

BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

Valuing Everyone, Achieving Excellence

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Welcome to July 2021 Newsletter

2021 EXAM RESULTS DATES:



A Level/BTEC Year 13: Tuesday 10th August from 9.00am GCSE/BTEC Year 11: Thursday 12th August from 9.00am Post 16 Registration Day: Friday 13th August from 10.00am



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Well, what a year that has been for us all, and what a phenomenally challenging year for our community. I can honestly say when I accepted the post as Headteacher, I never envisaged the year we have just lived through, but I can also say despite its many challenges there have been many positives. As is often true, hard times can bring out the best in people, and I think it is fair to say it has brought out the best in our community and really brought our community together. I have personally been touched by the support the whole community has shown our school over this past year, from cakes, messages of encouragement, donations for shelters, supporting fundraising and charity events, to volunteering to support mass testing, I have been blown away.

I think it would also be fair to say our students, your children have been amazing through the ups and downs of this year and shown great resilience and grit. They have remained positive, dealt with the uncertainty, the self-isolations and lockdowns and just got on with it as best as they could; we should all be immensely proud of what they have achieved as I am.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for what they have done during this past year, meeting the demands of remote learning, supporting students at home, collecting at the very last minute as bubbles burst, serial testing at home and juggling the demands of home and work. I know what a challenge this has been, and I am acutely aware that many families have been touched by COVID in deeply saddening ways, and experienced great uncertainty with the world of work. At times this year will have been very tough but you did your best, you got through it and your children are thankful for the security and stability you have provided.

I must also commend our staff who have worked tirelessly this year and gone above and beyond, sacrificing their own home lives to meet the ever changing demands of the pandemic and the guidance that follows, often unhelpfully late or ambiguous. I am humbled by the way staff have pushed their own fears and concerns aside when cases were rising on campus to make sure that your child's education wasn't jeopardized any further, despite the evident risks to themselves and their families. I personally think our staff are heroes and am privileged to have led them this year. We really do have a fantastic team at Brookvale Groby.

I am hoping that the year ahead is a more settled one, and the worst of the pandemic is behind us all, as we see vaccinations rise and hospitalisations fall. We already know that it will not be the old normal as we know it, but the normal we have become accustomed to this year. We are awaiting further guidance from the DFE which has been promised, but not until we have already broken for the summer break. As soon as we know more we will update you, but it is possible that this may alter our Autumn Term start plans as they have already alluded to mass testing being necessary in schools.

In spite of the pandemic we have still managed to move forward on a number of areas, and we have some exciting things planned for the new academic year, especially around rewards and recognition. This term with our community we have spent time looking at our core values and the culture of our campus, which will be our number one priority in the new academic year. This is summarised below:



Our Vision
"Valuing everyone, Achieving Excellence"

Our Motto
"Work Hard, Be Kind"

Core Values
Community, Aspiration, Resilience, Excellence

As part of our focus on improving culture, we will be implementing some new routines to ensure every lesson has a safe, orderly start and no learning time is lost, whilst fostering a culture of respect and kindness. Whilst securing excellent academic outcomes is of paramount importance, so is being a good person, consequently we have invested heavily in a character education curriculum called LORIC, that will be delivered during form time and that will allow all students to work towards a nationally recognised accreditation. This year we have run a trial with some classes and we have already seen great success with students securing the Apprentice Award. We want all of our students to excel in a calm, purposeful and focussed environment and more details will be shared on this shortly.

Next year there will be a strong focus on securing our BGLC model of expert teaching, underpinned by the latest evidence and research to ensure what is delivered in all lessons is of the highest quality, and addresses any gaps in learning or knowledge that may have been created over the course of this year.

I wish all of our BGLC community a restful and well-earned summer break. Stay safe, have fun and we look forward to welcoming you all back to campus in August.

Yours sincerely, Will Teece, Headteacher.

Our main switchboard will be closed over the Summer holiday from:

1.25pm on Friday 9th July 2021, and will re-open on Monday 23rd August 2021, 12noon - 4pm

Summer contact arrangements via email, which will be checked intermittently and responded to, are as follows:

Pre 16 enquires please email: reception@brookvalegroby.com

Post 16 results and admissions enquires please email: post16@brookvalegroby.com

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2021 EXAMS RESULTS NEWS

A Levels / BTEC L3 / CAM TECH Year 13 : Tuesday 10th August from 9.00am GCSEs / BTEC L1/2 /CAM NAT Year 11: Thursday 12th August from 9.00am



Details of our results days will be emailed to students @brookvalegroby.com addresses - so please check regularly.

Summer 2021 Information

Centre Policy - our centre policy is available on our website under **Policies**

Appeals Summer 2021 - Please click the Parental Letter url: https://bit.ly/3AwjUsX explaining our appeals process and the BGLC Appeal Procedure url: https://bit.ly/2VdathW

Autumn Series Exams - There will be an Autumn exam series for any student who feels they can better their Teacher Assessed Grade.

Once the timetables are confirmed they will be published.

For your information the dates are:

- A Levels 4th October to 22nd October 2021
- GCSEs English and Maths Resits 1st November 8th November 2021
- All other GCSEs 15th November 3rd December 2021

Please contact the Exams Team via email: exams@brookvalegroby.com for further information.

THE PARENTS' GUIDE TO GETTING AHEAD IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2021

(Suitable for parents of 15-18 year olds)

2021 has been another tricky year so far and your teen is likely to have experienced yet more disruption to their studies. Our advice is not to dwell on what they may have missed but focus on using the summer to boost their experience to help them prepare for the autumn term and future applications they will want to make.

This free guide includes information on:

- Making the most of the summer holidays;
- Boosting knowledge;
- Researching apprenticeships;
- Researching university courses;
- Writing a personal statement;
- Preparing to leave home;
- Protecting your mental wellbeing.

https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/whats-next





SPORTS WEEK YEAR 7 TRACK & FIELD EVENTS

Wednesday 23rd June 2021











SPORTS WEEK YEAR 8 TRACK & FIELD EVENTS Monday 21st June 2021





SPORTS WEEK YEAR 9 TRACK & FIELD EVENTS

Thursday 24th June 2021











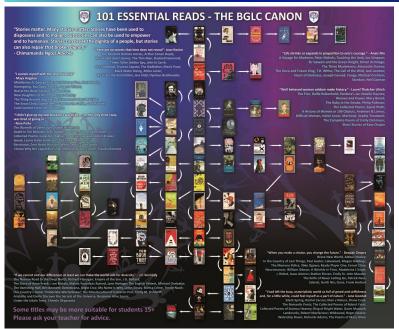


'101 ESSENTIAL READS - THE BGLC CANON'

Year 7 students Max, Nadia, Liv and Kitty stand with our librarian Mrs Norton in front of our new '101 Essential Reads - the

BGLC Canon'. It has already prompted lively debates between students, and staff, about titles they have read and enjoyed - and even which titles they feel are missing! We hope it will spark some curiosity and encourage all students to delve into titles they perhaps wouldn't normally consider. It was a joy to compile and looks fantastic - well done to everyone involved. Mrs Bellamy.

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ATTENTION YEAR 8 AND YEAR 9 STUDENTS!

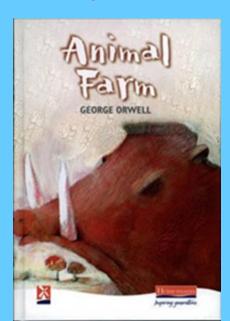
If you haven't got them already, please make sure you have these three texts ready for starting the new term!



Puffin Classics

ISBN: 978-0-141-32452-4

Available from:
Waterstones
or WH Smith for £6.99



Heinemann books

– Hardback

ISBN: 978-0-435-12165-5

Available from: www.abebooks.co.uk
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Heinemann Publishers

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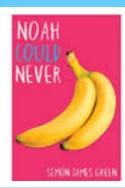
AUTHOR TALK - SIMON JAMES GREEN

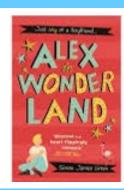
Mrs Norton the campus Librarian and some of our Year 9 students had the opportunity at the end of May to meet author Simon James Green online. As part of the 9 for 9 reading challenge, Creative Learning Services in Leicester organised the event and invited Brookvale Groby Learning Campus to take part.

Simon is a screenwriter and the award-winning author of young adult novels Noah Can't Even, Noah Could Never, Alex in Wonderland and Heartbreak Boys. Through his work Simon highlights the awkwardness of growing up and learning to be yourself, finding strength through friendships and a sense of belonging. There are many laugh out loud moments to be had in every book. Simon was amazing to chat to, told many funny stories and also gave a reading from his new book...You're the one that I want.













IMAGINE!



In the spring term some of our students took part in a poetry challenge organised by the Young Writers company. Our campus librarian Mrs Norton asked our students to create a poem that was thought provoking and took us on a journey from the wildest reaches of the imagination to visions of a better world. We had some fantastic entries and we were over the moon to learn that 32 of our students were chosen to be published in this anthology.

Well done to you all!

YEAR 7 BOOK TALKING



Just before half term we arranged for some of our Year 7's to take part in a book talking session. These sessions were delivered by Marissa Gisbourne, who is part of the fantastic team at Creative Learning Services in Leicester. The visit involved introducing the students to a collection of amazing books, covering a wide range of abilities and genres.

Snippets of the books are read out loud to tempt the students to borrow one of these books from the school library and encourage reading for pleasure. The sessions were a great success and the feedback from students was excellent, many of the books have already flown off the shelves!

Marissa will be returning later this month for more book talking so watch this space!

Mrs Norton
Campus Librarian

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

As a campus we give the highest priority to safeguarding our children and young people in all aspects of their school and college lives. This means that staff and volunteers must be alert to possible concerns about every student, and to report these in a proper fashion. The campus has a safeguarding and child protection policy which parents/carers can view on our website; www.brookvalegroby.com

In order to effectively safeguard all students and adults on site it is important that all visitors to school, including parents and carers, sign in at reception before they go anywhere else. All adults on the campus are asked to challenge any adults that they see on site who are not wearing identification that indicates that they have signed in at reception. Please do not go directly to the Groby building or any other part of the campus without first going to reception in the Brookvale building.

It is important for parents to be aware that:

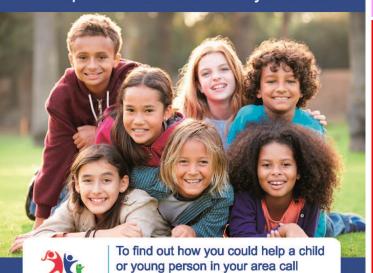
- Staff and volunteers in the campus have a duty to report concerns about a child, whether this means the child may be in need of additional support or help of some kind or whether it is thought that a child may have been abused or be at risk of abuse.
- In some cases the campus is obliged to refer children to children's social care staff, for children to be assessed for their needs or if an investigation into possible child abuse is required.
- In many cases there will already have been discussions between campus staff and the parents of the child, and the situation and concerns will not be a surprise to the parents. However, parents may not be told that the campus has referred their child to children's social care if it is thought that this might put the child at risk.
- Children's social care tries to carry out its enquiries in a sensitive fashion. It has to gather information and generally it can be open with parents about the steps being taken.
- If you think your child may have been abused, or may be at risk, you should contact the children's social care office. If you think the abuse may have happened on campus, contact the Headteacher or the Designated Senior Person for Child Protection, who is Mr Godwin, Senior Deputy Headteacher. If you think your child has been hurt, arrange to visit your doctor. Comfort and reassure your child.

For parents' enquiries please contact:

Mr Godwin, Senior Deputy Headteacher



The process is easier than you think



0800 389 0143 or

email: info@nexusfostering.co.uk

CHILDLINE

You may have seen in the news in the last few days that Childline in conjunction with the Internet Watch Foundation have created the first tool in the world that enables young people to report, and then have removed, nude images of themselves that have appeared on the internet. The service is already up and running. For more information and to get access to the tool simply login at

https://www.childline.org.uk/

WATER SAFETY MESSAGE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE

Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service have asked ask us to share with you this important safety message. It is regarding the dangers of entering open water which is unfortunately a common problem for us in the summer months. They are hoping to raise awareness by sending a letter out to young people and their parents informing them of these dangers.

The WATER SAFETY LETTER was sent out to all Parents/Carers on 23rd June, and can be viewed again, via the URL https://bit.ly/3hjqsnh

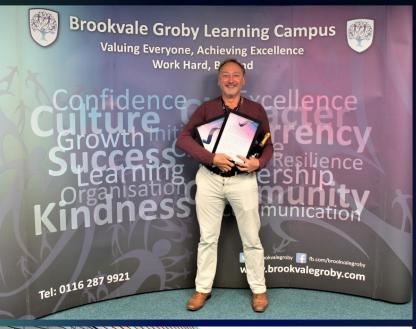
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR ROB RAYNER!

Congratulations to Rob Rayner, Faculty Leader for Performing Arts here at BGLC for being awarded 'The 2021 Award for Lifetime Achievement' from this year's Pearson National Teaching Awards!

Rob retires this year after 29 years teaching at BGLC!

WELL DONE Rob, you are a fantastic inspiration to all!

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Thank you for making a difference Robert Rayner

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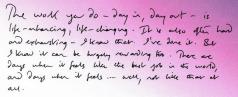
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health, wealth and welfare of every single person in this country. As a nation, we should be fantastically proud



I am unity to you to congratulate you and to thank you. For a climb to have a great knocker take you is so important. You open doors, string a light. You spend your working life pressing on to children are than you know and love. Your durthen to them, to correspos, to the schools you work in hos been extraodinary.

If I had a trompet to blow as bells to ring at, then that would be wonderful. But I have only this per ad these words to calculate year advicements, to coppers my admiration. So, brave ye, boare!

Au the bot,



Michael Morpurgo























LES MISERABLES Post 16 Show/Year 13 **Final Live Performance**

In what has been an incredibly challenging year for the Performing Arts not just in schools but throughout society, it was an incredible achievement by our Year 13 BTEC Level 3 Diploma students to get their production of Les Miserables (schools edition), onto stage on the 27th and 28th of May, to both a limited live audience and a larger livestream audience. Rehearsing in between lockdowns, using Google Meets when live was not possible, and very ably supported by a cast of Year 12s from their Post 16 bubble group. They managed to produce a fantastic version of what is a difficult show even without the inhibiting factors provided by COVID. I am not aware of any other school that has managed to stage a major production this year, and I would like to thank the school management team for allowing us to go ahead with rehearsals, applying COVID safety measures and constantly checking government guidelines, to make sure we were operating within the regulations. We always planned a livestream performance, but it was a real bonus when theatres were allowed to open up for live, amateur performances just a few weeks before the performance.

The five Year 13 girls following the Diploma course were responsible for all aspects of the staging, they did a fantastic and genuinely professional job, as well as taking on five of the lead roles in the performance themselves. What an achievement and what a memory for the future!

In what was truly a great team effort and brilliant ensemble performance, it would be really unfair to pick out individuals, so I will content myself with including the entire cast list and crew.









Paige Villegas-Brown Ensemble











Srhya Lath - Ensemble





Peter Hicks - Young Cosette







Jackson Murdock - Form



Erin Greet - Ensemble

On a personal note, it was a fantastic way to end my 29 year career at BGLC, and a perfect example of how there is so much more to school, in terms of preparing for life than just academic qualifications.

Rob Rayner

WELL DONE to ALL of our Performing Arts students and staff who took part in this amazing, once in a **lifetime LIVE STREAM** performance!

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Daisy Woodall



Cerys Apfelbaum



Poppy- Mullen-Thompson - Cosette



Nina Aspey - Fantine



Jean Valjean

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to the following members of staff this term:











Lynne Curtis

- Rob Rayner; Performing Arts Faculty Leader, retires after 29 years.
- Sandra Armston; Professional Development Leader/SLE and English Teacher, retires after 19 years.
- Kalpa Madlani; Lead Teacher of ICT KS4/5, will be joining Leicester High School for Girls, after 14 years here at BGLC.
- Rebecca Lynn; Teacher of Art, is leaving to take up new opportunities, after 14 years of teaching at BGLC.
- Lynne Curtis; is retiring after 14 years of services as part of our Kitchen Team.







Vicky Murphy



Matt Smith



Luke Allen



Gavin Bailey

- Varinder Singh; Teacher of Science, will be leaving us after 12 years to join Castle Mead Academy as Assistant Faculty Lead.
- Vicky Murphy; Teacher of French & German, will be joining Castle Mead Academy to teach MFL, after 7 years here at BGLC.
- Matt Smith; Subject Leader for Design Technology, will be leaving us after 5 years to join Park Hall Academy at Head of D&T.
- Luke Allen; KS3 History Co-ordinator, leaves us after 3 years to take up the post of Curriculum Lead at Lutterworth High.
- Gavin Bailey; Assistant Faculty Leader for KS3, will be leaving us after 3 years to join Dixie Grammar as Head of Biology.
- Amie Hunt; LSA here at BGLC for the past 3 years, will be continuing her role as LSA at Ellistown Primary School.
- Simon Brown; will be returning to Gateway Sixth Form College after 1 year as BCI Faculty Lead here at BGLC.



Amie Hunt



Simon Brown

We would also like to say farewell to some of our other staff who joined us this academic year:

- Harry King; P16 student, part of our Cleaning Team.
- Leanne Palfrey; joined us this year as part of the Covid Cleaning Team.
- Sarah Livesey Barnes; PGCE student for this academic year.
- Joseph Evans; LSA, who will be joining Inglehurst to be a HLTA.
- Sommer Henderson; P16 student, part of our Cleaning Team.
- Susana Garzon Hoyo; MFL Teacher, on maternity cover this year.



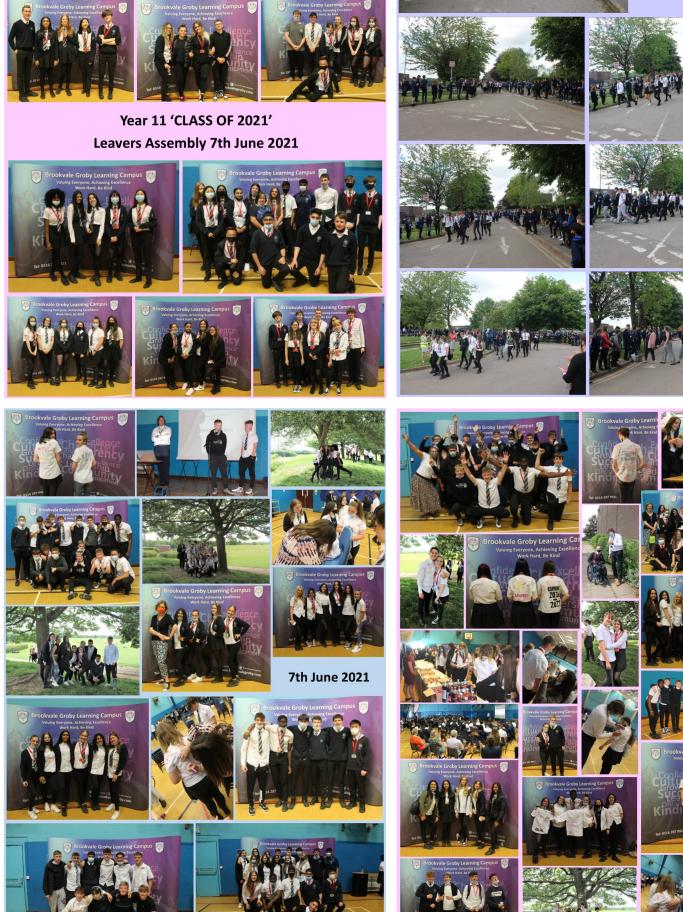


YEAR 11 ICECREAM TREAT AFTER THE LAST EXAM!

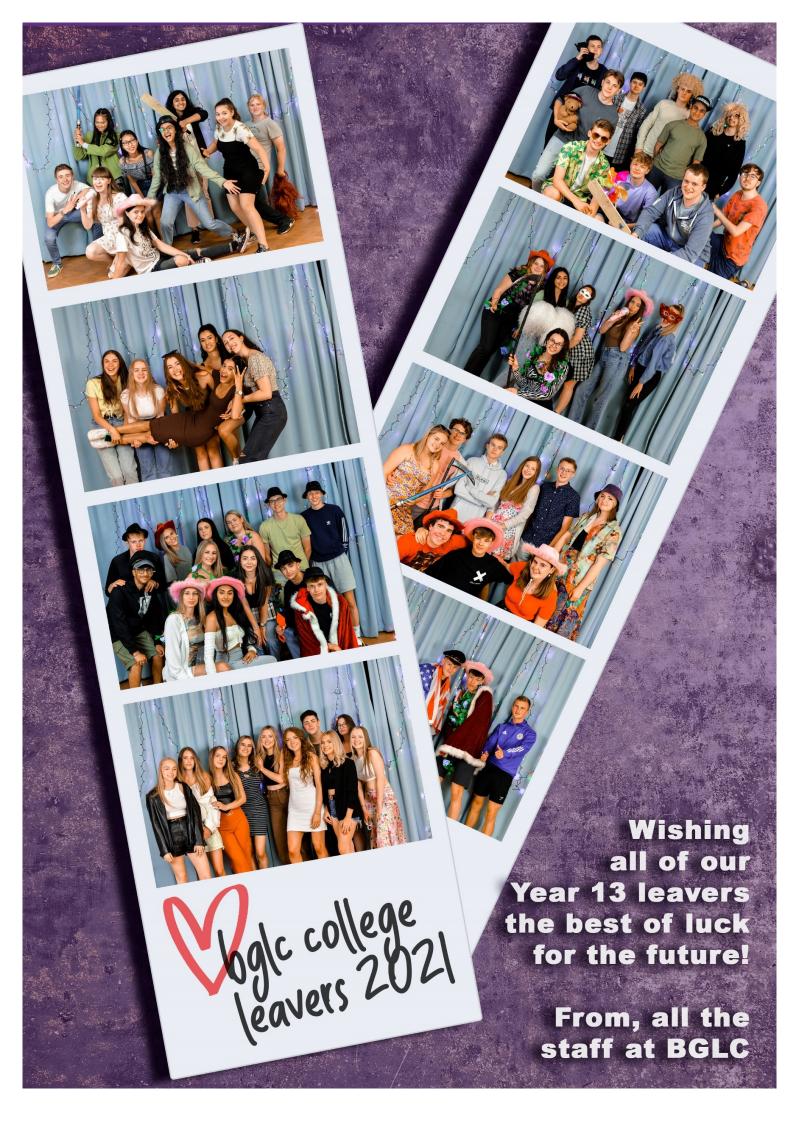












POST 16 NEWS

Year 13

You have been a fantastic year group and we have really enjoyed watching you all grow into the mature, kind and capable adults you are now. You have given us laughter, tears and at times, headaches, but we wouldn't have it any other way. You have all worked so hard and have made your mark in Post 16. We wish you every success in your future plans and hope that you enjoy every single moment. I hope you have some fond memories of your time with us at BGLC, and that the



Leavers BBQ was fun for you, and the yearbook and hoodies have given you something to remember us by. Please keep in touch as we would love to know where your life takes you, and the exciting adults you become. Good Luck with your results and University and Apprenticeship placements. You will all be missed very much.

Year 12

A massive well done for completing your Year 12 mock exams. You have all worked very hard and have shown how committed you are to your studies and achieving the best you can in your A Levels. We hope that restrictions will be lifted by the time we get back and we can start to get some enrichment activities up and running for you. Don't forget the '21 in 2021 Challenge' which also includes some activities you could complete during the summer. We can't wait to welcome you back and see you all again in September and hope you have an awesome summer break.

Year 11 Transition

Thank you for engaging in our online transition work and virtual induction day. It was great that so many of you were able to join us for the live stream and the Q & A sessions. We know you have been doing some great work in the transition classrooms, and we appreciate the commitment you have shown to wanting to learn more about Post 16. We hope you complete our Passport to Post 16 Award, which is in the Post 16 Transition classroom over the summer, and we wish you all the best with your GCSE results. We look forward to eventually meeting you very soon. Have an awesome summer break and see you on results day.



POST 16 REGISTRATION DAY: Friday 13th August 2021



10am onwards for registration

Still unsure of your A Level subjects? Trying to find the college that offers the subjects you want?

BGLC Post 16 offers a wide range of subjects including:

ART BIOLOGY BUSINESS STUDIES CHEMISTRY COMPUTING
3D DESIGN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENGLISH LITERATURE FRENCH
GERMAN GEOGRAPHY GRAPHICS BTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
HISTORY ICT MATHS & FURTHER MATHS DIGITAL MEDIA
MUSIC PE BTEC PERFORMING ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY PHYSICS
PSYCHOLOGY SOCIOLOGY SPANISH

POST 16 OPEN EVENING, 6pm - 8pm: THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2021

INTRODUCING POST 16 HEAD STUDENTS FOR 2021 - 2022



LEAH

I'm Leah, a new head student at Brookvale Groby who wants to raise awareness around mental health, removing the stigma around mental health and educating students on campus. Men's wellbeing in particular I want to have a deep focus on, challenging traditional

expectations of masculinity. As well, I aspire to offer additional support for all students and create an open, safe environment. Hopefully creating a community conscious of the impact of mental health, and feel their emotions to be valid.

I take three A Levels: Psychology, Sociology, English Language and I hope to go on to achieve a degree in Sociology and Criminology.



ELENI

My name is Eleni O'Neill. I'm a Year 12 student here at Brookvale Groby, and this year I'm studying A Levels in Graphic Design, English Language, Photography and French. After my final year, I'm hoping to attend a University to study Graphic Design, and then I suppose I will see where life takes me!

I'm extremely passionate about nature, the environment and the current issues facing our planet. As most people are aware now, global warming is the biggest problem ever faced by mankind, and it's our duty now to erase this problem. Every year the earth is heating up, and unfortunately we are the cause of that. Evolution is simply not a quick enough process to allow adaptation of animals, plants and beings and this means that by 2050 we're looking at 1,000,000 species going extinct.

I don't want to see my planet suffer. I don't want to see my home fall apart at the hands of my own kind, and I know you don't either.

Next academic year, I will be setting up a series of actions, events and solutions to help combat climate change from Brookvale Groby, and hopefully instil the importance of this situation within you all. I will listen to all your concerns and ideas regarding the eco-friendliness of our school, and I will try my very best to implement as many as possible for you all.

Mother Nature needs us now more than ever. Let's lend her a hand.



NIKITA

Hey I'm Nikita and I'm one of the new Head Students here! I am a Year 12 student at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus and I'm currently studying Biology, Psychology and Health and Social Care, with the hope that in the future I achieve

my aspiration of becoming a paramedic. As this is what I'm aiming for, I believe that being a head student and trying to make a good impact on the school community is a good starting point. From this role I will be able to help make a difference to the school community, while also gaining valuable experience. This will help when the opportunity comes to achieve my ambitions for the career of helping people, at the most time critical point in their life.

With my role being directed at the mental health side of things, I hope that I can work together with my fellow head student Leah and work as a mental health team to help remove the stigma which is attached to mental health, offering more resources for student wellbeing and mental health, while also starting up a student newspaper! I'm super excited to see how this and future projects turn out, and hopefully we can bring good change to Brookvale Groby.



JAMES

My name is James and my role as Head Student is to focus on our student voice. This means that what I work towards over the coming year depends on what improvements and changes we feel can be made on campus together. Having a strong student voice on

campus is essential to bring us together to form a community. Some things that I would already like to look at is the food available on campus in our canteens, and acceptance of all different kinds of people, particularly LGBTQ+ students. This is something that with your help, I can hopefully achieve! If you have any ideas or suggestions for me, please do not hesitate to get in touch at; jhalloran@brookvalegroby.com

CAREERS NEWS

As we approach the end of the year, I want to draw your attention to the great resources available on our website. With so much disruption for over a year, I have been working on a comprehensive database of resources to help all students as they progress through the school. The aim of these resources are to develop our students' interest in their future choices and careers pathways, and remind them there is a reason to work hard in school. The resources range from website lists, to careers videos, and fun at home activities.

Careers

For those that are leaving us this summer and hope to get an apprenticeship, we have a dedicated page to finding and applying for apprenticeships: https://brookvalegroby.com/apprenticeships/

Apprenticeships is just one of the pages I have developed, to go alongside the new online resources, I have developed a user guide which is divided into one page quick start guides, each one aimed at a different user group; student, parent and teacher.

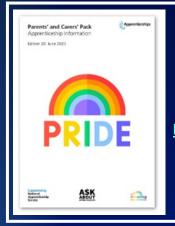
The user guide can be found via this URL: https://bit.ly/2UuD8OU



Helping You To Plan Your Future

Inside you'll find top tips to help you decide the right pathway for you, alongside top opportunities from the UK's leading employers.

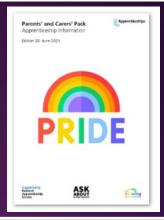
https://careermap.co.uk/careermag-students-teachers/



Parents' Pack June

The latest apprenticeship information & advice for parents, supported by the National Apprenticeship Service.

https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/parents-packjune-21/



TUNE IN

The

Parent

podcast

Perspective

Parents and carers are one of the biggest influencers on a young person making their career decisions.

This podcast will provide a space for listeners to:

- Explore which careers are available today
- Showcase the experiences of interesting and diverse role models
- Provide real-time insights into how the world of work is changing

...all through a parents' perspective.

Each episode will feature a panel of diverse parents, bringing their questions and insights to expert speakers to try to tackle and offer practical solutions to some of the challenges parents currently face in supporting their children to make informed decisions.



To keep up to date with all campus careers latest news and events, visit:

https://brookvalegroby.com/the-careers-noticeboard/



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MEDHEZ BY EX-STUDENTS YUVRAAJ DHUGGA & DREW LILLEYMAN

What is Medhedz?

Medhedz started as a weekly club that helped students fulfil the criteria they needed to get into medical school. As time passed the society expanded and the interest in the club did also. The club no longer remained exclusive to applications into medicine; it slowly became related to content and learning. After a short period we realised that we quite enjoyed the teaching environment we created, and we think club members did too. So we decided to rebrand and attempt to help a larger number of students reach their full potential by offering 1 to 1 and group tutoring over summer.

Why now?



We know how difficult it's been for the students who have had TAGS this year and the year prior (as we were some of them), so we decided with our free time to create a small business with the sole intent of helping next year's GCSE candidates catch up and feel fully prepared for the exams to come.

What are we offering?

We will run tutoring sessions on the core GCSE subjects:

- English
- Maths
- Science

We offer:

- 1-1 tutor sessions at £17 per hour
- 1-4 tutor sessions at £15 per hour



We understand some of these prices may seem steep but we've made sure that our prices are half those of other tutors currently around.

We have our own resources and will be making them available shortly to buy, but if you already are having tutoring sessions with us the resources we offer will be free for the subjects you study with us.

The resources include (but are not limited to) our own:

- 1. Licensed past papers,
- 2. Predicted papers
- 3. A large question bank.
- 4. Flashcards and revision guides coming soon!

Where to find us?

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To book a free trial session with us, email us at: Medhedzdy@gmail.com

Or use our new website: https://medhedz.square.site (still a work in progress- lots more to come)



YEAR 12 STUDENT SAM MASON - PPL

Year 12 student Sam Mason entered a competition for a scholarship for a Private Pilot's License (PPL).

Out of 1,000 applicants Sam was one of two chosen to receive 10 hours of flying tuition and a BOSE headset worth £1,000!

Sam is a Sergeant in the Air Cadets, and can be seen in the video below, landing his first plane into Perth!

https://youtu.be/y9NoqBgSh5o

Sam has also been helping start up a youth group at the gliding centre in Husbands Bosworth for people of all ages and is more than happy to talk to anybody who has an interest in aviation and wants to get started. Please contact him via email on: samuelmason12070@gmail.com













KS5 - Enrichment Enterprise Programme 2021

Our aspiring entrepreneurs have been busy running their innovative businesses during May and June. The students have shown resilience, adaptability, digital skills and creativity during the national competition. Thank you to the community who have supported our teams during the competition by sharing social media posts or purchasing products. The judging panel at Tycoon Enterprise, are currently shortlisting the finalists, and we will soon know if any of the teams will make it to the awards ceremony with Peter Jones in September.

Based on the financial results, please see below how well our teams have competed:











Profit: £539.50
Return on investment: 771%

National Position: 2nd out of 52 KS5 teams

School position: 1st

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Profit: **£279.45**Return on investment: 107%

National Position: 8th out of 52 KS5 teams

School position: 2nd



Profit: £91.35
Return on investment: 107%

National Position: 20th out of 52 KS5 teams

School position: 3rd



Profit: TBC - summer '21
Return on investment:
TBC - summer '21

National Position: 28th out of 52 KS5 teams

School position: 4th

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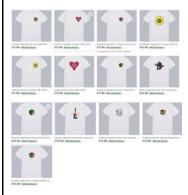
Instagram: qube.r_uk

Primary contact: FoxsGardening5@gmail.com









Foxes gardening are still offering their services in garden maintenance and will be selling potted plants to those in the local community that would like to buy them.

Well done to all of these incredible teams. The KS4 enterprise programme will be running during Term 1 in the new academic year. Any questions at all, feel free to contact me.

Mrs Knight
HKnight@brookvalegroby.com







BUSINESS, COMPUTER SCIENCE & ICT (BCI) HEROES

Here are the certificates for the 6 BCI Heroes for May, including the reason why the student was nominated and by who.

Mr Brown | Head of Faculty | Business, ICT & Computing







YEAR 12 BUSINESS CLASS - REVISION SHOWCASE

Mrs Night's Year 12 Business class took part in a revision showcase at the end of May.

During this time they showcased their independent work that they have been completing throughout the year in A Level Business.

















RESULTS DAYS:

A Level: Tuesday 10 August 2021

GCSE: Thursday 12 August 2021

BGLC Maths Department

UKMT: Junior maths challenge

Back in April our top set Year 7 and 8 students entered the Junior Maths
Challenge. It is a 60 minute, multiple choice competition aimed at students across the
UK. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

Well done to everyone who took part and a big **congratulations** to all of our Gold, Silver and Bronze Certificate winners (pictured).

You all did a fantastic job!









Year 9

Some of our Year 9 students have been engaging with different mathematical projects including exploring statistics, probability and proportion by looking at deaths across England.

Some students are spending time researching significant mathematicians through history and will have the opportunity to share their findings with their peers.

To find out more about significant mathematicians through the centuries go to :

https://mathigon.org/



Congratulations to our latest Maths Stars

Year 7: Charis Owagbayegun, Sam Smith, Oscar Spriggs, Abigail Hooper, Harry Godfrey-Valance, Beau Parker-Jordan, Sebastian Quincey, Mylie Fisher.

Year 8: Chloe Knaggs, Katie Michaels, Asa Clark, Caylem Fraser, Cayliss Fisher, Holly Wilson, Noah Mercado, Jack Sykes, Eleanor Osman, Chloe Jones, Connie Tranter.

Year 9:Freya Allsop, Emily Bland, Aless Wesley, Hannah Rowan, Corey Clarke, Shree Pardivalla, Holly Sayer, Casey Price, Eliza White.

Year 10: Saiya patel, Finn Ramsell, Ewan Tuck, Caitlin Williams, Preston Dixon, Sophie Greet, Evie Finnigan, Ria Gogna.

Year 11: Noah Hines-Den, Shameer Rakeed, Ollie Fairhurst, Jacob Hines-Den, Josh McNamara, Charlotte Smith.

Year 12: Jamie Donne, Oliver Swann, Adam Jana



Outstanding Achievement in Post 16

Congratulations to one of our year 12 Maths and Further Maths students, Oli Matthews (pictured right), who was awarded a certificate (with distinction) from the University of Leicester's School of Mathematics and Actuarial Science in conjunction with the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme (AMSP), who deliver regular problem-solving classes for Year 12 and 13 students. This outreach programme is aimed at students with a particular interest in furthering their mathematical knowledge and exploring the beauty and elegance of mathematics by discussing fascinating problems. Oli completed the course in his own time and has achieved this great accolade. Well done Oli!



JAMES ATKINSON!









James's nominations:

- James is a breath of fresh air at the campus! He is sooo sooo funny and makes my day when we have our chats in the staff room about plans for the weekend/pot noodles etc. When something needs doing, he is on it straight away and does it with a smile. Although, we still need to have a chat about the pink slip system as he still hasn't got that one!!
- For always saying 'Good morning' with the biggest smile on his face. Bringing so much energy to the day and those he speaks to he makes smile with him. Always happy to help as well no matter how big or small. He's a real genuine person and he's such a good asset to BGLC!
- Always happy to help, always happy and cheery and just comforting. Always willing to help and so chirpy.
 Thank you James.
- Always willing to help and so chirpy. Thank you James.





DUKE OF EDINBURGH PROGRAMME

BGLC have received a THANK YOU certificate to the students who dedicated 78 hours to volunteering between April 2020 and March 2021, with a social value of £354.90!

Volunteering is a key part of the DofE programme because we know the impact it has both on a young person's life, and on the wider community. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement.

Mrs Richardson would also like to remind students that in order to pass their award all other sections need completing and assessors reports upload onto their eDofE accounts please.

WELL DONE to all involved!











A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO THE PEAKS

Year 12 headed out for their first fieldwork experience on Thursday 1st July - finally!

The A Level students were collecting data in the Peak District to help inform their independent projects focussing on the positive and negative impacts of tourism.

They measured footpath erosion, they counted cars and people, they asked people (in a covid friendly way) their questionnaires, but more importantly they didn't get lost!

It rained during our first round of measurements, but that didn't spoil the investigation. By the end of the day the students were paddling in the stream. It was so good to be outside in the fresh air!

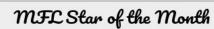
Mrs Seaton & Mrs Gowdridge



















Congratulations to the following students, who have been nominated by their languages teacher as the 'STAR of the Month for May'. They have all worked exceptionally hard this month, going above and beyond what is expected of them!



Year 7: Alayna Riaz

Year 8: Willian Watts

Year 9: Tia Parekh

Year 10: Lacey Phillips

Year 11: Alistair McNeil

Post 16: Ewan Pantling



German

Year 7: Arlo Norton-Platts
Year 8: Connor Evans

Year 9: Olivia Russell

Year 10: Maddy Dunn

Year 11: Neave Williamson



Spanish

Year 7: Sebastian Quincy

Year 8: Annika Chouhan

Year 9: Amelia Smith

Year 10: Louisa Tarbuck

Year 11: Bella Canfield



MFC Star of the Month









Congratulations to the following students, who have been nominated by their languages teacher as the 'STAR of the Month for June'. They have all worked exceptionally hard this month, going above and beyond what is expected of them!



Year 7: Kitty Norton

Year 8: Ethan Bantham

Year 9: Adam Tipper

Year 10: Isabelle Cattell
Post 16: Eleni O'Neill



German

Year 7: Zac Taylor

Year 8: Niraj Patel

Year 9: Annalie Arthur

Year 10: Frankie Martin



Spanish

Year 7: Sam Smith

Year 8: Tamara Teesdale

Year 9: Charlotte Bancroft

Year 10: Tea Condruche

#BGLC_ADT SUMMER DISH COMPETITION WINNER WAS..... TACO CUPS!

Congratulations to our winner of the ADT/Canteen competition and the runners up. Polly O'Rourke Harrison has won with her amazing Taco Cups recipe. Ella Donlan (Tomato and Feta Cheese Pasta) and Eva Blades (Strawberry Rhubarb Crumble Bars) are runners up.

All girls have done a great job! Look out for future photos of the recipes being made and sold on site next term!

Well done again girls:)



Ingredients: Cooking spray, for pan
12 tortillas
tbsp. olive oil
2 onion, choppee
1b. ground beef
2 tsp. Taco
Seasoning
kosher salt
reshly ground
black pepper

black pepper
c. chopped cherry
tomatoes
2 c. shredded
Cheddar
1 c. Shredded
lettuce
Sour cream, for
drizzling

By Polly O'Rourke-Harrison







ANYONE FOR CHEESECAKE?

Year 8 students have been busy making cheesecake!. They have demonstrated their understanding of the melting method, whisking, creaming and zesting, as well as presentation skills.

We hope you agree, they look delicious!













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Year 7 Animal influenced artwork by Donna Sharam!

























































Year 7 Animal influenced artwork by Henry Moore

































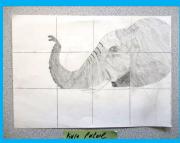
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Animal observation drawings!



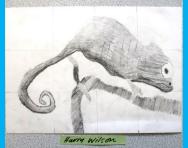


















































HIGHER ACHIEVERS WIN THE BIOLEARN CHALLENGE!

Two teams took part. Our KS3 team made up of all girls flying the flag for women in STEM, designed a shelter for students to use using a variety of solutions through nature. Great thought went into how they could not only make it sustainable, but using Nature's solutions to solve the issues of design challenges.

Our KS4 team designed a way of recycling and cleaning the water that drains from places like the canteen and bathroom sinks. They planned meticulously ways they can use nature to clean the water so it is safe enough for the fruit and vegetables in the Peace Garden.

We are proud to announce that our Year 9 team were overall winners of this competition.

(Pictured bottom left, with Mr Teece and Ms Gajjar)

Students: Summer Henderson, Shree Pardivalla, Madeleine Worton, Khushi Sudan, Stephy Wan, Isabelle Parker and Safi Kone.

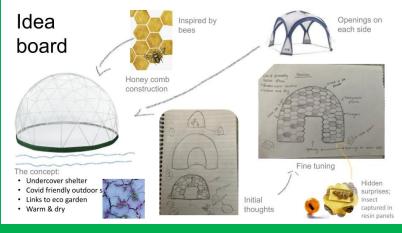
Richard Dawson from Wild Awake who judged the competition, had this to say about the project.

'Seldom have I seen so many biomimicry ideas and examples come together in one design, I find these ideas both inspirational and practical. It might be a little costly but I'm sure the shelters will function as nice 'signposts' for biomimicry on the campus. Good work and nice presentation!'

Ms Gajjar, Teacher of Science and HPA Coordinator.

* * * The girls win a £100 prize and will feature in the next DMU press release! * * *







Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)

A STEM initiative was offered to Year 7 students and took place as a one off session after school, and was repeated over 4 evenings.

Students made rockets, and investigated varying the amounts of ethanoic acid (vinegar) and bicarbonate of soda, which we put into them.

The rockets went really well, regardless of how much we put into them, but if less reactants were put in they took longer before they 'launched'.











ROCKET AROUND RATBY

COMMUNITY EVENT





BGCL supported this community event, with KS3 students creating AMAZING rockets and planets!
Winning students delivered them all on Thursday 27th May. Our students creations were hanging from the ceiling on display in the Ratby Co-op over the May bank holiday – see picture below.

A big thank you to Emma Grundy @rocketaroundratby who donated some lovely prizes for our winning students too!

















YEAR 11 STUDENT MACKENZIE SMITH ENGLAND WOMEN'S U17 SQUAD!

I am sure you will all be delighted to hear that Year 11 student Mackenzie Smith has been selected for England Women's U17 Squad, Fixture Camp in July!

Mackenzie is due to play two matches against the Republic of Ireland squad in Ireland at the beginning of July as part of the preparation for the UEFA U17's Euro Qualifiers in October.

WELL DONE Mackenzie – we are ALL so proud of you! #BGLC_PE







YEAR 10 STUDENT MILLEN DURHAM, GOLF SUCCESS!

During half time **Year 10 student Millen Durham,** (pictured left), took part in 2 golf competitions.

Firstly he took part in the English County Championships Golf Qualifier, which was made up of 10 different counties - his team won this for the first time in 40 years with Millen's score of 4 over and 1 under contributing towards the win!

Millen also took part in the Midland Schools Championship and qualified for the English Schools to represent the Midlands on Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th July.

WELL DONE & GOOD LUCK MILLEN!

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A DREAM COME TRUE FOR YEAR 11 STUDENT MIKAYLA WILDGOOSE

It's been an amazing football year in Leicester with the city's team winning their first FA cup, but there's been brilliant success on campus too. Year 11 student Mikayla Wildgoose has just finished her school career at BGLC - and is about to start a brand new one as a Professional Footballer at Birmingham City, with international ambitions thrown in for good measure.

Aged 7, Mikayla began her journey to professional football by playing for her older brother's team. She has been playing ever since and football continues to be her passion. Before leaving campus for the last time, Mikayla agreed to a quick Q&A session to share the secrets of her success.

How did you manage to stay on top of your training and your school work?

It has been difficult at times, but eventually I found a routine, a system to get into that allowed me to do football and school well.



What is a typical training session like at a professional club?

A typical training session to start with is 30-40 minutes of strength and conditioning and then about 1 hour 30 - 2 hours of actual football training.

Who is your football hero?

Two players I look up to in football are Millie Bright or Amber Keegan-Stobbs.

What position do you play and why do you enjoy it?

My current position is center back. I enjoy this because I like the defensive role, and I have the correct mindset and attitude for the position which allows me to play at my best there.

What's your greatest footballing achievement so far?

My greatest achievement would be captaining the England Schools Football Association team, and playing abroad and having all types of experiences with them.

Do you think men and women are treated equally in the world of football right now?

Personally, I think there is still too much of a gap between men's and women's football and needs to be closed. There needs to be more equality. There has been some progress but it needs to happen globally.

What advice would you give to students on campus who are interested in pursuing a professional sports career?

If you are confident and 100% sure that it is what you want to do then go for it, don't hold back, and put all your effort into making it professionally. The only thing stopping you from doing that is yourself. It will be hard work, but if you keep the correct mindset throughout the process then it will fly by and you will be there before you know it. **But remember: it is easier said than done!**

We'd like to thank Mikayla for the interview and wish her all the best at Birmingham and beyond!

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YEAR7 FOOTBALL FOCUS







Our current Year 7s, despite the COVID restrictions this year, have thrown themselves enthusiastically into the inter house football competition. I met a group of them to find out their thoughts about football. Here are the Q&As.

When did you start playing?

The average age seemed to be around 6 or 7 and for most students football 'started in the back garden playing with my brothers' or going to see matches. By 8 almost all had already joined their local club.

Favourite teams?

No surprises here: Leicester and England! (Man Utd and Arsenal were mentioned too!)

Have you enjoyed the inter house matches?

One student summed it up by saying, 'It was fun but I got a little competitive too!' All the students mentioned the great feeling they had when they won - and they all agreed that captains are bossy!

Are you hoping to play professional football?

Lots of the students said yes, but they were all clear about the challenge. 'It's really tough - but I'm going to work really hard and stay optimistic,' was one response. One student has been scouted by a club and benefits from having a dad who played professionally. 'He's my inspiration!' he said.

Do you have a role model in football?

The most common names mentioned were Ronaldo and Messi, two of the world's biggest sporting stars.

What do you learn on the football pitch that you can use in the rest of your life? Lots of great answers to this tough question:

- Dealing with the good and the bad sportsmanship
- Desire to do my best
- Coaching skills I can use these in class too
- Respect for others we shake hands before and after the match
- Communication skills
- Leadership

Maybe those answers explain why football is still such a popular sport - and why it's been played, around the world, for hundreds of years.

With special thanks to: Terrell Allen-Coltman, Alfie Cooper, Louis Finnigan, Emily Fitches, Mr Lord and his PE team, Arlo Norton-Platts, Kairo Piper and Emmy Tonks.







BRITISH DODGEBALL MIDLANDS OPEN SUCCESS!

The Leicester Panthers who are part of Enderby Juniors Dodgeball team WON the British Dodgeball Midlands Open on Saturday 26th June, for the U13's!

Jacob Lees (Year 8),

pictured front right, helped secure the win alongside his team mates who all played brilliantly. Unfortunately

Charlie Jones (Year 7)

who is a key player, was absent and was greatly missed by the team, but they played on and their great teamwork meant they took the **GOLD!**

WELL DONE

– fabulous news!

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Our main switchboard will be closed over the Summer holiday from:

1.25pm on Friday 9th July 2021, and will re-open on Monday 23rd August 2021, 12noon - 4pm

Summer contact arrangements via email, which will be checked intermittently and responded to, are as follows: Pre 16 enquires please email: reception@brookvalegroby.com

Post 16 results and admissions enquires please email: post16@brookvalegroby.com

2021 EXAM RESULTS DATES:

A Level/BTEC Year 13: Tuesday 10th August from 9.00am GCSE/BTEC Year 11: Thursday 12th August from 9.00am Post 16 Registration Day: Friday 13th August from 10.00am

I wish all of our BGLC community a restful and well-earned summer break.

Stay safe, have fun and we look forward to welcoming you all back to campus in August.

> Will Teece Headteacher



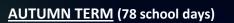


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ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 - 2022 KEY DATES:



Wednesday 25 August 2021 Open **August Bank Holiday** Monday 30 August 2021

Mid-Term Break Monday 18 to Friday 22 October 2021 **Teacher Training Day Monday 25 October 2021 (NO STUDENTS)**

Tuesday 21 December 2021 (1.25pm finish time) Close

SPRING TERM (63 school days)

Open Wednesday 5 January 2022

Mid-Term Break Monday 14 to Friday 18 February 2022 Close Friday 8 April 2022 (3.10pm finish time)

SUMMER TERM (49 school days)

Monday 25 April 2022 Open **May Day** Monday 2 May 2022

Mid-Term Break Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022 Close Friday 8 July 2022 (1.25pm finish time)

TEACHER DAYS Flexible days when staff are required to be in Campus but students are not:-

- Monday 23 August 2021

- Tuesday 24 August 2021

- Monday 25 October 2021

