



# BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

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## CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent / Carers

Welcome to our latest newsletter, and I hope you find it both informative and insightful into the life of our school. The Christmas break now seems like a distant memory and this term is one of the most important and busiest in the school year. Our GCSE and A Level students have had their mock results back, and now the hard work begins in reality to address their knowledge gaps and exam technique, so they can achieve their full potential in the summer examinations. We have exam success evenings planned for both Year 11 and 13 cohorts, and I would strongly advise that parents and carers engage in these to be able to support your children effectively and be aware of our plans in school. We are determined to ensure all our students excel and we beat last year's results. Work has already begun in school with our Progress Leaders, and there is a wide range of support in school for students who need individual input.



This term is also incredibly important for our Year 9 students who will be choosing their GCSE options, and it was wonderful to welcome so many parents to our recent Options Evening, which resulted in a full house and standing room only.

As a school we have been really focussing on the importance of attendance, and whilst I am pleased we are above the National Average for secondary schools, this is still an area of concern for me, given the strong correlation to attainment and success. Worryingly our two examination year groups have the lowest attendance, our current attendance by Year group sits at:

Whole School Attendance			
Groups	Students	Year Group	Search this table
Name	Prev 7 Days	Average This Year ↑	National Average YTD
<a href="#">Year 11</a>	90.9%	90.6%	89.7%
<a href="#">Year 13</a>	94.2%	90.8%	88.7%
<a href="#">Year 9</a>	92.1%	91.4%	90.4%
<a href="#">Year 10</a>	92.5%	91.8%	89.8%
<a href="#">Year 8</a>	94.2%	92.7%	91.4%
<a href="#">Year 12</a>	93.0%	93.7%	91.7%
<a href="#">Year 7</a>	94.1%	94.0%	93.4%

We have continued to drive on our rewards first culture, and on average we are awarding over 9,000 achievement points each week, and many students have been recognised by our subjects rewards focus too. It has been wonderful to see so many of our students being recognised in assemblies for their progress, effort and success. I have signed a lot of certificates this term, which is a real highlight of my role.

Our school continues to be a popular choice and will be oversubscribed again in this coming year, our Post 16 numbers are also looking very positive for next year, and I was delighted with the outstanding feedback our Post 16 received in the recent Kirkland Rowell survey.

Every term we endeavour to be better than we were the term before, as such the school and Trustees have commissioned a number of external agencies to provide scrutiny and challenge of our work. I'm a firm believer in external challenges in order to ensure our school grows. This year our Trustees appointed a School Improvement Partner, who has already undertaken reviews into English, Humanities, SEND and Pupil Premium. We have also had a LA Safeguarding Review, LEBC Careers Audit and an OFSTED Inspector has conducted mock Deep Dives with a number of our faculty leaders. As you can imagine such activities highlight the many positives we do but also give some clear actions for improvement, which we are working on this term.

As always I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your ongoing support, it makes such a difference in your child's educational experience.

Yours sincerely,  
Will Teece, Headteacher.

# POST 16 NEWS

## KIRKLAND ROWELL SURVEY RESULTS

We've been blown away by the feedback on the Kirkland Rowell survey for Post 16. We were rated **OUTSTANDING** in many areas including:

- Regular marking of work
- Teaching quality
- Appropriate level of challenge in homework
- Quality of feedback on pupil's work
- Computer access
- Careers advice
- Use of feedback on pupil's work
- Tailoring child's work to their needs and ability
- Celebrating and rewarding achievement
- Pupil targets
- Caring teachers
- Developing potential
- Pupil response to feedback
- Ensuring pupils do their best/make good progress
- Teaching pupils with special needs
- Treating all pupils fairly/equally
- School discipline
- Community spirit
- Pupils' attitudes to learning
- E-safety
- Truancy control
- Information on different types of bullying



# OUTSTANDING!

We're so proud of our Sixth Form and our students. We've been really working hard, listened to feedback, and these phenomenal comments have been so well received. Thank you to all of the individuals who took the time to share their thoughts on the Sixth Form.

## APPLICATIONS TO POST 16

We've been excited to see an enormous number of applications for Post 16 study here at BGLC. Places are filling up fast, but we continue to accept applications for students starting in September 2023. It's not too late! To find out more, please visit our website here: <https://brookvalegroby.com/post-16-welcome/>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Head Students are busy planning events with the KS3 and KS4 Student Leaders. Coming soon are the celebrations for Valentine's Day tied to our campus motto of 'being kind', and Comic Relief 2023.

### HEAD STUDENTS 2023 - 24 APPLICATIONS

We've advertised for Year 12s to apply to be Head Students for 2023-24. We hope to announce them in the next newsletter. It is an exciting opportunity to lead on whole school projects, work with younger years students, and be present at events for the campus.

### REGISTRATION TOPICS

This term Year 13 students have spent time in registration on the topic of body confidence and are now exploring the fundamental British values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance, Individual Liberty. Year 12 students are strengthening their VESPA qualities, particularly focussing on their systems, and ensuring they are organised in this second term of A Level study.

### UCAS

78% of our Year 13 students have now applied to university for September 2023. This is 5% higher than last year! This does not include 4 students who have taken a gap year in 2022-23 and have reapplied this year.



# POST 16 ENRICHMENT



Since our last newsletter we have trained all of our Post 16 students in Youth First Aid - what a fantastic life skill they have developed. Students will receive a certificate, and carry with them the knowledge of how to effectively perform CPR.



LEARN CPR NOW  
THERE WON'T BE  
TIME LATER



BritishRedCross



Save-A-Life  
First Aid & CPR

## UPCOMING ENRICHMENT EVENTS

Next term we welcome guest speakers from Nottingham Trent University, Parliament, De Montfort University, and Year 13 will get the opportunity to go bowling.

Year 12 students will visit the UCAS Discovery Exhibition at the Derby Arena on Friday 17th March. At the Discovery exhibition students will be able to:

- meet over 100 unis, colleges, and apprenticeship employers face-to-face
- find out about different options and pathways
- listen to live expert talks
- get the latest advice and information on different career choices.

## GLENFIELD FOOD BANK DONATIONS!

We wanted to say an enormous thank you! We were taken aback by the generosity of donations for the reverse advent before Christmas. As you can see from the photo below with our Head Students, the donations filled Mrs Smith's boot to capacity! The Glenfield food bank was extremely grateful for the donations.





# LORD-LIEUTENANT'S AWARDS 2023

The Lord-Lieutenant's Awards for Young People 2023 is OPEN for nominations:

The Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire has launched his 2023 awards designed to showcase and celebrate the achievements of young people aged 13 to 19 across the city and county.

Family, friends, teachers, and other professionals and community leaders who see the best our young people have to offer are being urged to nominate inspiring young people in their communities for this year's Lord-Lieutenant's Award.

As always, the categories for this year celebrate the very best examples of effort and achievement. People can nominate for Young Person of Courage, Young Volunteer, Young Leader, and Young Artist.

The finalists and their parents or guardians will be invited to a special 'red carpet' awards evening and dinner, hosted by the Lord-Lieutenant at County Hall on 27th April 2023.

In 2022 BGLC students Yuvraaj Dhugga WON his category for 'Young Leader of the Year 2022' Award and the overall award for 'Young Person of the Year 2022', receiving £500 Amazon vouchers!  
Amelie Golesworthy was a finalist for 'Young Artist of the Year 2022' and received £100 Amazon vouchers!

So if you can take a few minutes to consider and nominate a student(s) for the 2023 awards, here's how:

## How to nominate

The young person can be nominated by other young people, their school, parent/carer or any other agency.

**The deadline for nominations is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

For further details and nomination forms please visit: [The Lord-Lieutenants Award for Young People 2023](#)

There will be a separate award for each category. From the winners of these categories, one person will be announced as Lord-Lieutenant's Young Person of the Year 2023.

The 5 categories are:

### 1. Young Person of Courage of the Year

Awarded to an individual who has:

- overcome personal barriers to achieve success
- made a stand against bullying, racism etc
- demonstrated a life-saving act of bravery

### 2. Young Volunteer of the Year

Awarded to an individual who has:

- enhanced their local community or environment
- cared for a neighbour or relative in need
- helped to run a community/sports based club or society

### 3. Young Artist of the Year

**(The Joe Humphries Memorial Award)**

Awarded to a young person who has demonstrated real skill, innovation, and expression in:

- visual arts
- expressive arts
- literature
- music

### 4. Young Leader of the Year

Awarded to an individual who has:

- motivated and inspired those around them by leading a project or change for the better
- lead a team or group to success, overcoming obstacles and bringing people together
- shown commitment, promise and determination

You can submit up to 3 attachments of no more than 6mb each with your nomination and/or send links to any online content (e.g. YouTube videos, websites, etc). If you have further material to submit, which exceeds this limit, please contact the Lieutenancy Office to arrange an alternative means of submission.

If you would like a paper copy of the nomination form, please call 0116 305 6002 or email [lieutenancyoffice@leics.gov.uk](mailto:lieutenancyoffice@leics.gov.uk)

# 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](http://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 which 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**

## YEAR 11

The first Year 11 assembly of the New Year focused on goal setting. Each student was asked:

**What will you do starting today to make progress in your subjects?**

Examples from some of the year group include:

- *"Creating a weekly revision timetable and sticking to it"*
- *"Writing key facts on post it notes and sticking these around my room to memorise key information"*
- *"Making sure I arrive to school on time everyday"*

In coming weeks, students will write their very own Zander letter which includes where they see themselves in January 2024 and what obstacles they had to achieve to get there. This has proved to be an effective technique in times where a person's 'resilience' is tested.

**Miss Johal, Assistant Headteacher**

## NHS GUIDANCE

As students return to school following the Christmas break, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels. They have issued some advice to parents on how they can help to ensure that their child doesn't catch and spread illness in school.

Specifically, the guidance says:

- *emphasise routines of handwashing*
- *keep your child off school if they are ill and have a temperature*
- *get a flu jab for your child if they are eligible*

**You can read the guidance [here](#)  
- all designed to keep our school open,  
and to protect the NHS.**

# SNOW CLOSURE PROCEDURE

**In the event of heavy snow that may cause closure of the campus, information and updates will only be published on our website:**

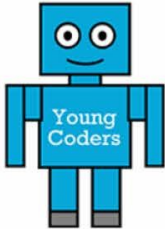


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# Business, Computing and ICT



## Computing & Computer Science Enrichment Opportunities 2022 - 2023

Name of club	Further information
<p>KS3 Scratch Game Coding</p> 	<p>When and where it takes place: <b>Tuesday Lunchtime in G35</b>                      Who it is available to: <b>Year 7,8 &amp; 9</b>                      What skills can I learn in the sessions? <b>We will create levels and sprites; write code for movement and scoring and test each other's games to check they are fun to play.</b>  <b>National Competition Opportunity: This year we are taking part in the Young Coders challenge so students in year 7 &amp; 8 can submit their finished games to a national competition.</b>                      Who to contact with any questions: <b>Mr Ian King</b>  <a href="mailto:IKing@brookvalegroby.com">IKing@brookvalegroby.com</a></p>
<p>KS3- KS5 Website coding club</p> 	<p>When and where it takes place: <b>Wednesday Lunchtime in G34</b>                      Who it is available to: <b>All years 7-13</b>                      What skills can I learn in the sessions? <b>We are looking at HTML, CSS, and PHP to design and create websites. Over the course of a few weeks you will be able to create your own website.</b>                      Who is it suitable for? <b>If you have a passion for coding and design, then website coding club is for you! There are a wide range of resources available to help you design your very own website.</b>                      Who to contact with any questions: <b>Miss Alyssia Jackson</b>  <a href="mailto:AJackson2@brookvalegroby.com">AJackson2@brookvalegroby.com</a></p>
<p>KS4 &amp; KS5 Programming club</p> 	<p>When and where it takes place: <b>Friday Lunchtime in G34</b>                      Who it is available to: <b>Year 10-13</b>                      What skills can I learn in the sessions? <b>How to challenge my python programming skills beyond the classroom.</b>                      Who to contact with any questions: <b>Mr Pete Temperton</b>  <a href="mailto:PTemperton@brookvalegroby.com">PTemperton@brookvalegroby.com</a></p>

### OSA Certification Updates



The Online Safety Alliance provides key stage appropriate resources which are closely aligned to the requirements of KCSIE (Keeping Children Safe in Education), covering all elements which relate to online safety along with the latest guidance and regulations from Ofsted and the DfE. The course is underpinned by the 4 Cs: Content, Contact, Conduct and Commerce. Our campus goal is for every student to complete the certificate this academic year.

**KS3: All 485 of our students in Year 7 and 8 have now completed the Online Safety Alliance OSA certification in online safety in their E-Safety unit in their Computing lessons.**

The certification ensures that our students know how to protect themselves online and manage risk. Some of the topics completed in the KS3 certificate include staying safe and healthy, online bullying, relationships, use of smartphones, seeking help and reporting concerns and cyber security.

**KS5: 109 of our Post 16 students have now completed the Online Safety Alliance OSA certification in online safety in their silent study periods.**

The certification ensures that our students know how to protect themselves online and manage risk. Some of the topics completed in the KS5 certificate include social media management, online relationships, gaming, grooming, online bullying and cyber security.

# ★ BCI Heroes - November 2022 ★

**Congratulations to the following students  
on being nominated as BCI Heroes:**

## **Ishrat Hussain**

For making an exceptional start to GCSE Business. Always hard working, polite and has a positive attitude in every lesson.

## **Dylan Lees**

You produced a fantastic spreadsheet project which met every criteria and also clearly explained and justified your decisions.

## **Lewis Rae**

You consistently produce programming homeworks to a very high standard and have been keen to include new ideas.

## **Isaac Wilkinson**

You have made a brilliant start to GCSE Business. Always working hard, having a positive attitude and always completing homework on time.

## **Freya Moyes**

You adopt a focused approach and you work consistently hard both inside and outside of the lessons. Your notes are impeccable and your independent study logs up to date. You have adapted to A level business brilliantly - well done!

## **Sophie Greet**

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## **Eliza Butler**

You've made a brilliant start to computing. You are so passionate in lessons, completing work to the highest of standards. I am super impressed!  
Keep this up!

★ **Work Hard – Be Kind | Students First – Achievement Always** ★

# ★ BCI Heroes - December 2022 ★

**Congratulations to the following students  
on being nominated as BCI Heroes:**

## **Robert Douglas**

For making a brilliant start to A-level Business. Always working hard in and out of lessons, for being kind and helpful to others and for excellent independent study.

## **Daniel Banner**

Your efforts in Computer Science are exemplary. You go above and beyond in your programming practice. In IT you are really excelling too, smashing the database content.

## **Fin Duffy**

Consistent, high quality work in ICT. A truly impressive interface prototype built using PowerPoint!

## **Noah Garner**

You always work hard in computer science and it is really paying off. The quality of your work is excellent. Well done.

## **Rhiana Drewery**

You have worked so hard inside and outside of the classroom this month and this was evident in your Component 2 mock exam performance. You are always willing to help others too - thank you and well done!

## **Martin Mazak**

You have made an excellent start to the school year. You always have your hand up and volunteer answers during the lesson showing great knowledge. Keep up the good work :)

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# EX-STUDENT KATIE SPICER-GODRICH

Former BGLC student, Katie Spicer-Godrich, visited our campus in January to interview Year 11 Business Studies students on the theme of school uniforms. Katie is in her final year of a Fashion degree at Nottingham Trent University and is writing her dissertation about the future of school uniform. Year 11 students were able to ask questions about the fashion industry and get an insight into University Life and future pathways. Thank you, Katie, and good luck for the future!



## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

On 3rd January BGLC staff took part in a Professional Learning day. Our professional learning programme is a key driver of staff development, recruitment, retention, wellbeing and school improvement.

Sessions on the day included 'Every Teacher as a Teacher of SEND', 'Behaviour for Learning' and 'Mindfulness'.





# EXAM INFORMATION

## Year 11 Mock Results Day

Year 11's collected their mock results on the morning of 11th January 2023. We set the results morning up like a real results day. Staff were on hand to deal with any queries the students had about their results and we even had photos to mark the occasion!



## January/February 2023 BTEC & CAM NAT Results Days

- Y11 Cambridge National (Engineering Design and Sports Studies)  
Thursday 16th March 2023 (collection via the Exams Office)
- Y11/Y12/Y13 BTEC January Exams  
Thursday 23rd March 2023 (collection via the Exams Office)
- Y11 BTEC February Exams  
Thursday 6th April 2023 (students will be emailed results to their [brookvalegroby.com](mailto:brookvalegroby.com) email address as this falls in the Easter Holidays)



### Summer 2023 Information - Statement of entry

All students with entries for the Summer 2023 exams will be receiving a statement of entry before February half term. The Exams Team will notify parents via the Parent Bulletin that these have gone to students.

Please can you ensure that these are looked at carefully.

- check that you have been entered for all of your subjects and the correct tier
- check carefully that the name is correct - this is what will be on certificates.
- check carefully that your date of birth is correct - this is what will be on certificates.

#### 9th February 2023

#### - Y11 Exam Success Evening

Look out for information regarding this evening very soon.

#### Y11 Core Mocks

Y11s will be sitting their core mocks (English, Maths and Science) week commencing 13.3.23 and week commencing 20.3.23 - please look out for the link to the timetable on the parent bulletin soon.

### **!! CERTIFICATES – GCSEs & A LEVEL SUMMER 2022 – READY FOR COLLECTION !!**

Please contact [exams@brookvalegroby.com](mailto:exams@brookvalegroby.com) to arrange a suitable day and time to collect your certificates. If you wish to nominate someone to collect these for you, please also email [exams@brookvalegroby.com](mailto:exams@brookvalegroby.com)

We still have some previous years certificates for collection. These are legal documents that employers will want to see original copies. If you can't remember if you have collected yours, please email the Exams Team ([exams@brookvalegroby.com](mailto:exams@brookvalegroby.com)) and they are more than happy to check for you.

# REWARDS ASSEMBLIES

During the last week of the Autumn term, reward and form star assemblies were held where students were awarded with CARE and attendance rewards, and selection boxes too!

Congratulations! **WORK HARD, BE KIND** #TeamBGLC



**REWARDS ASSEMBLIES..... CONTINUED**  
**Congratulations! WORK HARD, BE KIND #TeamBGLC**

**Year 10**



**Year 11**



**MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING**

Our 10C Flex group were set the challenge of organising a charity event as part of their ASDAN bronze certificate. They chose to do a Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for cancer sufferers and their families. Over the last few weeks they have contacted the charity to get resources, booked a room in the school to host, publicised the event to staff (both through digital and traditional means) and written a detailed to do list for the day itself. Throughout they kept a detailed diary of their progress to earn their certificate.

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December they sprang into a whirlwind of activity, baking biscuits, cupcakes and a plate of 'free from' treats. They cleaned and decorated tables; blew up balloons; cut up and labelled treats; poured teas & coffees and hung bunting. Not bad for a double-lesson! Over lunchtime they stayed to serve a range of staff and raised a total of **£53.55** for a very good cause.

**WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED!**



# MY SCHOOL FUND INITIATIVE



In association with



Introducing **My School Fund**, an exciting new initiative that combines the spending power of parents, guardians and carers in order to **boost school budgets**.

Visit and register at: <https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/Parent/login>



### Step 1

Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://www.myschoolfund.org) to sign up for free and link to your child's school



### Step 2

Register your credit/debit card to your account



### Step 3

Spend at participating retailers



### Step 4

Start receiving your eGift Cards!

In May we announced that **Brookvale Groby Learning Campus** is now part of the **My School Fund** initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help. **You can still join, it's not too late.**

#### How does it work?

Parents, Guardians and Carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

#### How to get involved

Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://www.myschoolfund.org) to register for free and link to **Brookvale Groby Learning Campus**. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

SCAN FOR INFO



Sign up today at [myschoolfund.org](https://www.myschoolfund.org)

#### Adding a credit/debit card

Once you have registered you will be asked to link a card to your My School Fund account. This information is protected using bank level encryption. The site does not ask you to provide any card information that will allow anyone to make a payment on your card – i.e. it does not ask for the card security code (CVC or CVV). More information about data protection and security is available at [myschoolfund.org](https://www.myschoolfund.org)

<https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/School/faqs>



Here is also the promotional YouTube video for Parents to peruse: <https://youtu.be/I2KXOTxPAWc>

# MFL Christmas Card Competition WINNERS!

The winners were:

Year 7 student **Afiya Reeve** - pictured right  
 Ratby Primary School student **Bethany Rice** - pictured below

WELL DONE GIRLS! #BGLC\_MFL



## MFL STARS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



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

	French	German	Spanish
Year 7	Jacob Barratt Sophia Bath Joshua Boulton	Nathan Cook Maxwell Whittaker Izzy Smart Eiamh Fitzgerald	Maximus Palmer Noah Cockerill Alexis Deakin Keira Ghuman
Year 8	Esmee Smalley Izzy Clarke Layla Hayes	Dulara Jayawardena Natalia Bogus Charlie Walker Will Harrington	Luka Frosch Joel Dunn Red Parker-Jordan Maicie Wesley Alex Handford
Year 9	Emily Fitches Louay Bakhouché	Jake MacDonald Summer Smith Ava Watts	Beau Miller Bokhiria Bhavini Nyah Patel Ed Benbow
Year 10	Daniel Elezaj Sam March Harley Euden	Ethan Banham Hayden McCallum	Rhoda Chukwu Isla Harrison Connie Gittings
Year 11	Amy-Leigh Smith Tyler Solanki	Reuben Wright	Charlotte Bancroft Tom Simandi-Jones
Post 16	Edward Bettles		



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Year 7	Lily Jahanmini Ché Jones Eliza Butler Izzy Clarke Emily Dryhurst Jack Pattison	Kiera Ghuman Millie Goodwin Owen Jones Sophie Cockerill	Jess Beesley Jenson Adams- Hall, Spencer Preston Jack Pattison
Year 8	Charlie Darker Josh Bampton Anaise Tatham Walsh Ronnie Rushin	Libbi Goddard Anna Knaggs Ria Billar Connor Bartlett	Bradley Cooper Jess Choynicki Kieghan Lauteri Dylan Lees Griff Long
Year 9	Ava Watts Oliver Tobin Ava Robinson Declan Wyles Darcy Cooper	Brady Sissons Brendan Knight Reeyun Kooner	Darsoni Mistry Rio Dattani Ruby Ward
Year 10	Harry Thurlow Sophia Hinds	Esmee Herd Kai Bhakta	Max Jones Ishrat Hussain Leighton Warrilow
Year 11	Tia Parekh Evie Coombes Jack Swain	Nimran Kaur	Jack Morris Freya Saunders
Post 16	Amelia Cook		

## MRS STEWART'S - GROWTH MANAGEMENT



Life is a journey, a roller coaster of twists, turns and unexpected surprises - you can either jump off the ride and be a bystander or ride the rails and enjoy the adventure. This year, my Growth Management focus has taken me on my very own railroad ride, an adventure of great proportions and it all started with the help of a mouse.

I live my life by the following motto: '**Dream, Believe, Dare, Do**' - the motto of, I believe, the most famous animator of all time, Walt Disney.

With an ever changing education system and the impact of Covid it was more important than ever for me to share this motto with my students. My first challenge was to **dream** big - what do I want my students to achieve? The answer being a creative rich learning experience, activities they may never have the chance to take part in outside the classroom environment - I already knew I wanted to weave

my own personal experiences into my ideas.

For as long as I can remember I've wanted to write and illustrate my own children's book and have dreamt about magical characters, wonderful adventures and faraway lands. The saying 'Life begins at 40' was definitely true for me. At the age of 40 I **believed** in myself, **dared** to try and **did** it. After writing my book I'm now in the final stages of illustrating and publishing it. This couldn't have happened without the help and support of the most amazing mentor I could have asked for. The support and encouragement I have received from her was something I was determined to provide for my students. So, with that in mind I set about helping my students to '**Dream, Believe, Dare and Do**'.

So far, my journey has taken me on a road of discoveries, mistakes and achievements. It began with me arranging a stop motion animation workshop for my P16 media students, they really enjoyed and gained so much from the practical elements and it left them asking to do more. This made me think about the bigger picture - How could I create this 'buzz' in my other students? So I went back to my roots, the world of 2D animation and illustration. If I could achieve this reaction with my oldest students, could I also achieve it with my youngest students? The answer was a resounding yes!

So, with this in mind, I decided to look at the way creative writing could become more visual, to move with the times, to include technology and possibly relate to what students may be watching in their own time. I began to think about the process of transferring written narrative into visual narrative. My students are now in the process of **dreaming** up story ideas, creating characters, and will eventually **believe** in their own abilities to ('do') create a paper cut 2D animation of their final written narrative. They will have to **dare** themselves to learn new skills, **believe** in themselves to make this happen, **dream** amazing ideas and then **do**.

This definitely isn't the final chapter of this exciting roller coaster ride; as in the new year I continue my amazing journey, training with Disney animator and co-director of the movie Brother Bear - Aaron Blaise - specialising in character animation. I'm sure this will bring lots more **dreaming**, lots more **believing**, lots more **daring**, and definitely lots more **doing** along the way.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Wednesday 14th December we held our annual Christmas Concert. It was the very end of term so although we were all feeling tired we were also full of the Christmas spirit. The concert featured a mixture of soloists and our groups who had been busily preparing and rehearsing throughout the term.

All of the soloists performed to their very best, showcasing their wonderful talents. We had first time soloists such as Jess Chodynicky and Evelyn Coombes all the way through to Post 16 students Millie, Ed, Isobel and Dhiraj who were performing perhaps in their last Christmas concert with us. The breadth of age ranges and variety of songs and instruments is what makes our concerts so very special.

## UKULELE GROUP - MRS SMITH

This term I have been involved in leading the Ukulele group. For this concert we decided to play three pieces. As we have some new members we chose to play Stitches by Shawn Mendes which is an easy four chord song but for more experienced members had a tricky strumming pattern. Our second piece was 'You'll be back' from the musical 'Hamilton'. We have been rehearsing this song for a while so it was great to finally perform it. A big thank you to Martha Whittaker for singing with us. Finally we performed the Christmas classic 'Last Christmas' which got everyone in the Christmas mood. A few of the Vocalise ensemble joined with us to get everyone clapping along. If anyone would like to join our ukulele club we rehearse on a Wednesday lunchtime in the Groby Music room. All abilities are welcome and ukuleles are provided.



## VOCALIZE - MRS WOODALL

A highlight of the concert for me was the performance from our Vocalize ensemble led by our singing teacher Mrs Woodall and accompanied by Mrs Evans. This term Mrs Woodall has been working on the group's confidence, getting them to listen to each other and performing without words in front of them.

The concert opened with one of my favourite songs 'Rise up' by Andra Day. The lyrics are really inspiring and uplifting and the group have really enjoyed singing it. We even had a go at some complex movements to add something special to the performance. The group also performed the popular Sam Smith song 'Too Good at Goodbyes' which was also fantastic. For their Christmas numbers the group performed the theme from 'The Snowman' and the energetic 'Sleighride' which featured sleigh bells and a slap stick. The group are definitely improving in confidence and are really starting to understand how to sing in harmony. This term they are working on a medley from 'Les Miserables' and 'Glee' New members are always welcome if this sounds like fun to you! Rehearsals are Thursdays after school until 4.30pm in the Groby Theatre

## KEYBOARD CLUB - MRS EVANS

A massive congratulations to Rishi Mistry and Izzy Mynett who played us some popular Christmas songs on the keyboard. Both full of nerves, they showed great resilience and passion throughout their performances. They are both Year 7 complete beginners and have progressed massively over the term. Rishi and Izzy are two of fourteen KS3 students who come along to keyboard club every week, and enjoy learning and playing a variety of songs. In 2023, we have a great selection of songs just waiting to be learned and performed, so please come along on Friday Lunchtimes in the Brookvale Music room. Watch this space, as you might just get to hear Rishi and Izzy again plus a few others in the summer concert!

## DRAMA & DANCE CLUBS - MISS SMITH

Well done KS3 Drama Club! I am so pleased to see so many new Year 7's join KS3 Drama Club as well as so many of the old faces now in Year 8 and 9. For the Christmas concert we created a piece based on 'A Christmas Carol' with each group performing a small section of the story. It was great to see the students creating the characters and scenes and working well to rehearse their performance. They all performed brilliantly on the night. I am looking forward to the work we will continue to do in KS3 Drama Club. **All Year 7/8/9 students welcome, so come and join in the fun on Monday lunchtimes in the Groby Drama Studio.**

Congratulations to KS3 Dance Club, your performance was amazing. You all worked together as a dance troupe and gave a smashing performance. You are free to take your crowns and glory! **All year 7/8/9 students welcome, so come along and join us on Thursday lunchtimes in the Groby Drama Studio.**

# PERFORMING ARTS STARS OF THE MONTH

Below are our Performing Arts 'STARS OF THE MONTH', for both November and December.

WELL DONE to all of these amazing students! [#BGLC PA](#)

## STARS OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER

Harry Williams Seven Christie-Greenway

Afiya Reeve Freya-Mai Rimmington

Evie Flowers O'Hare Dulara Jayawardana



Puran Bhaur

Esme Mackay



## STARS OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER

Joseph Snart

Eleanor Garner

Charlie Darker

Lucy Georgiades

Megan Long

Regan Peters



Jenson Adams-Hall

Ruben Bruen



## Lily Corkill

Year 7 student Lily Corkill performed in Cinderella at De Montfort Hall during the Christmas season!

WELL DONE Lily!



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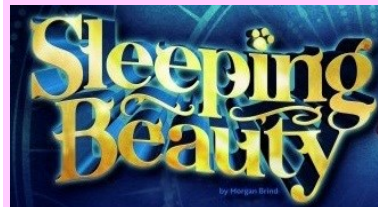
## Grace Dagley

Year 11 student Grace Dagley is performing in Loughborough's Sleeping Beauty, which runs until 2nd January 2023. She has been juggling mock exams and panto performances but has thoroughly enjoying the experience.



WELL DONE Grace!

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## PERFORMING ARTS STUDENT SUCCESS!

### Grade Success

Harry Duffin - Year 11

- Harry has just recently passed his Grade 8 on Viola. A fantastic achievement. **Well done Harry!**

Toby Brown Year 13

- Toby has passed his Grade 6 on guitar with distinction. **Amazing stuff!**

### National Children's Brass Band

Thomas Dodd - Year 7 (pictured right)

Before Christmas Thomas auditioned and was successful in gaining a place in the National Children's Brass Band of Great Britain. This will give him the opportunity to learn from some of the top brass players in the country!

Well done Thomas, we are so excited to see where your journey takes you!

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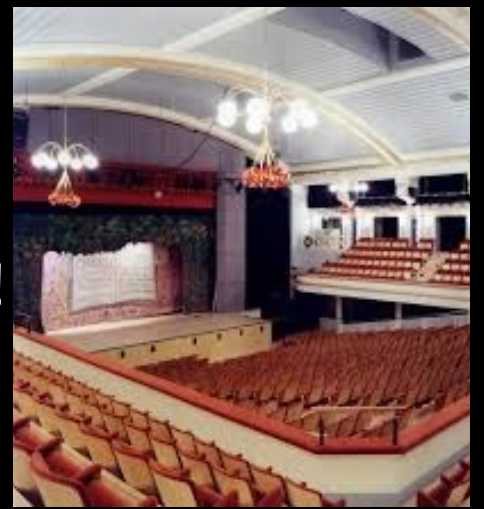




# YEAR 7 ARABELLA MEHTA DANCING AT DE MONTFORT HALL!

Year 7 student Arabella Mehta is performing during the last weekend in January, at Leicester De Montfort Hall, as part of the Spectacular Evening Of Dance!

**WELL DONE** Arabella!



## ADT CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



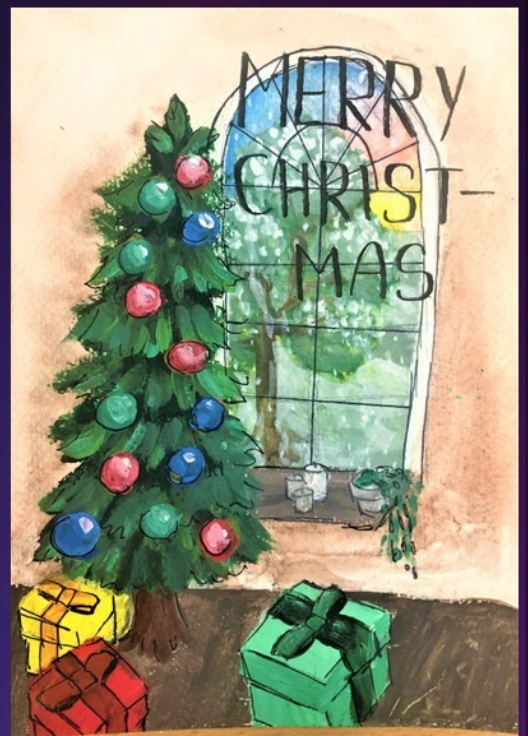
From all of the wonderful entries, the 6 finalists' artwork were (from L - R):

- Year 12 Sophie Tasker
- Year 10 Imogen Leatherland
- Year 7 Afiya Reeve
- Year 10 Imogen Brown
- Year 9 Nadia Chomiuk
- Year 7 Lacey Morley

The **WINNER** was **NADIA CHOMIUK!**

Here is her winning design below

**WELL DONE NADIA!**



Pictured above left from L - R; Lacey Morley, Sophie Tasker, Mr Teece, Nadia Chomiuk, Imogen Leatherland, Imogen Brown and Afiya Reeve. **AMAZING artwork! WELL DONE TO ALL OF OUR 6 FINALISTS!**

**ADT  
Reward  
Badges**

Half Termly 'ADT Excellence' Award

During lessons teachers will be looking to award students the 'ADT Excellence' reward point.

You can demonstrate this by creating a good piece of work, great research or even by having a good attitude over several lessons.

Every half term, selected students will receive a certificate and a newly designed laser cut badge

**How many will you get?**

**ACADEMIC YEAR  
2022 - 2023  
KEY DATES:**

**SPRING TERM** (58 school days)

Open	4 January 2023
Mid-Term Break	20 - 24 February 2023
Close	31 March 2023

**SUMMER TERM** (58 school days)

Open	17 April 2023
May Day	1 May 2023
Coronation	8 May 2023
Mid-Term Break	29 May - 2 June 2023
Close	13 July 2023 (1pm)

## YEAR 8 - CONFLICT POETRY

8S1 have been studying conflict poetry - from the poems of World War One to modern anti-slavery and mental health pieces.

They wrote and performed their own, drawing inspiration from the likes of Wilfred Owen, Daljit Nagra, Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy, Vanessa Kisuule, Fred D'Aguiar and Siegfried Sassoon.

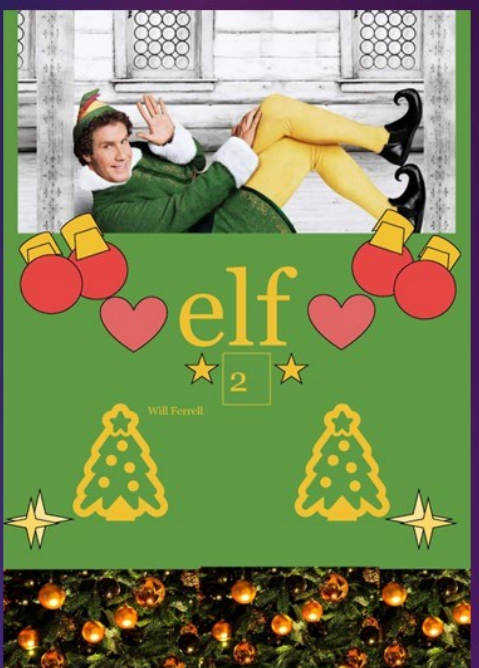
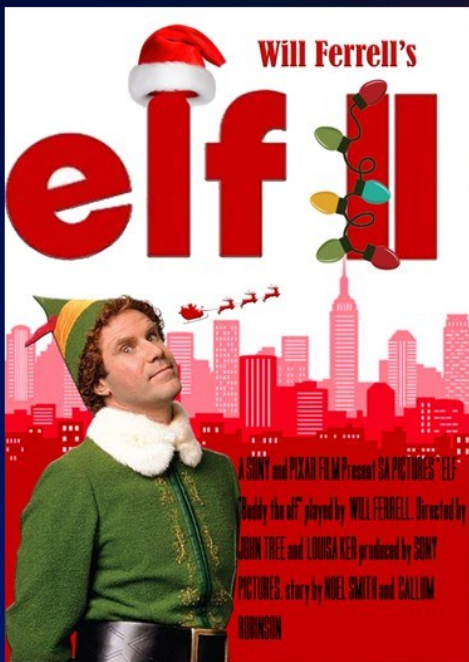
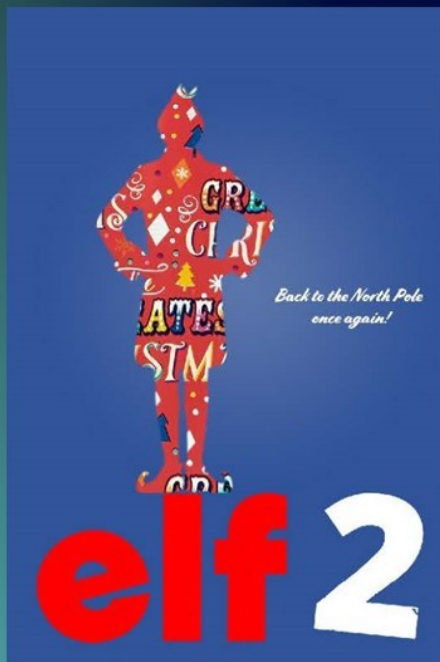
They have also been inspired by the novel 'Ghost Boys' by Jewell Parker Rhodes - their class reading book.



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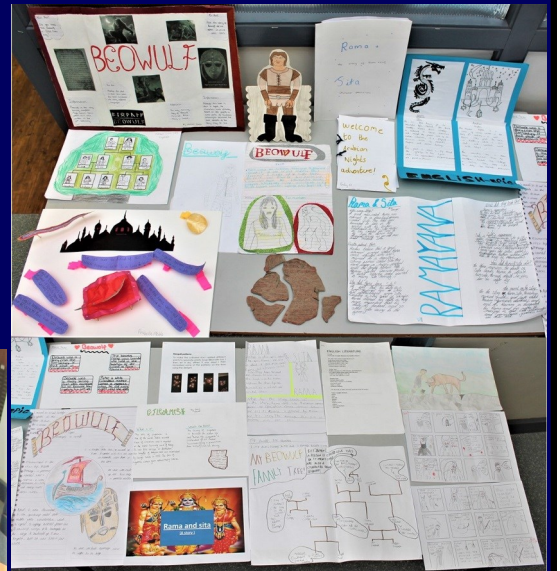
# ELF 2

To help with our media revision work Mrs Stewart's Year 11 GCSE Media students have had great fun designing posters for the movie 'Elf 2'. We spent time revising the connotations of posters and the layout, design and content that needed to be included. I'm sure you'll agree they really do represent the Christmas spirit!



# OVERCOMING THE MONSTER

As part of their studies on "Overcoming the Monster", students in Year 7 have been learning all about Epic tales of chivalry, heroes and villains. Each class has been creating personalised projects to reflect their learning from Beowulf slaying Grendel to Rama and Sita's journey home; from writing stories and poems of King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table, to re-creating Dante's circles of Hell.



Here are some of the fantastic Year 7 projects - well done to everyone!

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## WORLD BOOK DAY 2023 - THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

It's that time of year again where we are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day! This year, World Book day will be celebrated on Thursday 2nd March and we are very excited to share details of how we are taking part.

All students in KS3 will be invited to take part in **Read For Good's Readathon** where students will be sponsored to read for the month of March. Any money raised through Readathon supports their hospital programme, which brings a regular supply of brand new books and storyteller visits to children in hospitals across the UK. Plus, we'll earn free books worth 20% of your donations for your own school. The last time we took part in this was 2016 and we raised just over £988 - let's see if we can beat this target! Further details are found here, and will be shared in assemblies: <https://readforgood.org/>



A live virtual event from former children's laureate, Michael Mopurgo will take place at 10am on World Book Day itself and all KS3 students will be able to watch this on catch-up in one of their English lessons. In this Q&A session, Michael will be talking to one of the Read for Good Story Tellers about his inspiration for War Horse as well as reading an extract from the book.

World Book Day tokens are digital this year and your child will receive their voucher through email. Here are a list of books they can purchase in exchange for their token: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Look out for more fun and exciting plans surrounding World Book Day 2023!

Miss Malloy, Assistant Faculty Lead, KS3 English.

## SNOW CLOSURE PROCEDURE

In the event of heavy snow that may cause closure of the campus, information and updates will only be published on our website:

[www.brookvalegroby.com](http://www.brookvalegroby.com)

# Year 10 English Literature #BGLC\_English

Useful links for studying Macbeth:

- [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13dIVcoqIK5\\_EkhVheuXGPuTB6HP3nGY8](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13dIVcoqIK5_EkhVheuXGPuTB6HP3nGY8)  
- from the BGLC Student Support Drive
- <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HQ6FeYTXIIR3um7D9SvCCisOz8fNgt3h>  
- from the BGLC Student Support Drive (use Paper One)
- [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14\\_5MilMBED-6ckmx2ognrjXo4rDFMaFa](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14_5MilMBED-6ckmx2ognrjXo4rDFMaFa)  
- from the BGLC Student Support Drive
- <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B1htoJLOnJtZM2tmSEhTUnFTMms?resourcekey=0-dmQyGXipfK7Q7sLWxet2Xg>  
- from the BGLC Student Support Drive
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgq3dmn>
- <https://www.yorknotes.com/gcse/english-literature/macbeth-gcse-2017/revision-cards>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkrQmkZznxo>
- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqGFsWf-P-cCMpq89C0yaU5scvuYilKuL>

# Year 11 English Mock Exams #BGLC\_English

## Advice to Parents:

The next English GCSE mock exam is in March. It will focus on the two POETRY sections of the Literature exam: Literature Paper 2 Sections B (anthology) and Ci & ii (unseen).

## How you can help your child revise:

Read the poetry anthology 'Power and Conflict' together and discuss what is happening in the poems. Ask your child to identify techniques and think about why the writer may have written it that way - what are they trying to say? What is the message of the poem?

Read other poems from the poetry revision guide, or poems you may know yourselves, and discuss the same. This is more challenging as they are 'unseen' but you can still ask the questions above.

Use the detailed knowledge organisers for these sections and regularly test your child as part of their 20/20/20 homework.

## Useful links:

- [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sDnnJORx\\_eydmbLrLo8TL5o9xQ\\_wwNzlg](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sDnnJORx_eydmbLrLo8TL5o9xQ_wwNzlg)  
- from the BGLC Student Support Drive
- <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HQ6FeYTXIIR3um7D9SvCCisOz8fNgt3h>  
- from the BGLC Student Support Drive (Use Paper 2)
- [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14\\_5MilMBED-6ckmx2ognrjXo4rDFMaFa](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14_5MilMBED-6ckmx2ognrjXo4rDFMaFa)  
- from the BGLC Student Support Drive (Use Power and Conflict and Unseen)
- <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B1htoJLOnJtZMDM0UVVMclhTND?resourcekey=0-uLC9Xn-MKHYSQC4Jn7s8hw>  
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- from the BGLC Student Support Drive
- <https://www.douglaswise.co.uk/english-teaching-resources/aqa-power-conflict-poetry-teaching-resources/>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K\\_PtFsOPBg4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_PtFsOPBg4)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fjJW-j1cBA>
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**Teachers are ready to mark any practice papers that students complete.**



#BGLC\_ADT Year 7  
Animal influenced Artwork by  
Donna Sharam  
COLOURFUL & CREATIVE!



#BGLC\_ADT Year 8  
Mexican Folk Art  
AMAZING WORK!



Year 11 Hospitality, Vegetable Presentation Skills! **WOW!**



# HIGHER EDUCATION SESSION

A small group of Year 9 and 11 students took part in a higher education talk by University of Leicester looking at broadening their horizons and the possibilities that higher education brings.

Students were inspired to reflect on their upcoming GCSE options and it fuelled them to explore their passions.

#leicesterfs0 #universityofleicester



## A message from the KS3 progress lead Ms Gajjar

This term we are focussing heavily on building good habits and improving study skills. Look out for weekly study tips on how to improve progress through improved revision skills.

Assemblies have focussed on breaking those barriers that hold us back from making good habits and how we can push through fear to reach our potential. Students were encouraged to use this mantra and see every downfall as a learning experience

**I will Try,  
if I fail,  
I will learn & repeat.  
I won't give up  
I won't give up**



A new cohort of year 9 students have started the PIXL change 1 up programme in which they will focus on forming habits to reach their learning goals.

PIXL change allows students to identify where they would like to be and build habits to achieve them. Students will have a dedicated year 12 mentor as well as being mentored by myself.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 - 2023 KEY DATES:

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Mid-Term Break

Monday 20 to Friday 24 February 2023

Close

Friday 31 March 2023 (3.10pm finish time)

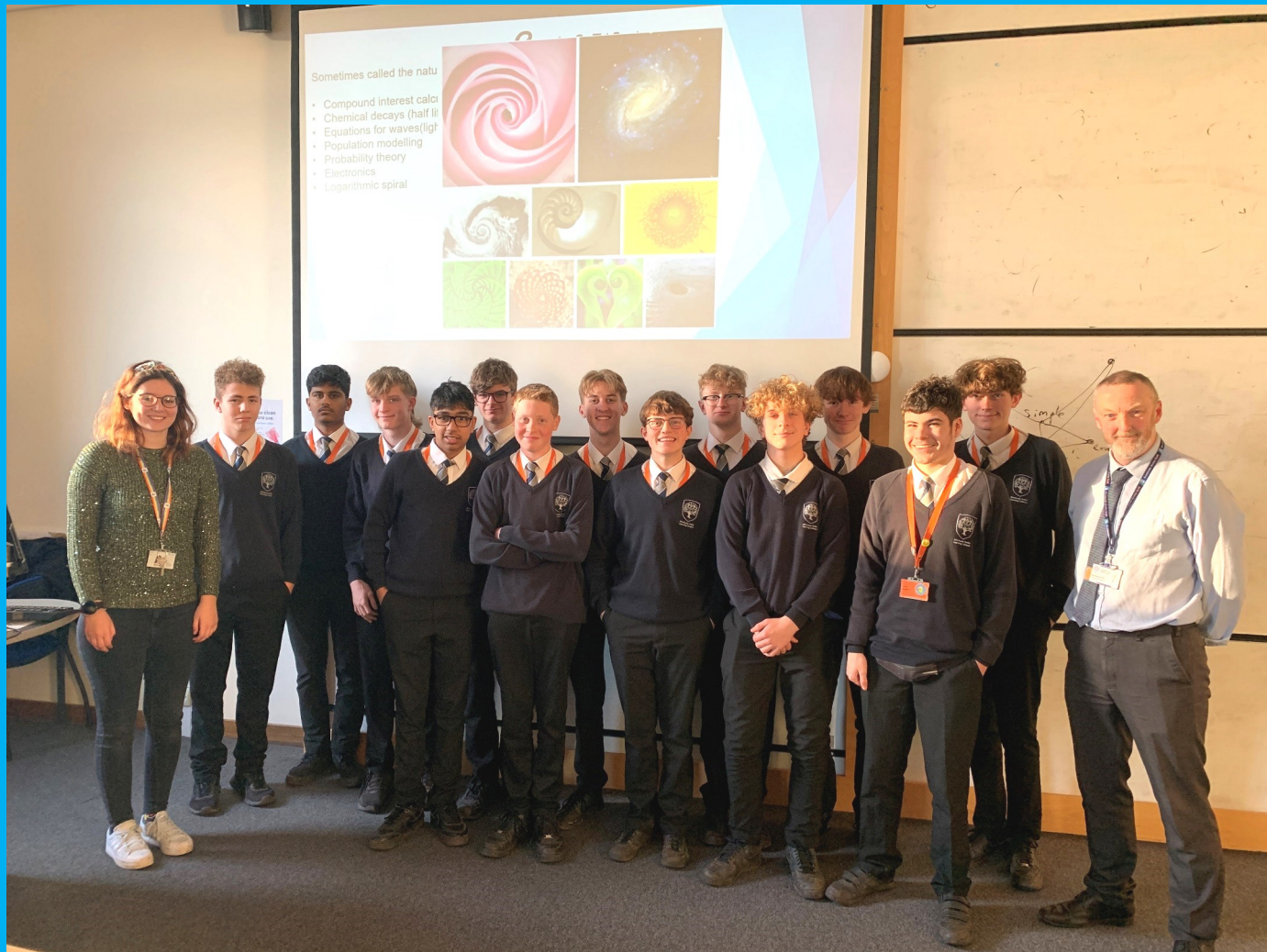




# YEAR 11 MATHEMATICIANS VISIT NOTTINGHAM UNI

Mr Maynard-Smith and Mr Grimley took a group of 14 yr11 mathematicians to Nottingham Uni on Wednesday 14 December 2022, to try and promote the benefits of studying Further Maths at A Level in addition to A Level Maths. They had a tour of a university hall of residence, a quick campus tour (rather cold!) and then a short talk about Further Maths and where it can lead you. This is mainly of benefit if you're considering studying Maths, Engineering, Physics, Astronomy, Computer Science etc at a top-level uni.

This was then followed by a lecture-style approach to proving Euler's identity (an equation which links together the five most fundamental mathematical constants). Most, if not all, of the students followed what was going on here! The talk and lecture were both hosted by Dr Katie Severn, who was a student at Groby from 2009-2013, and is now an associate professor in maths at the University of Nottingham.

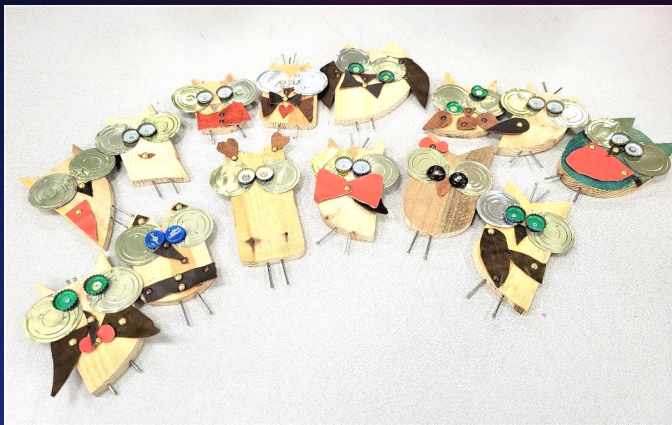


## YEAR 6 TRANSITION EVENTS 12.1.23

Year 6 students visited our campus after school, to meet our wonderful ADT & PE staff and experience our exciting curriculum.

Our transition events give current Year 6 students the opportunity to explore our facilities.

In ADT students made owls from recycled materials!



# BGLC Maths Department

Mathematics Assessment Feedback			
Paper:	November 2023 Paper 3F		
Name:	Helen		
Teacher:	Mrs Baker		
Questions	Question Title	Score	Clip Number
1	Read and write positive integers	1 / 1	13
2	Round decimal numbers	1 / 1	56
3	Multiply by powers of 10	1 / 1	15
4	Simplify fractions	1 / 1	61
5	Convert percentages to decimals	1 / 1	83
6a	Interpret a pictogram	1 / 1	426
6b	Complete a pictogram	1 / 1	426
6c	Interpret a pictogram	1 / 2	426
7	Converting time	1 / 2	711
8	Solving cross word problems	1 / 3	697
9	Angles on a straight line	1 / 2	477
10a	Cartesian axes and coordinates	1 / 1	199
10b	Midpoint of a line segment	1 / 1	200
11	Systematic listing	1 / 2	670
12a	Money calculations	1 / 3	747
12b	Converting currency	1 / 2	707
13a	Simplifying expressions involving multiplication	1 / 1	158
13b	Collecting like terms	1 / 2	156
14	Multiplication	1 / 2	21
15a	Frequency trees	1 / 3	368
15b	Frequency trees and probability	1 / 1	368
16a	Distance-time graphs	1 / 1	874
16b	Distance-time graphs	2 / 2	876
17	Solve 1 step equations, substitution	2 / 3	178, 783
18	Interpret pie charts	2 / 4	429
19	Writing inequalities from a number line	2 / 2	266
20	Least common multiples	2 / 3	38
21	Compare quantities using a ratio and simplifying	2 / 4	328, 329
22	Multiplying mixed numbers	2 / 3	69
23	Construct a perpendicular from a point to a line	2 / 2	667
24	Angles in a triangle, there is a given ratio	2 / 2	485, 332
25	Mean of combined data sets	0 / 3	408
26a	Indices with algebraic expressions	1 / 1	174
26b	Simplifying expressions involving division	1 / 1	159
27	Scale diagrams with bearings, speed	5 / 5	719, 809
28	Angle properties, solve linear inequalities	3 / 3	815, 269
29a	Similar triangles	2 / 2	811
29b	Congruence	2 / 2	681
		Total	54 / 80

## Year 11 Update

Exam season will soon be upon us! With this in mind, Year 11 students should now have received their past paper schedule, along with their first BLUE past paper. Papers will have different coloured covers so students and teachers can track them easily. Students have a week to get these papers done before they will be marked (either by teachers or in class). Students will then be required to complete 5 Hegarty tasks based on the areas of development found in the QLA.

We are confident that any student who completes these papers and follow ups to the best of their ability will make excellent progress between now and their exams starting in May.

To discuss this further please contact Mr. Kilduff (Lead teacher for KS4) [dkilduff@brookvalegroby.com](mailto:dkilduff@brookvalegroby.com)

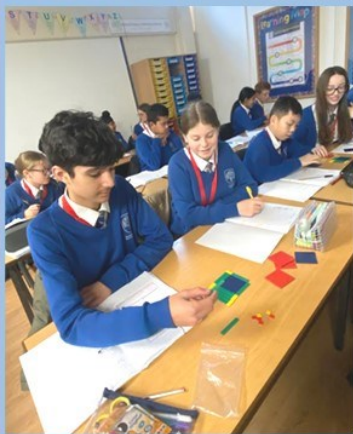
## Numvember

A HUGE WELL DONE! to all who took part in the month of Numvember. We were blown away by the number of correct entries that were received over the 4 weeks. Harry Smith was the lucky winner of the prize draw, taking home a £20 Amazon Voucher.



## Maths Transition Day

Last term we welcomed some of our Year 6 VIPs onto campus to participate in some maths lessons that looked at using ciphers and code breaking. They were all fantastic and we look forward to welcoming them back in the future.



## Algebra Tiles

Miss Johal's 8r1 Maths class have been using Algebra Tiles as part of their 'brackets, equations and inequalities' topic. The use of these manipulatives helped students engage with the mathematical ideas presented in this topic. An example of the types of questions answered include:

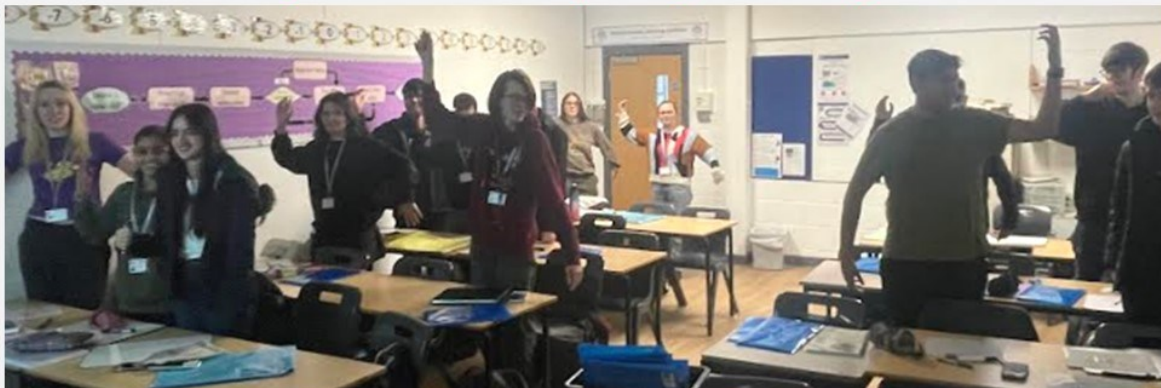
Expand and simplify  $(2x + 3)(x - 4)$



## Graph Aerobics

Our Year 12s have been getting to grips with the shape of different graphs and demonstrating what happens when they are transformed.

Could you make the shape of  $y = x^3$  and  $y = -x^3$ ?



# TUTOR TIME READING UPDATE

We are now well into our second term of the Tutor Time Reading Programme, and our students have read a range of fiction and non-fiction books, written across three centuries, and adding up to hundreds of thousands of words.

Year 7's second text was *Ghost Boys*, by Jewell Parker Rhodes, which features the ghost of Emmett Till. Coincidentally, last week saw the release of the film *Till* into cinemas in the UK - with a 12A rating. The classes are just about finishing with this text and beginning *Rooftoppers*, an adventure story set in London and Paris.

After finishing two texts, Year 8s are about to begin their third text, which will be a novel set in war-torn Syria. It follows the story of one family as it is impacted by political unrest and violence. Written by Elizabeth Laird, who did extensive research in Syria and Jordan, the novel is called *Welcome to Nowhere*.

Year 9s also have a war focus this term, as they begin reading *Private Peaceful*. The story follows the lives of Charlie and Tommo Peaceful as they grow up, sign up and fight in WW1.

Having conquered the doorstep that was *Bear Grylls' Mud, Sweat and Tears*, Year 10s now have a slimmer volume to tackle. *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds is the story of one elevator journey. A lot can happen in a short amount of time!

Year 12s have moved onto some classic Sherlock Holmes stories, including *A Scandal in Bohemia*. This was the first Holmes story - and apparently Conan Doyle's fifth favourite overall. In it, we meet Irene Adler, for the first and only time, who proceeds to outwit the great detective. Thankfully, Holmes proves to be far more successful in the rest of the stories.

Finally, Year 11 and Year 13 students are now deep into the preparation for their summer exams. The reading sessions will therefore begin to move to revision sessions. Year 11s are reading a revision guide book before they begin their sessions, whereas Year 13s have launched into revision already.

Huge thanks to all the tutors for their excellent reading stamina - and thanks too to those of you who have shared suggestions for possible future texts. New ideas are very welcome!

**Ms Lee, Assistant Headteacher - Personalised Progress**



## Reading Partners

If you have some hours spare and would like to support our students as they strive to improve their reading, please do get in touch. We have a reading partner programme, involving local volunteers. The partners read one to one with students in our library for 30 minute sessions, building their confidence and encouraging a love of reading that will stand students in good stead for school and beyond. There is training and a chance to sit in with an experienced partner before you start. If you are interested in finding out more, please call or email: **0116 287 9921 ext 225** or **[klee@brookvalegroby.com](mailto:klee@brookvalegroby.com)**

# TRUE BLUE DANCE ACADEMY

- to represent **TEAM  
ENGLAND** at the  
**Dance World Cup in  
Portugal in July  
2023!**



True Blue Dance Academy are a community dance school from Leicester.

7 of their very talented and committed senior students (pictured below), have recently been selected to not only represent True Blue Dance Academy, but to represent **TEAM ENGLAND** at the Dance World Cup in Portugal in July 2023.

3 of these students are from BGLC! Well done to Sophie Preston, Rae Anne Bright and Rosie Jackson, and ex-student Lacey Phillips, all four girls will be representing team England!

Lacey Phillips, Cally Smith, Lyndsey Irvine, Jasmine Hiscott, Rosie Jackson, Sophie Preston & Rae Anne Bright will be competing as part of Team England at the biggest dance competition in the **WORLD!**

They are hoping to fundraise enough to contribute towards costumes, competition fees, team kits, flights, accommodation, travel etc.

This is their first ever year entering the Dance World Cup, and they are thrilled 7 of their students have qualified and have been selected to represent our country in the finals.

All donations are greatly appreciated and will really contribute to getting our students to Portugal this summer to represent their country!

They have set up a [Go Fund Me page](https://www.gofundme.com/f/a6t357-dance-world-cup-2023...) below, where payments can be made directly through the link:  
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/a6t357-dance-world-cup-2023...>

**True Blue Dance Academy, thank you in advance for your generosity!**



# PE STARS OF THE AUTUMN TERM:



**BROOKVALE GROBY  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION**



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Jacob Barrett	Sophie Cannaby	Freya Garrett	Annika Chouhan	Joseph Bemrose
Michael Catlow	Fin Clarke	Khushi Naran	James Kitchen	Shane Chandarana
Sophie Cockerill	Charlie Darker	Saskia Popat	Liv Fenn	Joe Dempsey
Joe Drury	Neive Delves	Matin Rahmany	Rosie Fowler	Ryley Dixon
Daisy-May Glaze	Reiss Frost	Max Ryan	Shi Lin	Frankie Gambardella
Leia Hamill	Amy Lennox	Zach Shearer	Jacob Lott	Katie Humphrey
Seren Hubble	Liv Lillystone	Imogen Shephard	Hayden McCallum	Max Johnson
Ojas Nataly	Fin Murdy	Oscar Spriggs	Eleanor Osman	Khalid Muftau
Heidi Woodward	Zach Ramsell	Declan Wyles	Louie Paddison	Tia Perekh
			Callum Porter	Sam Rolls
			Jess Sale	Holly Sayer
				Amelia Smith

## YEAR 7 HARRY SWAIN - TENNIS SUCCESS!

Year 7 student, Harry Swain, has recently returned from the South of France, having been selected once again to play Tennis for Great Britain. Harry began playing tennis at Nottingham Tennis Centre as a toddler where he subsequently was selected to train in squads as part of the LTA's 10U Performance Programme. Having met the criteria a year early to train at a regional player development centre (RPDC), he now continues to train at Nottingham's RPDC as a listed player on the National Player Pathway as part of the LTA's National Age Group Programme.

Age 10, Harry competed in and won his first National Singles Title. The following year came his first of several selections to represent GB, and at the age of 11 won a further 2 National titles. Harry has been ranked as high as number 1 in Britain and despite being injured for a significant part of last year, still managed to end the year as 11U British number 3.

Brookvale Groby Learning Campus are behind Harry and are working to enable him to combine his education and the significant amount of training involved in his tennis development. Since starting here in September, Harry has been out to Poland and France to play for GB, and having previously won a qualifying event, had his expenses paid to compete in a junior international tournament at Rafael Nadal's Tennis Academy in Majorca.

**WELL DONE HARRY!**





# NATIONAL CUP FOOTBALL SUCCESS!



Our Post 16 girls football team are now our sole representatives left in the ESFA National Cup competitions.



They are now through to the quarter-finals, so can count themselves as one of the best 8 teams in the country at this age group. A fantastic achievement. In December they travelled to Bingham in Nottinghamshire to play Toot Hill School and were 2-0 down at half-time. Toot Hill added to the scoreline shortly after the break leaving us with a mountain to climb with only 10 minutes left on the clock. With the temperature dropping and the light fading Dulci Binns pulled a goal back then Louis Tarbuck scored twice with seconds left on the clock to take the game to a penalty shootout. Sophie White proved to be the heroine saving two penalties, while Saiya Patel, Louisa Tarbuck and Darcy Warden scored from the spot to win the shootout 3-2. This took us into a last 16 fixture away at Repton School In January. Dulci Binns scored with an excellent long-range strike to give us the lead, but Repton hit the post during a goalmouth scramble shortly before half-time. We had chances to extend our lead, but failed to beat the Repton goalkeeper. This meant a nervy last 10 minutes, during which Repton threw everything at us. A combination of great last ditch defending and excellent goalkeeping from Sophie White kept the Repton attacks at bay and we ran out 1-0 victors.

**We await the draw for the quarter finals with anticipation.**

Unfortunately, the only other team left in the competition at the time of writing our last newsletter, the Year 8 boys' team, have been knocked out of the competition. They lost 2-1 at Brockington College.



# COUNTY CUP FOOTBALL



The Year 8 boys football team fell at the first hurdle in the County Cup, losing on penalties to Hastings. They led 3-0, but ended up drawing 4-4. The Year 10 boys football team had a similar experience, losing 2-1 away at Redmoor having led 1-0 thanks to a James Harwood strike.



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## YEAR 7 SUMMER SHEPHARD WINS GOLD!

Year 7 Summer Shephard competed in her Christmas Club Championships on the 11th December and **WON GOLD** in Premium Category 1. She competed in floor bar vault and beam and **WON GOLD** with her combined scores. How **AMAZING** are you Summer!

**WELL DONE!**



## BGLC KS3 RUGBY

Our KS3 boys teams attended a Leicester Tigers festival at Coalville rugby club at the end of November with teams from South Charnwood High School and Ibstock Community College. Our Year 7's played two games against Ibstock, narrowly winning them both, and our Year 8's played a combined game with Ibstock because we were short on numbers. The Year 9's beat South Charnwood convincingly. Well done to all that played in difficult conditions.

The Year 9 team travelled to Robert Smyth, Market Harborough, in the 1st round of the County Cup in torrential rain. An excellent team performance led to a 60 points to 5 win. Zach Shearer, Charlie Robilliard, Tyce Njika, Charlie Drapier-Dowing, Roan Woolley and Jayden Sleath shared the tries and Zach Shearer and Declan Wyles shared the conversions.

**WELL DONE BOYS!**

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The image shows a screenshot of a JustGiving fundraising page. At the top, it says 'JustGiving' with a 'Menu' dropdown and 'Start Fundraising' link. Below is a photo of a young man, Joel Yates, wearing a blue t-shirt and a black jacket, standing in front of an indoor swimming pool. Under the photo, the text reads: 'Joel Yates', 'Joel's page', 'Fundraising for Aspire', 'Event: Solent swim 2023, from July 23, 2023 to September 23, 2023', and 'Team: Aspire Neptune Solent 2023 Challenge'.

# YEAR 10 JOEL YATES SWIMMING THE SOLENT

Year 10 student Joel Yates is swimming the Solent from Portsmouth to the Isle of Wight in September, he is raising money for Aspire which is a Spinal Injury Charity. He is part of a team of 10 swimmers from his club Leicester Neptunes.

Joel's Just Giving page is:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/.../joel-yates-lncs-solent-2023>

**GOOD LUCK Joel!**

# LEXIE EDWARDS U19 GIRLS SINGLES AND GIRLS DOUBLES COUNTY BADMINTON CHAMPION!

Year 10 student Lexie Edwards played in the u19 Leicestershire County badminton Championships weekend 21st & 22nd January, and she **WON** both the girls singles and girls doubles event- a great result being three years below the age group! **Double u19 Badminton County Champion - girls singles and girls doubles!**

**WELL DONE Lexie!**  
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# KALAN & KAI BHAKTA LEICESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONS!

Kai Bhakta (Year 10) and Kalan Bhakta (Year 13) were both crowned Leicestershire Schools Individual Table Tennis Champions, at Under 16 and Under 19 respectively. They will both now go on to the National Finals in April, representing Leicestershire and Brookvale Groby.

**WELL DONE Kalan & Bhakta!**  
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# SPRING TERM KEY DIARY DATES - ALL YEARS

## MONDAY 19 DECEMBER - WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY •

- Tuesday 3 January •
- Wednesday 4 January •
- Thursday 5 January •
- Thursday 12 January •
- Thursday 19 January •
- Thursday 9 February •
- Tuesday 14 - Friday 17 February •
- Thursday 16 February •
- Friday 17 February •

## MONDAY 20 - FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY

- Monday 27 February •
- Monday 6 - Thursday 9 March •
- Tuesday 14 March •
- Tuesday 21 March •
- Tuesday 21 - Thursday 23 March •
- Thursday 30 March •
- Friday 31 March •

## MONDAY 3 APRIL - FRIDAY 14 APRIL •

- Monday 17 April •
- Thursday 20 April •
- Monday 1 May •**
- Monday 8 May •**
- Friday 26 May •

## MONDAY 29 MAY - FRIDAY 2 JUNE •

## CHRISTMAS BREAK

- TEACHER DAY - Campus is closed to STUDENTS**
- CAMPUS OPEN start of the Spring Term - ALL students to attend**
- Year 13 Progress Evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
- Year 9 Parents Options Evening 6pm - 7pm
- Year 11 Progress Evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
- Year 11 Exam Success Evening
- German residential trip to Berlin
- Year 13 Exam Success Evening
- Campus closes at 3.10pm

## MID TERM BREAK

- Campus Open - ALL students to attend
- Iceland School Residential Trip
- Year 10 Progress Evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
- Reports issued - All Years
- Whole School Production - Sister Act
- Year 12 Progress Evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
- Campus closes at 3.10pm

## EASTER TWO WEEK BREAK

- Start of the Summer Term - ALL students to attend
- Year 8 Progress Evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
- MAY DAY - Bank Holiday - Campus is closed**
- Bank Holiday - Kings Coronation**
- Campus closes at 3.10pm

## MID TERM BREAK

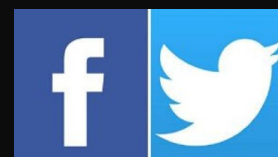
## SNOW CLOSURE PROCEDURE

In the event of heavy snow that may cause closure of the campus, information and updates will only be published on our website:

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or Twitter ([@BrookvaleGroby](https://twitter.com/BrookvaleGroby))



Please note that important information will always be shared with parents by email, so if you are not on Twitter or Facebook then you will not miss anything crucial. Nevertheless we warmly welcome you to join our online community!



# BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS



## FACILITIES AND VENUE HIRE

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With a helpful team of staff who are on-hand to assist you, get in touch to check availability or to arrange a viewing.

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