

The Pupil Premium Newsletter



Spring Term—Issue

The Spring Term...

It has been a busy term for all our Pupil Premium students, both year 10 and year 11 Progress Evenings have taken place and were well attended by parents and carers. The year 11's received their mock exam results on Wednesday 25th January following a week of mock exams late in the Autumn term. This can act as an important wake up call and a reminder that much hard work will need to go into preparing for the GCSE exams. Much time has been spent by our year 11 students, completing controlled assessments to a high standard, giving them a great chance at achieving a fantastic overall grade at the end of the year. So we would like to take this opportunity to say "well done" to all those year 11's who have been working really hard this term!

Teachers and support staff alike have given up a great deal of their time over lunches, after school, in the holidays and even at weekends to support both year 10 and year 11 students to finish coursework and prepare for their GCSE exams. We would like to encourage students to continue attending these sessions as there is much research to suggest that extended support makes a significant difference to achievement in exams.

On Thursday 30th March an external agency, Positively MAD, came to Brookvale Groby Learning Campus to run an Exam Busters workshop for our year 11's. We hope students left the workshop with an array of ideas and new skills and techniques to support their revision over the Easter break and into the summer term.

Going forward...

With the summer exams in the not too distant future, we would like to encourage students to begin preparing as soon as possible, if they have not already done so. This includes ensuring they have all the revision equipment necessary for learning, are attending ALL extended support sessions they are invited to and creating a realistic revision timetable. Subject specialists are putting on extended support sessions for students over the Easter break and so we would like to remind students that it is imperative that they make the most of these sessions.

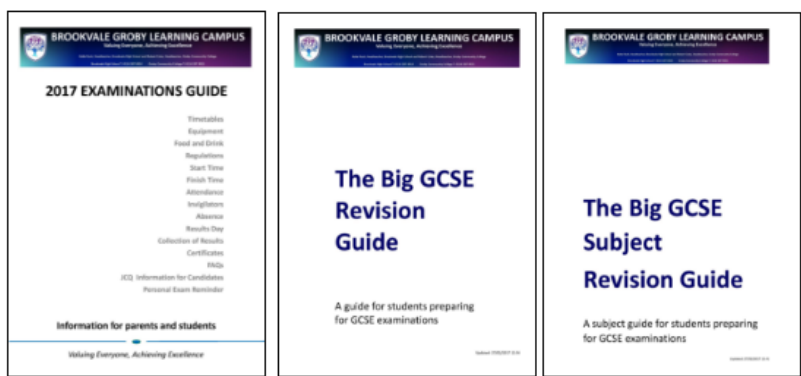
We would like to thank parents/carers for their ongoing support this term and students for their hard work and dedication. Finally, we would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the summer term!

Miss Hunnybun & Mr Morris

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time. You may e-mail us at jhunnybun@brookvalegroby.com and tmorris@brookvalegroby.com or call us on 0116 2879921 extension 299. Students can find us in our office, situated in The Hub in the Groby building.

Additional information on Pupil Premium can be accessed at <http://www.grobycoll.com/index.php/styles/pupil-premium>

The Big GCSE Revision Guides—Brookvale Groby Learning Campus



On the BGLC website, you will find The Big GCSE Revision Guide, The Big GCSE Subject Revision Guide and the 2017 Examinations Guide. Within them is lots of really useful information, hints and tips to help you prepare for the upcoming GCSE examinations. I would encourage you to access them over the Easter holidays if you have not already done so, you may find them at <http://www.grobycoll.com/index.php/students/students>.

You will have been sent the Exam Period Timetable 2017 and the 2017 Easter Holiday Sessions schedule this week, please ensure you make the most of the Easter holiday sessions if you are behind on controlled assessments or your recent interim report suggests you need to spend some time preparing more thoroughly for your exams.

Remember, these are your GCSE's —the more you put in, the more you will get out!



Get Revising is an online tool students can use to create a revision timetable in the run up to their exams—complete with reminders and alerts. Students can create an account and input all of their subjects, exam dates and personal commitments and "Get Revising" will use the information to create a revision timetable automatically. It is a great way to organise and prepare for your GCSE exams while also leaving yourself time for vital rest and relaxation.

If you want to know more about "Get Revising" you can visit their website at www.getrevising.co.uk/planner.

Happy Revising!

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The Late Bus...

In order to ensure ALL students can access the after school extended support, Brookvale Groby Learning Campus have organised a "late bus" to arrive one hour later than the first bus and pick up students who catch a school bus. The bus will come every Wednesday so many of the extended support opportunities will be accessible to all students. It is important to make the most of this service as much as possible as attending extended support is vital in making sure you achieve the best possible grades in your GCSE examinations. Year 10 and Year 11 are welcome to use the late bus.

We look forward to seeing you there!



NCS Experience — Summer 2017

Brookvale Groby Learning Campus have teamed up with the National Citizen Service to offer

our Year 11 Pupil Premium students the experience **FREE OF CHARGE!** Completing the NCS experiences will give your CV the boost it needs to put you a notch above the rest when it comes to applying for university or work.

Students have been given information on the NCS summer experience in assembly and therefore should have a paper copy of the application form.

Please fill in the paper form and return it to the office in the Groby building—we will inform NCS that you are Pupil Premium and you will not be charged. This is an excellent opportunity, so please take advantage of it!

****Year 10 Mock Exam Weeks****

From Monday 19th June to Friday 30th June all year 10 students will take part in two weeks of mock exams. Just like the year 11 mock exams, which took place at the end of the autumn term, they are designed to give students a taste of what it will be like to take their real GCSE's in a years time.

We would therefore like to encourage all students to prepare thoroughly for the mock exams in readiness to take them in June. To do this, students must ensure they have all the necessary revision materials and equipment that they are entitled to **FREE OF CHARGE** which they may access at the Science Prep Office. They will need to tell the member of staff their name and that they are Pupil Premium.

They should also make the most of all the revision sessions and extended support opportunities available.

Good luck, Year 10!

Look After Yourself...

While it is vital to ensure you prepare as thoroughly as possible for your GCSE exams, it is also important to take care of your wellbeing. You can do this by:

- Taking short breaks between revision sessions
- Staying hydrated
- Eating a balanced diet and always having breakfast, especially before exams!
- Getting enough sleep
- Taking time to relax and do something you enjoy

Key Dates for the Summer Term

- ⇒ 10 – 21 April — Easter Break
- ⇒ 1 May—May Day (Bank Holiday)
- ⇒ 15 May— First GCSE Exam
- ⇒ 29 May—Mid Term Break
- ⇒ 21 June—Last GCSE Exam
- ⇒ 19—30 June—Year 10 Mock Exam Weeks
- ⇒ 3-4 July—Year 12 Induction Day
- ⇒ 14 July—End of year 2016/17