



# BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

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## NOTES FROM PARENT FORUM WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019

### Present:

- Mandy Bearne - Acting Headteacher
- Greg Godwin - Acting Senior Deputy Headteacher
- George Hagen - Faculty Leader - Business, Computing & ICT
- Hayley Dymond - Careers Advisor
- Helen Brown – Trustee - Chair of Local Academy Board

### What has happened since last term?:

Massive moves on campus:

- English faculty located next to new Library in the Brookvale building
- Maths faculty moved to the Groby building
- Old Learning Resource Centre changed into two classrooms and a Post 16 study area
- Boys changing rooms in Groby building refurbished

### Presentation by Careers Advisor (Hayley Dymond):

#### Questions and Answers:

- Is it clear where to find Post 16 choices on the website?  
[On our website under the Student Tab, there is an apprenticeship option. This gives you information on apprenticeships and where to find them. Also under the Student Tab there is Careers, Advice and Guidance. Under this menu, there is a sub-category of Year 11 Careers Carousel and Evening 2019. After the Careers Evening, the presentation and the assembly presentation will be uploaded to the section for review. There is also a sub-category of Careers Resources which includes websites, a detailed qualification levels table and other pieces of information which may help when making decisions about Post-16. Once the Positive Steps at 16 \(PS16\) is active, there will also be a link to this website on our school website - this is the portal that Year 11 students have to apply through for their Post-16 options. It will be posted under the Careers Carousel and Evening 2019 sub-category.](#)
- When will all be online?  
[All our resources are online now. I add to the library as I find or create resources. It is a continual process. There will be a couple of presentations uploaded after the Year 11 Careers Evening on their Post-16 options from the Careers Evening and Assemblies.](#)
- Do you have a careers interview for a work placement?  
[Year 11 students have a careers interview on Wednesday 6th November, with an employer who will give them feedback. We will prepare the students for this event through their Lifeskills lessons. This practise is invaluable for students who want apprenticeships and have never had an interview before, as well as students who are applying for college courses which have an interview requirement. If the student is in Year 10 or Year 12, they will have an informal careers interview at their work experience placement, before starting the placement in which they are asked to give a form to the employer to return to us - if they find their placement through LEBC.](#)



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- Is it better to find your own placement?

This depends on the area of interest. The LEBC form says that healthcare (NHS), dance, media, theatre, uniformed services (and although it doesn't state it) animal care, are compulsory self-placements. If you know which company you want to work with, you could contact them directly or ask LEBC to contact them through their work experience application form.

- Lifeskills lessons - do they include careers guidance?

On the curriculum side, students in Year 9 have careers lessons on their options. Year 10 students have 5 careers lessons, and Year 11 have 7 career lessons. The Gatsby Benchmark 8 for Personal Guidance states that all students should have a one-to-one careers appointment sometime during Year 7-Year 11, and should be available whenever there is a significant change, i.e. Year 10 GCSE options, Post-16 options. Post-16 students are expected to have one appointment before they leave. My timetable is divided up by term. In the Autumn term, I see Year 11 and Year 13 students, Spring term I see Year 9 students (by request) and targeted individuals, the Summer term is Year 10 and Year 12. However, any student from Year 7 to Year 13 can request an appointment at any time during the year through their form tutor or by emailing me directly.

- Mock interviews?

The Year 11 mock interviews are on Wednesday 6th November 2019, in the Brookvale Library.

## **Presentation by Faculty Leader, Business, Computing & ICT (George Hagen):**

Parents enquired about the cost of having a school Chrome Book, but as we are still in the planning stages it is difficult to give a figure. However, other schools charge £8-£12 per month.

Parental concerns about the Chrome Book are listed below:

- The costs, along with uniform and trips, could become too much
- If the scheme starts in Year 7, then the current Year 10/11 students will miss out
- Students could end up being on technology all day long
- Some teachers may not use the Google Classroom, thus meaning that buying Chrome Books seems pointless. How can the school ensure all teachers will be trained to use Chrome Books in lessons?
- Without real examples of how the teaching would incorporate Chrome Books, it is difficult to share the vision
- Could rental be a better option?

Mr Hagen invited interested parents to a meeting on Thursday 24th October 2019, where some of these concerns would be dealt with in greater depth.

Powerpoint presentations are available from Hayley Dymond and George Hagen. Please email Elaine Freeman – [efreeman@brookvalegroby.com](mailto:efreeman@brookvalegroby.com) if you would like a copy sending to you.

**Thank you for attending.**