



# The Pupil Premium Newsletter

## *Welcome to the Pupil Premium Team*

By now, we hope you have received a letter welcoming you to the Pupil Premium Team and giving you an overview on what Pupil Premium is and how we intend to use it to support your child. Nonetheless, we would like to further extend a warm welcome to all parents/carers and students to Brookvale-Groby Learning Campus. We hope you have had a positive and productive start to the year.

## *Vision for the year*

As explained in the letter, the Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools by the government based on students who are currently on free school meals or have been on free school meals within the past six years. The money is given to schools to ensure that Pupil Premium students are reaching their potential and making the same progress as other students. As a team, we will work to support all Pupil Premium students from year 7 through to year 11 throughout their time at Brookvale-Groby Learning Campus in a number of ways. This includes creating an open channel of communication between parents/carers and ourselves through our newsletter, messages and e-mails regarding progress evenings, career evenings and Post 16 open evenings as well as our bespoke Pupil Premium events. We strongly believe that staying in regular contact with parents/carers helps us to create a stronger network of support for each and every student. With this in mind, we would like to encourage you to contact us at any time if you have any concerns or queries.

This year, we welcome two new members of staff to the Pupil Premium team, Learning Support Assistants Mr Beckerton & Miss Vesty, who will be supporting Pupil Premium students in lessons as well as running the breakfast club every morning.

All that remains is to thank all Pupil Premium students for their hard work and dedication so far this year. We hope you have had a restful break and are refreshed and ready for the half-term ahead.

Best Wishes,

The Pupil Premium Team

## *Breakfast at BGLC*

**\*\*Monday-Friday, 8:00-8:40\*\***

### *Give that brain a breakfast!*

Did you know breakfast provides the body and brain with essential fuel after an overnight fast—which is why it is called break-fast!

Many of us skip breakfast in favour of ten more minutes in bed, but it is the most important meal of the day. Breakfast is essential for your brain to function and for students it is especially important for concentration, particularly for periods 1 & 2 of the school day. Research has proven that in the long run, having breakfast regularly can lead to better attainment at school.

So basically..

### **Better Breakfast = Better Grades**

Mr Beckerton & Miss Vesty will be currently working on the relaunch of The Breakfast Club. Their aim is to create a vibrant and welcoming community in which students can come to relax and spend time with their peers, take part in a number of activities and seek support with homework and exam preparation. As well as having a delicious breakfast to start the day!

We would like to get students as involved as possible with The Breakfast Club and will therefore be offering them the opportunity to suggest ideas for what they would like *their* breakfast club to be.

The Breakfast Club will be in the Groby Dining Hall for year 10 & 11 students and in the Brookvale hall for years 7, 8 & 9 students, from 8:00 to 8:40, Monday to Friday.

We very much look forward to seeing you there!



## **Post 16 Open Evening—Thursday 2nd November 2017**

**6pm until 8pm**

As you will be aware, Brookvale Groby Learning Campus are holding a Post 16 Open Evening this **Thursday 2nd November 2017** from **6pm** until **8pm**.

The event offers students the opportunity to discuss with various subject teachers courses that are offered at A-Level here at BGLC; as well as the opportunity to speak to members of the Post 16 team and current Post 16 students about life as a post 16 student at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus.

With applications for further and higher education beginning to take place in Life skills lessons and a January deadline to apply for courses beyond GCSE's— the open evening is an excellent place to begin the decision making process.

We would like to encourage all year 11 Pupil Premium students and their parents/carers to attend the BGLC Post 16 Open Evening and look forward to seeing you there!



### **Extended Support 2017 - 2018**

Throughout the school year, year 10 & year 11 students will be asked to attend Extended Support. Students will receive a reminder during tutor time of when and where the Extended Support will take place and will be expected to attend. During these sessions, teachers and support staff will be available to help and support students with homework, lesson work or revision. We would like to encourage students to make the most of these Extended Support sessions as in previous years regular attendance to Extended Support has had an enormous impact on the outcome of students' GCSE results. There are timetables in every classroom detailing which Extended Support sessions are running and when and where they will take place, please encourage your child to have a look.

### **Key dates for next term....**

<b>02/11/2017</b>	<b>Post 16 Open Evening</b>
<b>24/11/2017</b>	<b>Coffee and Catch Up Day</b>
<b>11-15/12/2017</b>	<b>Year 11 Mock Week</b>



Parents/carers of year 11 Pupil Premium students will soon receive a letter from the Pupil Premium Team, inviting them to come to the World Skills Show, held at the Birmingham NEC on Thursday 17th November.

BGLC have been running the World Skills Show trip successfully for three years and each year it has been an excellent opportunity for students to explore their options for post -GCSE life. The event comprises of numerous businesses and representatives of various careers as well as education and training providers all available to offer valuable advice. Students have the opportunity to take part in practical activities too, such as standing in front of a green screen and reading the weather at the BBC careers stand or dissecting a pig's heart at the NHS careers stand—among many others.

The trip is free of charge, we only ask that students bring lunch or money to purchase lunch. Students on free school meals will be provided with lunch on the day.

We would like to strongly encourage all year 11 Pupil Premium students to attend the World Skills Show as we believe it will truly open their eyes to a wealth of opportunities available to them beyond Brookvale Groby Learning Campus.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about the World Skills Show trip.

# Coffee and Catch Up Day

## Friday 24 November 2017

**FREE REVISION PACK!**

**FREE REFRESHMENTS!**

**FREE RAFFLE TICKET!**

Parents and Carers of **YEAR 11** Pupil Premium students are invited to an informal "Coffee and Catch Up Day" on **Friday 24th November 2017**. Two sessions will be held at:

**Session 1: 11:00 until 13:00**

**Session 2: 15:00 until 17:00**

Additionally, we will be supplying our **year 11** students with a "revision pack" completely **FREE OF CHARGE**, the revision pack will contain:

- ⇒ A4 ring binder
- ⇒ A4 file dividers
- ⇒ A4 lined paper
- ⇒ Highlighters
- ⇒ Whiteboard, pen and rubber
- ⇒ Revision cards
- ⇒ Post-it notes
- ⇒ Pens
- ⇒ Pencils



The **FREE** revision pack will be given to parents/carers and students on arrival to the Coffee and Catch Up Day in the hope that students will use them to prepare for the coming mock exams and for the GCSE examinations in the summer term.

**FREE** refreshments and a **FREE** raffle ticket will be available and parents/carers are more than welcome to bring younger siblings.

More information to follow.....