



PRIZE GIVING

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026
HARBOROUGH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB



The Brooke House Community

Local and Global: High Performance as Pupils, Players and People.

As we gather to celebrate individual and collective achievements at Prize Giving, we are thrilled to acknowledge representatives of our wider community and listen to perspectives on what it takes to deliver high performance. Hosted again this academic year at Harborough Town FC at the bequest of Advisory Board, FA Board member and HTFC Director Mr Laurence Jones and HTFC Chairman Mr Peter Dougan. Each week, along with over a thousand other local youngsters (and not so 'youngsters', playing walking football), our football academy players and coaches train at this fantastic facility. One of our own graduating students, Torre Burgess, has represented HTFC as a professional player throughout a season that has culminated in the incredible promotion that we celebrate together this evening #UpTheBees!

This evening, we will be joined by motivational TEDx speaker and ex-pro Luke Staton who has the enviable task of facilitating proceedings. Last year, I was required to perform ten press-ups with one of our community perched delicately on my back, I'll get Luke's name correct this evening! Please look forward to an innovative format with informal *In Conversation*...segments facilitated by our own students who represent the College and wider community as HPL Ambassadors. Rosa, Jaydon, Zelaye and Branimir will co-ordinate the evening and interview our distinguished guests to explore what it takes to be successful in different fields. We will also receive presentations from the School Council and Football Academy to review the year, alongside the celebration of our annual award achievers and Year 13 graduates.

The Celebration of our growing community partnerships is a key theme of the evening with our invited guests all making a significant contribution to the future development of the College, as we approach our sixtieth year #bhc60. We are thrilled to welcome David Moli (ex-professional player and artist), Louis Hamilton (ex-professional player and entrepreneur), Mitch Austin (manager of Harborough Town FC) and our very own Micky Adams (player, manager, coach, author....legend). Further information is contained in the Prize Giving Brochure created this year to describe our awards.

We are honoured that Duncan Gowan, Director at High Performance Learning (HPL) has joined us to present our prizes. Duncan has been supporting College throughout the year guiding our Drive Team and teachers in the context of our valued national partnership as a High Performance World Class Award school, accredited in June 2023. As an international research lead school, we are working with him to develop national and global programmes to incubate sporting talent alongside achieving excellent academic and pupil development outcomes. This partnership was recognised in our ISI Inspection Report and reflects our ambition to be an international research hub, with local and global impact.

The academic year has seen a considerable global collaboration and commitment through our partnership undertakings. Brooke House Academy USA has opened its third centre in Tampa to complement the established centres in Orlando and Jacksonville and will utilise training facilities shared with the Tampa Bay Rowdies. Our co-founded school Darbi College in Sofia, Bulgaria, continues to go from strength to strength achieving academic excellence and strong vocational guidance for its pupils. Bridge House College, Lagos, Nigeria, thrives as one of the most highly regarded Six Form colleges in West Africa under the inspirational leadership of the Abdul Razaq family. Bridge House and Brooke House have liaised with renewed vigour this year in areas of curriculum development and quality assurance under the stewardship of our Principal and the SLT. Foluke Abdulrazaq, the Executive Principal and Founder/CEO of Bridge House writes:

'...Bridge House College has enjoyed a long-standing and deeply enriching partnership with Brooke House College, our esteemed validating institution. This relationship, grounded in mutual respect and a shared commitment to academic excellence, has been instrumental in maintaining the integrity and global relevance of our programmes. Over the years, the collaboration has gone beyond validation—it has fostered a spirit of collegiality, shared learning, and continuous improvement. Together, we have cultivated a standard of education that empowers our students and prepares them for success on the international stage. We remain proud of this cordial and mutually beneficial alliance and look forward to many more years of productive collaboration.'

Brooke House College, Riyadh opened in September 2025 through collaboration with Social Impact Capital and investment of PIF Saudi Arabia. With BHC projects scheduled for completion before 2030 in Dubai (UAE), Coimbatore (India), Sanya (PR China) and Bangkok (Thailand) it is an exciting and dynamic time in the world of transnational education.

It is the support and innovation of our Directors that has made everything possible. May I take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the whole Brooke House College community for their unrelenting passion and dedication.

Ian Smith, Principal



BROOKE HOUSE COLLEGE

Programme of Events

Welcome from our Student Ambassadors (Rosa, Jaydon, Zelaye & Branimir)

Principal's Opening Address

Introducing Luke Staton (Brand Ambassador and author of CREDO)

'An evening of celebration of high performance, successful people and what it takes'.

In Conversation with.....

David Moli (ex-pro footballer / artist) and **Louis Hamilton** (ex-pro footballer / entrepreneur)

FA Review of the Season (captains)

High Performance Awards (Football Academy)

Presented by David Moli and Louis Hamilton

In Conversation with.....

Mitch Austin (current HTFC Manager) and **Micky Adams** (FA Technical Director)

College Review of the Year by Student Council

High Performance Awards (Academic and Values)

Presented by Duncan Gowan, Director of High Performance Learning

Graduation Class of 2026

Director's Address – Mr Giles Williams

Closing Remarks & Refreshments (Guests first)

The XI vs Leavers XI

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