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# WHAT'S NEW

We are excited to kick off the new academic year and share our fantastic news with you! A warm welcome to our new Year 10 students and Year 12 students who have joined us this term. It is always wonderful to see fresh faces and new energy around the school, and we cannot wait to see what they will achieve in the months ahead.



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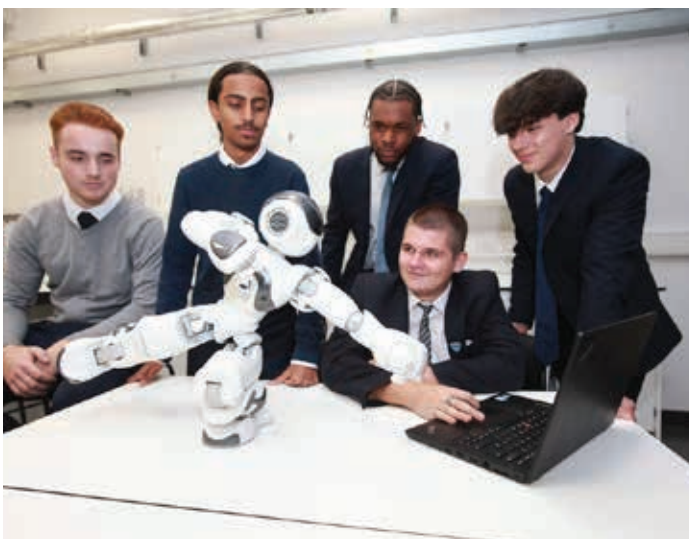


This term brings some incredible upgrades to our facilities. We are proud to unveil our brand-new Media Suite, Mac Suite, Mechatronics Suite, and CAD Suite, state-of-the-art spaces designed to inspire creativity, innovation, and hands-on learning. These additions are already creating a buzz and opening up exciting opportunities for our students to explore and excel.

As always, we are looking forward to the next busy and rewarding term filled with learning, growth, and plenty of memorable moments. Thank you for being part of our community, and here's to a brilliant year ahead!



# WHAT'S NEW



# STUBBERS TRIP

September 2024



This September, our students kicked off the year with an action-packed trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre. From kayaking and high ropes to obstacle courses, they embraced exciting new challenges that tested their teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving skills.

The trip wasn't just about the activities—it was a chance for students to bond, make new friends, and build confidence in a fun, outdoor setting. Whether working together to complete a challenge or cheering each other on, the spirit of collaboration and positivity was inspiring.

Everyone came back with great memories, stronger connections, and plenty of stories to share. It was the perfect way to start the year, setting the tone for teamwork and growth in the months ahead!





# FORD APPRENTICESHIP PRESENTATION

September 2024



A huge thank you to Ford UK for delivering an inspiring presentation on apprenticeship opportunities. Our students gained valuable insights into how they can launch their careers with one of the most renowned names in the industry.

The session highlighted the exciting pathways available for students eager to learn, earn, and build a bright future. We are thrilled to see our students inspired to take their first steps toward rewarding careers.



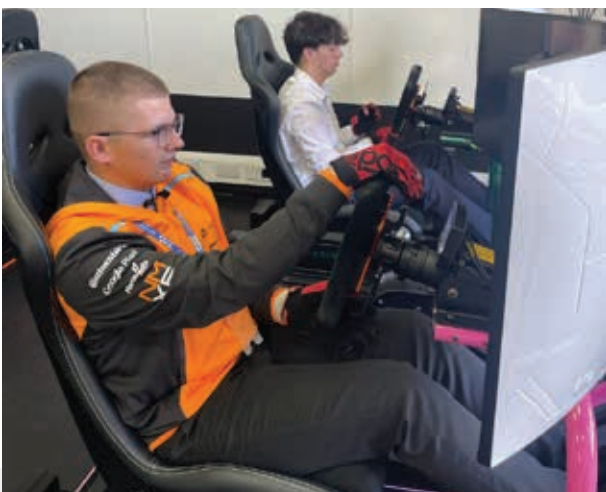
# TRIP TO BRANDS HATCH CIRCUIT

October 2024



Our Karting Club students enjoyed an unforgettable day at Brands Hatch Circuit, experiencing the thrill of the British Touring Car Championship and British F4 races. They had the opportunity to get up close with the cars and engines and even tried their hand at some sim racing.

It was an incredible day filled with excitement, learning, and inspiration—a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.



# MEDIA SUITE TRAINING

October 2024

Continued excellent opportunity at Brook as our students had an employer-led workshop with hands-on experience in using our brand-new, state-of-the-art media suite. Equipped with professional-grade audio and visual tools, students are exploring the latest in media production, from podcast recording and music mastering to visual and lighting effects.

Year 12 students showcased their creativity by developing an engaging game show, while Year 13 produced an impressive podcast talk show. These projects demonstrate the incredible talent and bright futures of our aspiring media professionals.





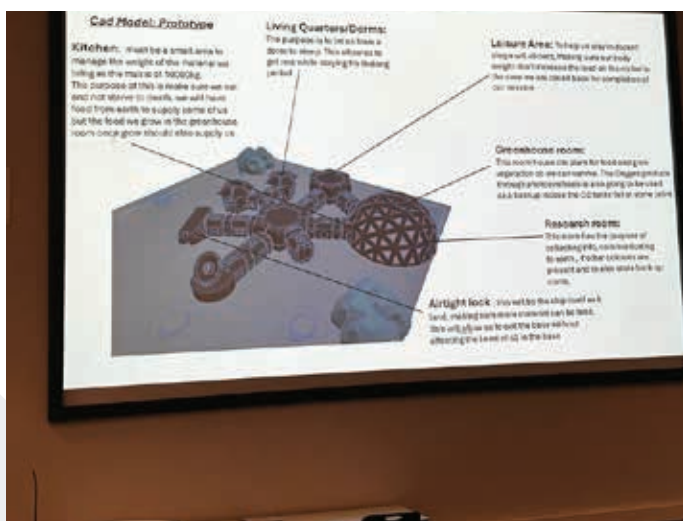
# THE CALLISTO PROJECT

October 2024

Our Year 12 engineering students participated in the UTC National Competition, where they were tasked with designing a sustainable living space on Callisto, one of Jupiter's moons.

The project required them to present innovative solutions for how humans could live and thrive on a moon. Their ideas were grounded in a strong scientific, engineering, and technical basis, demonstrating their creativity and problem-solving skills.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work and the impressive concepts they developed for this forward-thinking initiative.



# FORD INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

October 2024

Our students have been gaining invaluable experience during their industry placements with Ford, one of the world's leading automotive companies. These placements offer a unique opportunity to explore cutting-edge automotive technologies and sustainable practices.

By working alongside industry professionals, students have developed essential workplace skills and gained insight into potential career paths in engineering and innovation. We are proud of their dedication and the positive impact they have made during their time with Ford.

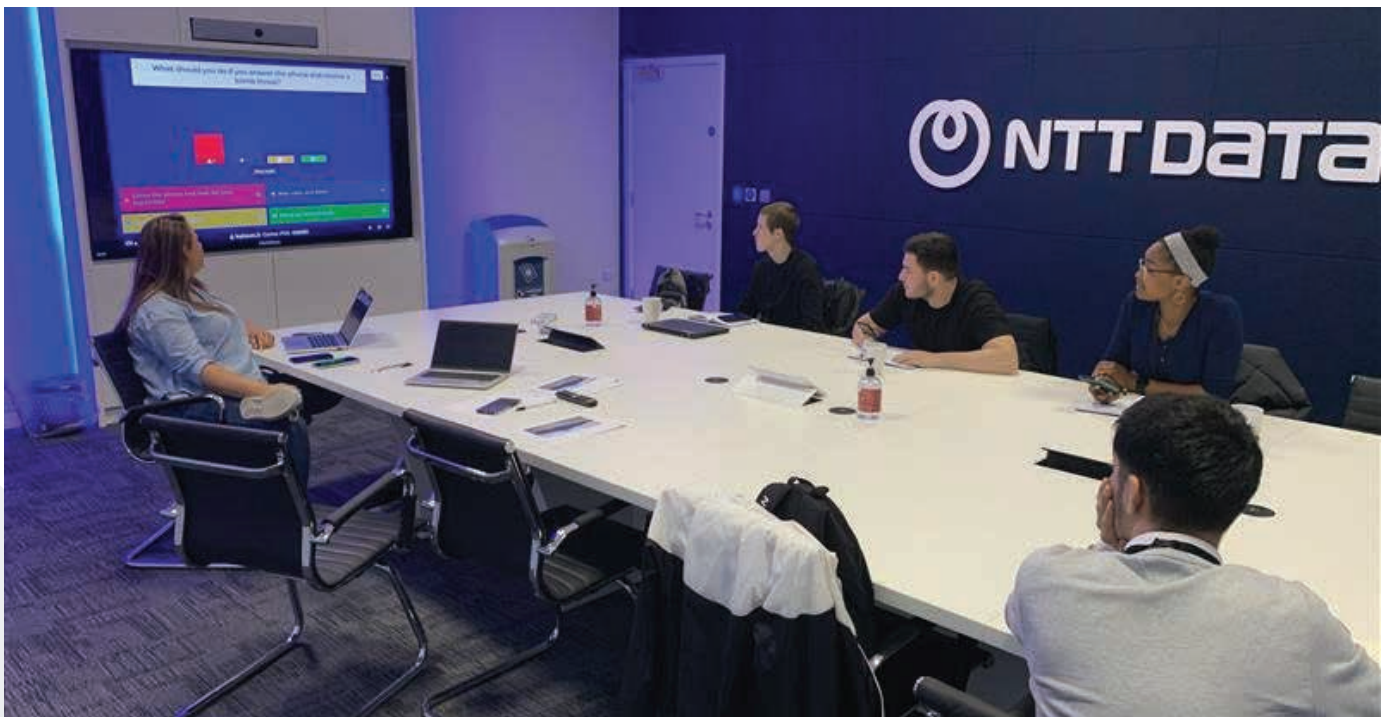


# NTT INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

October 2024

Our students have been excelling in their industry placements with NTT, a global leader in IT solutions and digital infrastructure. These placements provide hands-on experience in the fast-paced world of advanced technology and innovation.

Through their work with NTT, students have developed critical skills, expanded their technical knowledge, and explored future career opportunities in the tech sector. We are thrilled with their progress and the professionalism they have shown during this exciting opportunity.





# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October 2024



This year's Black History Month celebration was a vibrant and inspiring event, as students and teachers came together to honour their favourite Black heroes. From historical figures to modern-day icons, the day was filled with creative costumes and meaningful stories that highlighted the contributions and achievements of Black individuals throughout history.

The event was a powerful reminder of the importance of representation, reflection, and celebration, bringing our school community closer through shared learning and inspiration.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH SHOWCASE WITH BEAM PRIMARY

October 2024

Our students, in collaboration with Beam Primary School, have created a remarkable showcase celebrating the rich history of Black music in the UK and across the world. From jazz and reggae to hip-hop and grime, this project honours the cultural impact and enduring legacy of Black music through the ages.

This inspiring event highlights creativity, history, and unity through the universal language of music, showcasing the exceptional talent of our students and Beam's pupils.



# LONDON CITY AIRPORT EXPO

November 2024



Our Year 10 students had an incredible experience at the City Airport Expo held at ExCeL London. They explored the aviation industry, learning about everything from aircraft mechanics to sustainable airport design.

With around 500 students from 23 schools across London, our students participated in engaging discussions about future career opportunities in aviation and piloting. They also enjoyed testing their knowledge with a fun quiz, adding to the excitement of the day.

Here's what some of our students had to say:

- Michael Sloan: "I never knew there were so many career opportunities in aviation. It was a great experience!"
- Harley Barton: "Learning about sustainable airports was really eye-opening. The future of travel is so exciting!"
- Saaraa Ameera: "I enjoyed seeing how planes work up close and learning about the design process. I can't wait to see where aviation takes me!"

A big thank you to the City Airport Expo for a day full of inspiration and discovery!



# OPEN EVENING AND FUTURE DESTINATIONS

November 2024



Our first Open Evening and Future Destinations event of the year at Brook Sixth Form and Academy was a resounding success. A heartfelt thank you to the universities and companies who joined us to share invaluable insights and opportunities with our students.

It was wonderful to see so many students engaging and exploring their future pathways, taking steps towards exciting careers and higher education.

# AND SHE CAN

November 2024

Our talented Year 13 females have been participating in the remarkable AND She Can project with AND Digital.

Over the past three weeks, they have been honing their coding and UI/UX design skills by improving a website, supported by dedicated mentors both face-to-face and online. They showcased their hard work at AND Digital's Central London offices.

We are incredibly proud of their dedication and saw them shine as they presented their innovative projects to the AND Digital team



# STUDENTS : YOUR VOICE MATTERS

December 2024

We held a Safeguarding Assembly to highlight the importance of speaking up and ensuring every student feels heard.

As part of this initiative, we introduced a survey where students can anonymously share their thoughts, concerns, and experiences. The survey link has been provided, and we strongly encouraged them to take part. Their feedback is essential in helping us create a safer and more supportive school environment.

Thanks to everyone who engaged with the survey, we are building a stronger, safer school community.





# VISIT TO UCL PEARL

December 2024



Our students recently visited the impressive 4000m<sup>2</sup> lab at UCL PEARL that can transform from a quiet town square into a bustling railway station in just seconds. The lab allows control over every detail, including light, sound, and even smell, to explore how humans interact with spaces.

This is not just research – it's reality design.

Through the UCL PEARL programme, our student ambassadors will have the unique chance to work on innovative projects in this cutting-edge environment. With hands-on experiences, they will dive into design thinking and contribute to shaping the spaces and environments of the future.

# YEAR 10 AND YEAR 12 PARENTS EVENINGS

December 2024

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for the Year 10 and Year 12 Parents' Evenings. These events were valuable opportunities to discuss progress, set goals, and explore ways we can all work together to support our students on their journey to success.

We appreciate your continued support and collaboration in shaping the future of our students and ensuring they have the tools and guidance they need to thrive.



# KICK CHARITY DEN

December 2024



Over two weeks, our amazing students at Brook Sixth Form and Academy took part in KICK's Charity Den, a Dragons' Den-style challenge where they pitched innovative ideas to secure funding for community projects.

We're excited to share that two projects were operationally ready and received access to the £1000 funding:

- Play Pink – A brilliant initiative raising funds for breast cancer awareness by hosting football matches between male and female students aged 14-18.
- UpSkill – A project designed to equip students with essential skills, including financial literacy, cooking, and mental health support, empowering them for a brighter future.

All eight teams will now work with mentors from KICK Charity to receive the funding and bring their ideas to fruition in the summer term.

Congratulations to everyone who pitched their ideas – your creativity, passion, and dedication are truly inspiring. We cannot wait to see these projects come to life and make a positive impact in our community.



# SPREADING FESTIVE CHEER AT BROOK

December 2024

The Brook community came together to celebrate the season and support a good cause. We held a successful Christmas Jumper Day, where students and staff raised funds to make a difference. Thank you to everyone who wore their best festive knits and showed their spirit of giving.

We also enjoyed Christmas dinner in the canteen for both students and staff, bringing everyone together to share good food, laughter, and festive cheer. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the season and strengthen our community spirit.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## OPEN MORNING

*Saturday **11th January 2024** - 10:00am to 12:00pm*

## OPEN EVENING

*Thursday **23rd January 2024** - 4:00pm to 6:00pm*

Our next Open Events are fantastic opportunities for prospective students to explore our facilities, meet staff, and discover the opportunities Brook can give you. We encourage you to share this invitation with any prospective students who are interested in joining our school.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Start of new term**

6th January 2025

## **Blended Learning Friday**

24th January 2025

## **Half Term**

17th February 2025

## **Blended Learning Friday**

15th March 2025

## **Eid-ul-Fitr Holiday**

31st March 2025 (TBC)

## **End of spring term**

4th April 2025





As we wrap up this term, we want to take a moment to wish all our students, parents, staff, and the Brook community a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a fantastic New Year.

May your holidays be filled with joy, laughter, and time spent with loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming our students back on **Monday, 6th January 2025**, ready for another exciting term of learning, growth, and achievement.

Thank you for being part of our incredible Brook community. Here's to a bright and successful new year!