff) have enjoyed this half term:

All year groups have enjoyed learning about First Aid. A qualified trainer came in and delivered essential First Aid training to our pupils.

This is a vital skill for everyone and we are pleased that our pupils got the chance for some real hands-on experience.

Unfortunately, it is not routinely taught in mainstream schools - which is arguably a disservice to everyone.



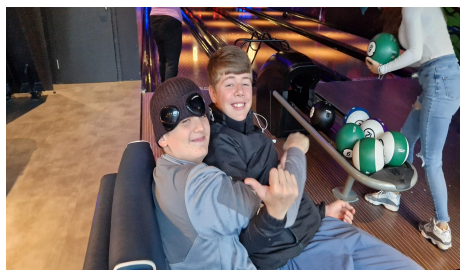
Nicola demonstrating CPR on a dummy

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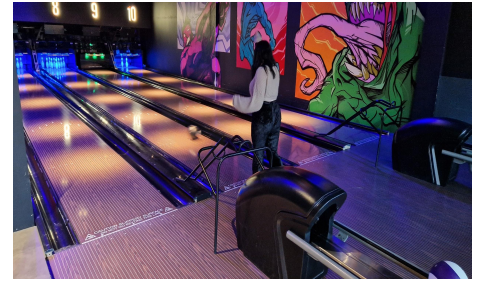
Years 10 and 11 also went bowling in Stockport.

This was a great team building exercise, and our pupils enjoyed the experience of: nose hitting, gutterballing and kingpinning - immensely; (I am assured these are all genuine bowling terms).

We look forward to many more outings this year!



Bobby and Henry finalising their techniques



Destini showing them how it's done

Year 10 were also involved in team building activities in their PSHE lessons.

Claire had them building shooters made from toilet rolls, duct tape, elastic bands, lollipop sticks and cotton wool.

Claire said: "They were using their communication skills to work together, ask for help and have lots of fun!"



George arranging his shooter

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## Science with Claire

Claire has been busy in Science with practical experiments with pupils:

Destini and Charlie built a circuit with a variable resistor and ammeter to show how we can change the current in a circuit, for example, when using a dimmer switch in a room to change the amount of light.

Claire was particularly impressed, stating 'Both were excellent in their understanding of how this worked.'

Also, Bobby made copper sulfate crystals and learned that this is used to destroy fungi on fruit and vegetables, and in swimming pools and changing rooms.

And Tristin has been measuring force to be able to calculate upthrust.

"He was very precise in his reading of the Newton Meter" Claire commented.



Tristin reading the Newton Meter

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## Studio Wigs

Claudia and Marie who run the Salon Academy, also provide a valuable service that allows individuals to benefit from pre-loved wigs.

The wigs which are donated, are carefully cleansed and styled by staff and pupils in the salon before they are donated to the local community.

If you have any unused wigs that you are able to pass on, they can be

dropped off at either of two locations:

- 1) Re-dish, 2 Gorton Road, Reddish, SK5 6AE, between 10am and 3pm (Tuesday to Saturday)
- 2) The Salon Academy, 580a Gorton Road, Reddish, SK5 6RE, between 9am and 3.30pm (term time only).



Some of the wigs renovated by the staff and pupils at the salon

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## Sign Writing

Henry has been busy creating a sign in his construction lessons.

This Simpson's sign is highly recognisable, and involved a lot of intricate work on Henry's part.

Well done Henry!



Henry's super sign

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## Half Termly Spelling Competition

And the winner of this half term's spelling competition is.....well done Charlie! A £10 Amazon Voucher is on its way to you!

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## And Finally, our Halloween quiz



1. What is a group of witches called?
2. Traditionally, a silver bullet is supposed to kill which creature?
3. What does the German word 'Poltergeist' literally translate to?
4. Is a pumpkin a fruit or a vegetable?

5. What animal is considered to bring bad luck on Halloween?
6. In which Shakespeare play do the witches say 'double, double toil and trouble'?
7. Which famous magician died on Halloween in 1926?
8. What is the name of the female spirit in Irish folklore who announces the death of a family member by wailing or shrieking?
9. The Bunyip is a legendary monster in which culture?
10. What is the name of the killer in the horror movie Halloween?
11. Which fictional creatures multiply when they come into contact with water?
12. Which famous horror movie features the Bates Motel?

## Answers

1. A coven
2. Werewolf
3. Noisy Ghost
4. Fruit
5. Black cats
6. Macbeth
7. Harry Houdini
8. Banshee
9. Australian
10. Michael Myers
11. Gremlins
12. Psycho

## Useful Contact Numbers

**KOOTH: On-line mental health support for 11-18 year olds:**

**MOSAIC: (Drugs & Alcohol Services: 0161-218-1100**

**MASSH: (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub: 0161-217-6028**

**Stockport Health Team:**

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