



BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

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CAMPUS NEWSLETTER



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Parent/Carer,

This time of year can be quite challenging for people and it's not helped by the turmoil reported within the news, be it events in the Middle East, the cost of living, homelessness, climate change, severe weather events and political unrest. It would be quite easy to feel quite pessimistic about the world we are living in and what the future holds for our young people but this term has shown how brilliant our children are and the exceptional things they are capable of. I have been delighted to see students presented with certificates across all faculties, excel in sporting fixtures, perform for open mic nights and take part in a myriad of activities outside of school. We have so many talented and inspiring young people at BGLC and I feel very fortunate to work alongside them.

Our attendance continues to be above the national average for all year groups and improved on last year. This is critical for future success and our own results show the negative impact of poor attendance, so a sincere thank you to all parents / carers in supporting your children to be in school. This is a positive start to the year, which we need to maintain.

The national and local GCSE and A Level data has now been released and BGLC is above national average for all baseline measures and in the top 20 schools in Leicestershire, we are determined to be even higher this year. Our Year 11/ 13 students commenced mocks this week and their behaviour has been impeccable and it is clear they realise the importance of these examinations in preparing for the future.

We recently received our Stakeholder voice reports from Kirkland Rowell, and we have been pleased to see so many areas of strength highlighted across parents, staff and students. It was apparent there is a lot we are getting right, but also some very clear areas of improvement to work on in the term ahead. I have recently communicated the findings of these reports to parents [here](#). Our recently launched 'BGLC Change Makers' will be working with their peers to address the concerns of the student body, and will be working closely with myself and other staff. I want all our students to feel like they have a voice and a group of student leaders that truly represent them and can work on their behalf. It has been a highlight of my week working with these young people every Thursday lunchtime.

We have also worked closely with a number of outside agencies this term to develop our student body and approaches in school. Staff have undergone several hours of training from the Leicestershire VRN (Violence Reduction Network), with a view to creating student mentors in violence reduction and supporting our young people in making better choices. Progressive Masculinity have also worked with a group of KS4 boys around positive male role models and traits and how they can be better role models for our younger students. We are hoping this work has a positive impact across our campus.

Over the past weeks I have also been privileged to tour Year 6 families around our campus during the school day, and several Headteachers from our local Secondary and Primary schools, all have commented on how polite our students are, and how calm, orderly and purposeful lessons have been. I welcome parents who may wish to do the same to book a tour with my PA. Our close working relationship with our Primary Partners was showcased last week at the 'Talk the Talk' event which was superb, and we have many other transition events planned. Our Year 7 admissions numbers also came in last week, and once again we are over subscribed.

So whilst the world may not be perfect and we have areas to improve, there are lots to celebrate and be positive about at BGLC, and we look forward to the term ahead.

I wish all of our families a relaxing Christmas break and thank you for your continued unwavering support this term. We look forward to welcoming students back on to campus on Monday 8th January 2024.

Yours sincerely,
Will Teece



BGLC 'CHANGEMAKERS'

A great group of BGLC 'ChangeMakers' meet on Thursday lunchtimes, to begin planning how to help make the campus a better place to be for everyone. They'll be working with staff and with students to suggest things to improve, and will be canvassing views from the student body. If anyone else wants to join up, especially from the older students, please do get in touch by emailing

[Mr Maynard](#)

#TeamBGLC



Brookvale Groby Learning Campus WELL DONE TO OUR AMAZING CATERING TEAM



A massive well done to our Catering Team for getting a **5 star rating** on their unannounced inspection by the Food Standards Agency.

At anytime that would be a real achievement, but given the recent staffing challenges it's even more impressive.

Great work,
thank you
and well done!

WELL DONE TO OUR AMAZING CATERING TEAM



MR TEECE

25 YEARS OF SERVICE



Congratulations to Mr Teece, who has just received his 25 years service award in education!

WELL DONE,
from all the
staff and
students here
at BGLC!

#TeamBGLC



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

On the 10th November BGLC students who are part of uniformed organisations, took part in an 'Act of Remembrance' and held a two minutes silence at 11.00am.

We proudly displayed 81 mini wooden crosses, to represent each of the **81 fallen heroes**, from within our local community.

These crosses were displayed during the Remembrance Service along with the reading of the names of each person.



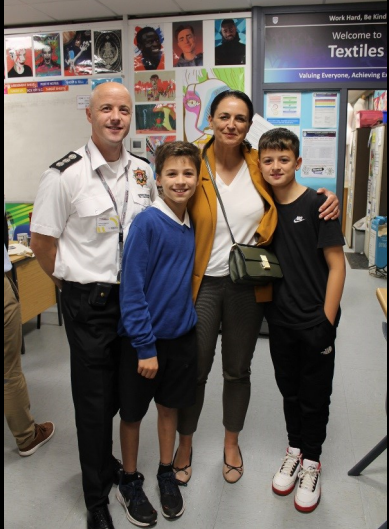
CAMPUS OPEN EVENING - 28TH SEPTEMBER 2023

We welcomed over 450 Parents/Carers and Students to our recent Campus Open Evening, ably assisted by our student guides:



CAMPUS OPEN EVENING - 28TH SEPTEMBER 2023

There were hands on activities in all faculty areas, with plenty of things to see and do!



POST 16 OPEN EVENING - 12TH OCTOBER 2023

We welcomed over 300 Students, Parents & Carers to our Post 16 Open Evening.



POST 16 OPEN EVENING - 12TH OCTOBER 2023

Staff and Post 16 Ambassadors were available in all of our faculty areas:



A VERY SUCCESSFUL POST 16 OPEN EVENING



We held our annual Post 16 Open Evening before the half term, as pictured on pages 6 & 7. We were delighted by the amount of potential students and parents that joined us for the evening, finding out more about what we can offer in Post 16. All of our subjects were represented, with our amazing staff and current students who were able to talk to our visitors about the subjects and topics covered within our A Levels. Our Headteacher; Mr Teece, Assistant Headteacher; Mrs Varney and Head Students gave a presentation about Post 16 @ BGLC, which both parents and students found interesting and informative. We had some amazing feedback from parents and students on the night, and want to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped out with the planning, setting up and running of the evening, and to all of the lovely parents and potential students we met, you made the evening very enjoyable and memorable.



POST 16 - NEXT STEPS

Year 11 students will now be completing their Post 16 applications during their life skills lessons using the PS16 website. Our closing date for applications is Monday 8th January 2024. Once we have all applications in we will then start to plan our interviews which will take place in Feb/March 2024. We feel it is really important to meet all of our potential students and get to know a bit about them and answer any questions they may have. Once interviews have taken place we will then be sending out our confirmation letters. We will also be inviting all applicants to join us for two induction days in June to meet with the Post 16 Team, tutors and get a feel for what Post 16 life is all about.

If you weren't able to attend on the night, but would like to come for a tour, please contact us on the email address below.

If you want to find out more about the courses we run at BGLC please click [here](#), where you can also find the prospectus. If you have any questions, please email post16@brookvalegroby.com

ENRICHMENT

We have already had some amazing enrichment guest speakers to talk to our students including

- De Montfort University on UCAS What Next?,
- Medicine Calling - Mental Health Careers
- Red Cross delivering their Resilience workshop (see page 10, for the article from Year 12 student Heather Gillibrand)

On the run up to Christmas we have

- Lincoln University on 'Interview Success'
- Leicester University talking about 'student finance',
- HSBC Bank giving a presentation on 'Banking Low Down'
- 'What is parliament?
- Animal Aid



YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

Keep on eye on our dedicated work experience webpage for the most up to date information about Year 12 work experience in July 2024: <https://brookvalegroby.com/post-16-work-experience/>

Our graphic timeline is here:

October

Start your research,
find a placement



22nd March

Deadline for
employers to provide
relevant documents



22nd December

Deadline to secure a
placement



1st - 5th July

Attend work
experience

POST 16 NEWS CONTINUED...



YEAR 13 UCAS DEADLINES

By now the majority of our Year 13 students will be nearing completion of their Personal Statements and will be starting to focus on completing their online UCAS applications ready to be sent. We would like the majority of our students to have sent their applications before Christmas and remind them of our deadline which is Monday 18th December 2023. We understand that not all students will be ready by our deadline date but hope to have as many sent off as possible. The official UCAS Deadline is 31st January 2024, we would need students to have completed and sent to us at the school no later than 24th January 2024 to ensure we have time to check and add grades and references.

If you are not applying to University and would like a careers interview/careers advice then please email post16@brookvalegroby.com and we will be able to assist you.

If you need any help with your applications then please speak to your tutor or a member of the Post 16 Team.

ATTENDANCE

As you will be aware we have sent out letters to all students and parents regarding student attendance. Attendance is an extremely important part of A level study and studies have shown the importance of excellent attendance and overall outcomes.

When the outcomes from students of equal 'ability' are compared – those with attendance of over 95% perform greater than one grade higher per subject at A Level than those with attendance below 85%

One week's holiday/absence/illness per year during term time = a 3% fall in attendance.

We want to keep students and parents up to date with their attendance percentages and will continue to send out letters each term. Should your attendance decline, the Post 16 Team will meet with you to discuss ways in which we can support you to increase your attendance to school to ensure you achieve the grades you deserve.

Our attendance policy can be found on our website [Attendance Policy](#) or in the student handbook. Should you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us post16@brookvalegroby.com

PERFORMING ARTS AFTER GCSE!

As the decision of A Level subject choices are arising for the Year 11s, here is an insight of the **Performing Arts BTEC course**, and why it might be the right choice for you!

- This course is practical based and puts singing, acting and dancing to the forefront of learning.
- You can focus on your own strengths and weaknesses and how you can develop these to become a stronger performer.
- You will be involved in all aspects of theatre production from acting to directing to stage and costume design.
- Assessments are a combination of practical assessment, written exam and course work.
- This BTEC teaches you how to be part of a team, and contribute toward an amazing show that you have developed every aspect of!

This year the Post 16 performing arts students are performing High School Musical, with Year 10 and 11 students also involved. Get your tickets here: <https://brookvalegroby.com/productions/>

Article written by Year 12 student Heather Gillibrand.



READING PARTNERS

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We have a weekly rota this term of Post 16 and Community Volunteer Reading Partners, who take time to support some of our Year 8 & 9 students to develop their reading skills.

This activity takes place in the safe and comfortable environment of the campus Library, where the students either pick a book from our great selection, or bring their own.



This activity helps these pupils learn greater skills in literature and language, and develops their communication and confidence, through the encouragement of reading and guidance we hope to push the students to their full potential.

This activity is used as part of the 'Enrichment Awards' for Post 16 students, and helps us continue into further education with new strengths and knowledge in different fields.

Written by Year 12 student
Heather Gillibrand.



POST 16 WORKSHOP WITH THE BRITISH RED CROSS

On Wednesday 1st November, all Post 16 students attended a workshop with The British Red Cross, focussing on problem solving, resilience, and global issues.



It gave an interesting perspective on our local and national community and offered a unique insight into what amazing work The British Red Cross does around the globe.



This article was written, and photos were taken by Year 12 student Heather Gillibrand.

BGLC YEAR 11 CAREERS EVENING

5th October 2023

The Annual Careers Evening for Year 11 students and their families was held on October 5th, and was a huge success. The event was attended by public service providers such as the NHS, Police, Fire Service, and local educational providers, who made the event even more valuable. Our Careers Consultant; Mrs Dawson, gave a comprehensive presentation on apprenticeships and using the Positive Steps @16 system, which was both informative and engaging.

Representatives from various industries were present providing information and answered any questions from students and their families about different career paths. The event was an excellent way for students to network with industry professionals, and learn about the various opportunities available to them.

We are grateful to everyone who attended and made it a successful evening. We hope the students and their families found the event helpful and informative in their career planning. The event provided students with valuable information on different career paths, and it was great to see so many students engaged and interested in the different pathways available to them.

Overall, the Annual Careers Evening was a great success, and we believe that events like this are crucial for students to make informed decisions about their future. We look forward to hosting more events like this in the future.

Ben Hawthorne - Careers Advisor



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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 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/carers of the child, and the situation and concerns will not be a surprise to them. 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

BGLC DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS (DSLs)

For more useful safeguarding information, resources and guides for Parents/Carers please visit our webpage:

<https://brookvalegroby.com/safeguarding-useful-guides-for-parents/>

Safeguarding			
Our first priority is that ALL students feel safe and happy in our campus. If you do not feel safe or you are worried about someone else, you must speak to an adult you trust.			
The staff below on our campus are responsible for student safeguarding in school. Please speak with them if you have any concerns.			
Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)			
Lead DSL Greg Godwin Senior Deputy Headteacher		 Will Teece Headteacher	
 Carol Hubbard Deputy Headteacher	 Chris Bugh Assistant Headteacher	 Taz Johal Assistant Headteacher	 Vicki Varney Assistant Headteacher
 Tina Rummung Senior Pastoral Leader	 Donna Bee Head of Year 11	 Jayne Jordan Head of Year 10	 Jo Clarke Head of Year 9
 Lucy Driver Alternative Provision Co-ordinator	 Michelle Tointon SENDCO	 Michelle Richardson Lead Tutor	 Adam Goodger Lead P16 Tutor
 Michelle Cheadle Head of P16	 Beth Rummung Lifeskills Subject Leader	 Elaine Freeman PA to SLT	 Debbie Phipps PA to SLT
Mr Godwin - Lead DSL All other staff shown are Deputy DSLs LCC - LADO: 0116 3054141 (Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm) Leicestershire First Response Children's Duty Team: 0116 3050005 (Out of hours)			

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it's needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

Defined as "ongoing harmful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms - such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile, deliberately leaving them out of group chats, sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone, or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

- 1. GET CONNECTED**
Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (especially their 'real' one) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online - no one child is communicating with in the digital world.
- 2. KEEP TALKING**
Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. If you do want to revisit these things, it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and with parents who should always remain secret (even from their friends).
- 3. STAY VIGILANT**
Observe your child while they're using technology and just offer them a hand if they're acting normally, or out of character. Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, being defensive, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you find it's the case, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.
- 4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE**
Online bullying incidents don't occur, it may take a while before what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems - and that you might be able to help. Trusted family members they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.
- 5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN**
When conversations about online bullying do take place, they may be difficult for both you and your child. Acknowledge your child's feelings while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any signs of anger or frustration. If they haven't dealt with the situation, in exactly the way you would have hoped.
- 6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD**
Depending on their age, your child might not want to report 'lightning bolt' incidents, or social media platform or online game. It's important to give them options with them (locking the profile, deleting the app, and so on), so as to help your child to choose the path they take, you're demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.
- 7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE**
Cyber-bullying often takes place through a specific app, social media platform or online game. Encourage them to report the offender to the app or game's support team. Encourage them to support their complaint. Most platforms and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.
- 8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY**
Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they see someone else being bullied. Even if they don't feel confident enough to tell someone out on their own behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.
- 9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE**
Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of self-doubt and powerlessness, even if the bullying is not serious. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek professional support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.
- 10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES**
If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect an imminent physical danger or if the bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek professional support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE
If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to:
Children: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 111 or online at www.children.org.uk/get-support
National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5787 or by dialling www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyber-bullying.html
The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-to-do-if-your-child-is-bullied/ and can be reached on 0800 800 8000

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Matthews is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and online safety policies for schools. She has written several academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government concerning internet-based sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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STOP BULLYING *See it, say it, stop it!*

Bullying is: "repeated unkind behaviour by one person or a group"

What should **YOU** do?

- ✓ Report the issue to a trusted adult (teacher, tutor, support staff, parent)
- ✓ Use the online Google Form on the school website (student tab)
- ✓ Email pastoral team

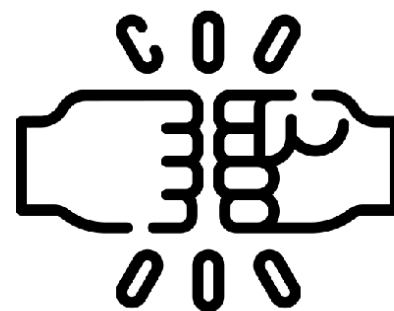
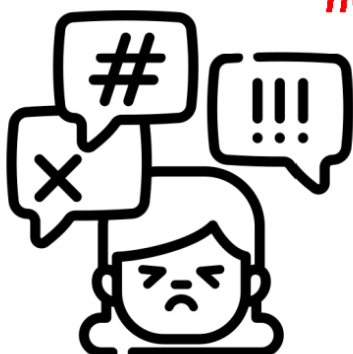
Staff that can help you:

Mrs Goddard	Anti Bullying Coordinator	E: rgoddard@brookvalegroby.com
Mrs Rumming	Head of Pastoral	E: trumming@brookvalegroby.com
Mrs Rumming	Head of Year 7	E: trumming@brookvalegroby.com
Mrs Driver	Head of Year 8	E: ldriver@brookvalegroby.com
Mrs Clarke	Head of Year 9	E: jclarke@brookvalegroby.com
Mrs Jordan	Head of Year 10	E: jjordan@brookvalegroby.com
Mrs Bee	Head of Year 11	E: dbee@brookvalegroby.com
Mrs Smith	P16 Support Officer	E: gsmith@brookvalegroby.com

What will **WE** do?

- ✓ Support the victim (not just on the day but in the following weeks)
- ✓ Investigate the issue (take statements, talk to witnesses)
- ✓ Sanction the perpetrators (Detentions, exclusions, report to the police)
- ✓ Work with the perpetrators to ensure this behaviour does not continue

You may not see the consequences of reporting it, but that does not mean it has not been dealt with.



YEAR 9 STUDENTS - BEBRAS UK COMPETITION

On Thursday 16th November, Year 9 students took part in the Bebras UK competition, arranged by the Oxford University. This was a computer based problem solving competition, which really challenged their cognitive skills. Well done to all who took part. The next round is in January 2024!



ENGLISH TEACHER INTERVIEWS - BY YEAR 12 STUDENT HEATHER GILLIBRAND

In the past weeks, multiple teachers from the English department have been interviewed on their experiences in education, by myself; Heather Gillibrand.

Here are Mrs Jones and Mr Male's:

Heather Gillibrand



MRS JONES

Mrs Jones said if she wasn't a teacher she would be a cafe owner specialising in nice cakes and cocktails - called "Caketails"! When asked if she enjoyed school, her answer was - yes and no. Whilst enjoying being with friends and learning, the experience was challenging. This affected her choice in career and made her want to be a positive role model for students!



MR MALE

Mr Male was an avid record/vinyl collector as a teenager and enjoyed gaming and socialising when he was in school, but continuously searched for more challenging work. He became a teacher because of his influential English teacher, and his ambition to reach his potential.



ENGLISH

'STUDENT OF THE MONTH'

This month in English we have given 'Student of the Month', certificates to 94 students with 10 of them receiving a gift as well for their outstanding work in either their classwork or their attitude to learning.

Well done to all students who were nominated by staff this month, and an extra well done to 7R4, who ALL received a certificate - You're obviously working brilliantly!

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

Student of the Month – November '23
Congratulations to all our chosen students this month – 95 in total!

Year 7	Cohen Trinder	All of 7R4	Riley Morris
Joni Butler	Hava Chana	Alice Tunncliffe	Isla Patel
Lola Platt	Joaraj Sangha	Demina Chavda	Mylo Alonso
Anaya Iad	Samuel Boyle	Isabella Gibbs	Arjen Rajput
Ethan Harris	Sapphire Biggs	Eliza Riaz	
Isabella Neal			

Year 8	Lucy Georgiades	Peyton Brown	Rhiannon Grudings	Zoe Luwe
Fintley Riddlesworth	Grace Jewkes	Harry Swain	Maximus Palmer	
Charlotte Newitt	Elijah Patel	Max Rogers	Sai-Zane Chavda	
Che Jones	Summer Shepherd	Esme Martin	Amelia Silver	
Joshua Bolton	Ruben Bruen			

Year 9	Sienna Taylor	Esme Mackay	Joshua Hampton
Amy Lennox	Harry Smith	Levi Thompson	Sophie Prince
Griff Long	Ekampreet Sangha	Michael Walters	

Year 10	Freya Garrett	Connor Boyd	Lola Hollingworth	Aditi Patel
Eva Blades	Sophie Canham			

Year 11	Maisie Pitcher	Rosie Fowler	Harry Thurlow	Jess Hunt
Daisy Richardson	Evan Wingham	Chessa Willcock	Iris Clarke	
Jess Sale	Izza Akhtar	Claran Dorn	Reece Delves	
Orges Hajdini	Euan Hewitt	Jacob Auton-Taylor		

Year 12/13	Sophie Human

Students who received an outstanding certificate and a prize

Year 7	Igor Obraczka	Riley Morris	Anaya Lad
Year 8	Amelia Silver	Charlotte Newitt	Maximus Palmer
Year 10	Noah Clark	Kairo Piper	Connor Boyd
Year 12	Sophie Human		

CONGRATULATIONS FROM ALL THE STAFF IN ENGLISH.



Class 7R4



CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL

On Wednesday 15th November students from years 9, 10 and 11 enjoyed a bone-chilling play adaptation of A Christmas Carol. This Dickens classic is a GCSE core text and the Victorian words, as well as the ghost of Jacob Marley, really came alive before our very eyes. The stage was initially set with Scrooge's filing cabinets at his counting house, with chains hanging from the ceiling to create the ominous tone that something supernatural was about to happen. After the initial shock of the phantoms arriving on stage, the play was suitably merry with carols being sung, Fezziwig hosting his ball, the Cratchits enjoying their "meagre feast", and a huge decorated tree appearing at the end. We hope all that attended had a wonderful time - everyone!

Mrs Jones, Mrs Hardy, Mrs Lovell and Miss Brook



READING PLUS

After a successful trial with some of our wonderful KS3 students, Reading Plus has now been rolled out to all Year 7, 8 and 9 students in English. Each week, students will have the opportunity to log-on to our new Chromebooks and read their choice of text from a variety of genres that interest them. This lesson helps to motivate our students to become independent and confident readers by introducing new vocabulary and helping them read with developed fluency. Please encourage your child to engage with the programme as part of our 20 minutes of daily reading at home. They are asked to complete 4 reading texts and 1 vocabulary lesson per week to make the best progress in their reading levels. Over the course of the year, we will be using Reading Plus as assessment points to help monitor students' reading progress and develop their individual reading skills from *Close Reading* to *Reasoning and Rhetoric*.

To find out more, visit the Reading Plus website: [Home Use: For parents and pupils Archives | Reading Solutions](#) or contact Mrs Jones or your child's English teacher.

Our top 10 readers by reading lessons completed are:

- Katie Cervjakova
- Anaya Lad
- Heidi Ross
- Mia-Rose Tinson
- Isabella Neal
- Jasraaj Sangha
- Honey Maynard
- Demira Chavda
- Flo Hill
- Madison Joyce-Jones

Congratulations!

Mrs Jones,
Assistant English Faculty Leader for KS3



HAPPY DIWALI!

BGLC celebrated Diwali by having themed assemblies week commencing 6th November 2023. A big thank you to Indy and [#CHCC Official](#) who helped get our Diwali themed assemblies off to a great start by joining our Year 7's to play the dhol!

[Click here to view the video.](#)

On Monday 13th November 2023, our Catering Team made a chicken curry and a vegetarian option, with naan bread and samosa sides, for our students and staff to enjoy in celebration of Diwali.

[#Diwali2023](#)



YOUNG WRITERS STORY COMPETITION

Think you have a talent for creative writing?

Can you write a Gothic tale set to chill the bones of your audience?

If so, then why not enter the Young Writers story competition.

This competition is open to all 11-18 year olds. You could be inspired by a real place that is rumoured to be haunted, choose a supernatural being to be the star of your story or even be a ghost hunter telling us of their experiences.

FROM CREEPY TALES,
URBAN LEGENDS AND
SUPERNATURAL
SPINE-CHILLERS... WHAT
LURKS IN YOUR
IMAGINATION?

Use atmosphere, tension and suspense to create your own hair-raising tale, then enter it & you could be published in a real book!

There is 250-word limit, prizes up for grabs and it's free to enter, get involved today! Talk to your English teacher about how to enter, or visit the following link for further details:

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS3-5/ghost-stories-12plus>

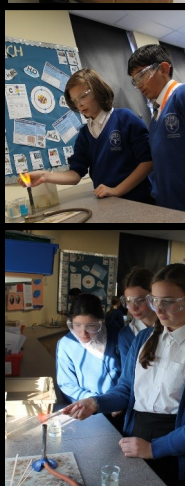
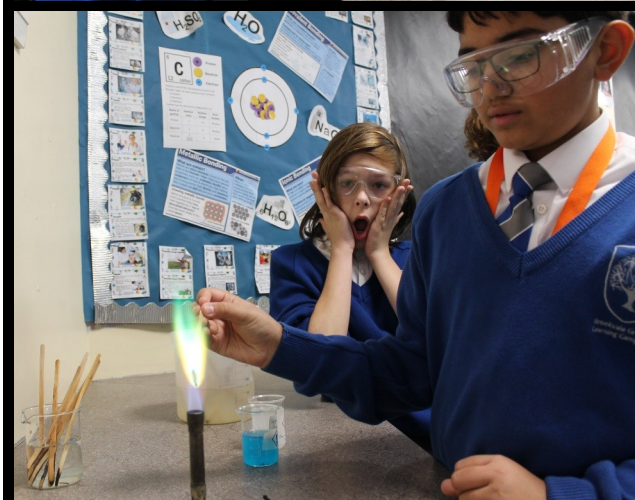
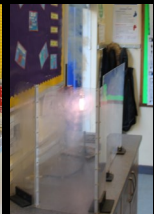




KS3 LUNCHTIME SCIENCE CLUB

At Tuesday 7th November's KS3 lunchtime Science Club, students experimented with different elements flame colours. Ms Gajjar finished the session with 'Screaming Jelly Babies!'

#BGLC_Science



HALLOWEEN THEMED SCIENCE CLUB!

On Tuesday 31st October, KS3 Science lunch club made; Witches Brew, Jumping Ghosts and Tea Bag Ghosts! They were also treated to a display of a pumpkin filled with dry ice!

Check out their 'Thriller Arms' below!

#BGLC_Science



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

In recognition of Year 7s making a brilliant start to life at BGLC, they were all awarded with a treat at the end of last lesson on Tuesday 31st October.

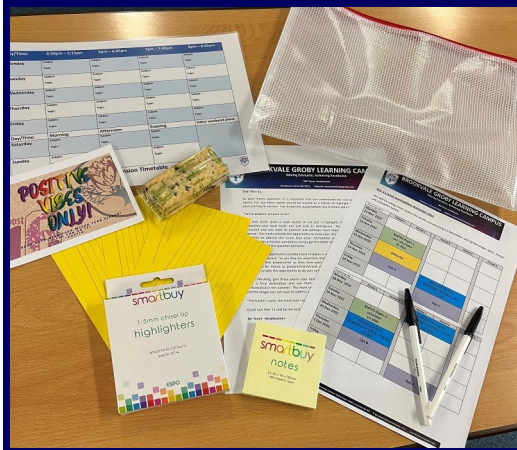
#WorkHardBeKind





**SPOOKY TREATS
WERE ALSO
AVAILABLE TO BUY
AT LUNCHTIME,
FROM OUR
FABULOUS
CATERING TEAM!**





YEAR 11 REVISION PACKS

Good luck to our Year 11 & Year 13 students who begin their mock exams week commencing 20th November.

All Year 11 students received 'exam preparation packs' on Wednesday 15th November, to support with mock exam preparations. We hope they will prove to be a valuable resource for these two weeks and beyond.



CHILDREN IN NEED 2023

Friday 17th November was Children in Need.

To raise money for this worthwhile cause, we gave students the opportunity to come to school in non-uniform on the day!

Ms Hawke and Mrs Goodger got right into the spirit of the day, by wearing fancy dress, and others wore the Pudsey Bear t-shirts!



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED - the grand total raised was £752!
AMAZING!



YEAR 9 SOPHIE PRINCE - SINGATHON!!!! FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

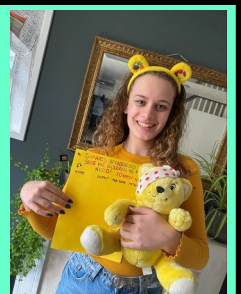
Congratulations to Sophie Prince who held a 10 hour SINGATHON on Sunday 19th November, to raise money for Children In Need 2023! She still has some sponsors to collect from, but it's looking like she's going to hit

£200!

Sophie's family, are so very proud of her, and had so much fun doing video's & 'Facebook Lives' throughout the day with requests pouring in for donations.

WELL DONE Sophie!

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MOVEMBER

'Healthy Men, Healthy World' is the theme of this years Movember movement.

Millions of men around the world take part in this charity event to raise money for mens' mental health, testicular cancer and prostate cancer by growing their moustache. PE teacher Mr Leonard, is a patron in taking part in this event, and this year more students have got involved too.



To donate to JJ Gillibrand's team:

<https://uk.movember.com/donate/details?memberId=15003050>

To donate to Mr Leonard's team:

https://uk.movember.com/team/2389830?utm_medium=app&utm_source=ios&utm_campaign=share-team

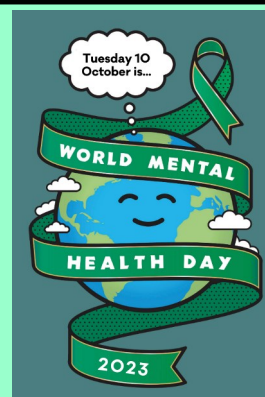
Written by Year 12 student Heather Gillibrand.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Mrs Vicki Varney is the Senior Mental Health Lead for the campus. Mrs Varney is responsible for overseeing, planning, evaluating and implementing a school-wide strategy to support the mental health of all pupils (and staff).

Each newsletter will have a section for mental health and wellbeing, sharing the latest news, strategies, and tips to support mental health.

See our Mental Health Day celebrations on the next page.



POSITIVITY AMBASSADORS

A group of Year 8 girls are now trained as positive ambassadors. The students participated in a wellbeing course for 8 weeks with the goal of improving the mental health of young people, improving self-esteem and confidence. Half of the session involved a discussion on different mental health topics, followed by fitness activities like yoga. The sessions followed the NHS 5 steps to Mental Health Wellbeing, these steps include:

1. **Connect:** Building and maintaining positive relationships.
2. **Be Active:** Incorporating physical activity into daily routines.
3. **Take Notice:** Being mindful of the present moment.
4. **Keep Learning:** Engaging in continuous learning and personal development.
5. **Give:** Contributing to the community and supporting others.

The students are planning to use their new ambassador status to support the wellbeing of other students on campus and we wanted to say well done!

WELLBEING WALKS

This month we've come across local wellbeing walks at Bradgate Park. These could be beneficial for the adults you know who might benefit from getting out and about, learning more about the park, and improving fitness:

<https://www.bradgatepark.org/wellbeing-walks>



#HelloYellow

World Mental Health Day 10th October 2023

BGLC staff wore yellow on World Mental Health Day! Students, Parents/Carers and staff donated money too, to show young people that **WE ARE WITH THEM**, that young people deserve to get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

This year's #HelloYellow theme is to 'stand out and show up for young people's mental health'.

BGLC WERE IN!

£91.42 RAISED!





YouHQ

We're excited to announce that we are about to launch of a new app called *youHQ*:

<https://www.youhq.co.uk/>

youhq
by LIFE ON TIME

We believe that mental health is a vital aspect of overall wellbeing, and we want to provide a platform that empowers students to take proactive steps in caring for their mental health.

YouHQ is a safe space where support, resources, and community come together to promote a healthier mind.

We will soon be sending students their login details. The app allows our Designated Safeguarding Leaders with mental health wellbeing, so that early help can be provided.

youHQ is a multi-functioning wellbeing and personal development tool which enable schools to:

- Accurately assess whole school wellbeing and highlight students who may need more support, through validated built-in surveys and YouHQ FOCUS feature
- Teach students the skills to enhance personal development and wellbeing 24/7 with our catalogue of resources
- Facilitate and improve teacher-to-student relationships
- Report wellbeing-related safeguarding concerns
- Improve parent-school relationships through our snapshot termly reports.

'TALK THE TALK'

Brookvale Groby Learning Campus was thrilled to, once again, be the host of the 'Talk the Talk' event, which involves pupils from our local Primary Schools. Wonderfully compered by two of our Year 9 students - Harry Smith and Luka Frosch, pictured here - the pupils, chosen from their respective Primary Schools, talked to an engrossed audience for 2 or 3 minutes each, on a topic of their own choice.

'Talk the Talk' has always been a delightful evening, bringing pupils and parents/carers together from the local area, and helping children develop both their confidence and presenting skills.

Well done to all involved, and here's to another highly successful 'Talk the Talk' evening next year.



DEMONSTRATING 'GOOD ROUTINES' IN ASSEMBLY

Three of our Year 8 students supported Ms Gajjar in assembly, demonstrating the difference between an 'organised' and 'disorganised' routine, before and after school. Students loved the visual representation and advice on building good routines.



***** CAMPUS CHRISTMAS DINNER WEEK *****

Monday 11th - Friday 15th December 2023

Two courses are £3.50 for students:

- Roast turkey, stuffing, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, mash potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy.
(Gluten free option available too).

Vegetarian option; Cheesy courgette burger with all the trimmings.

Homemade yuletide brownie or Auntie Dot's Christmas pudding
both served with either vanilla sauce or custard.



MACMILLAN BAKE SALE

Year 13 students Abbie Palmer and Maddy Dunn organised and hosted a Macmillan Bake sale in the Campus Library on Monday 25th September, for both staff and students.

They raised a total of £70 with online and cash donations.

WELL DONE GIRLS!



ACADEMIC YEAR AUTUMN & SPRING TERMS:



AUTUMN TERM (76 school days)

August Bank Holiday	Monday 28 August 2023
Open	Thursday 31 August 2023
Mid-Term Break	Monday 16 to Friday 20 October 2023
Training Day	Friday 8 December 2023 (Campus closed)
Close	Friday 22 December 2023

SPRING TERM (50 school days)

Open	Monday 8 January 2024
Mid-Term Break	Monday 19 to Friday 23 February 2024
Close	Friday 22 March 2024

The BGLC Tutor Time Reading Journey



LAST DAY OF TERM: Friday 22nd December 2023

As usual on the last day of term, students will finish at **1.00pm**, when our school buses will take students home as normal. Lunches will not be served on this day. **We expect ALL students to attend school on the final day.**

Languages – Reading Canon



Here at Brookvale Groby, we know the value of reading for pleasure. We know how important practising reading is – even once you think you know how.

In Languages, it would be really hard to give you a list of "classic literature" as this would be too difficult to read and so we have found some really interesting and accessible books, short stories and graphic novels which we hope will inspire you to read further! By reading in a foreign language, you will see the world from a different perspective; see new vocabulary and immerse yourself in the cultures of the country.

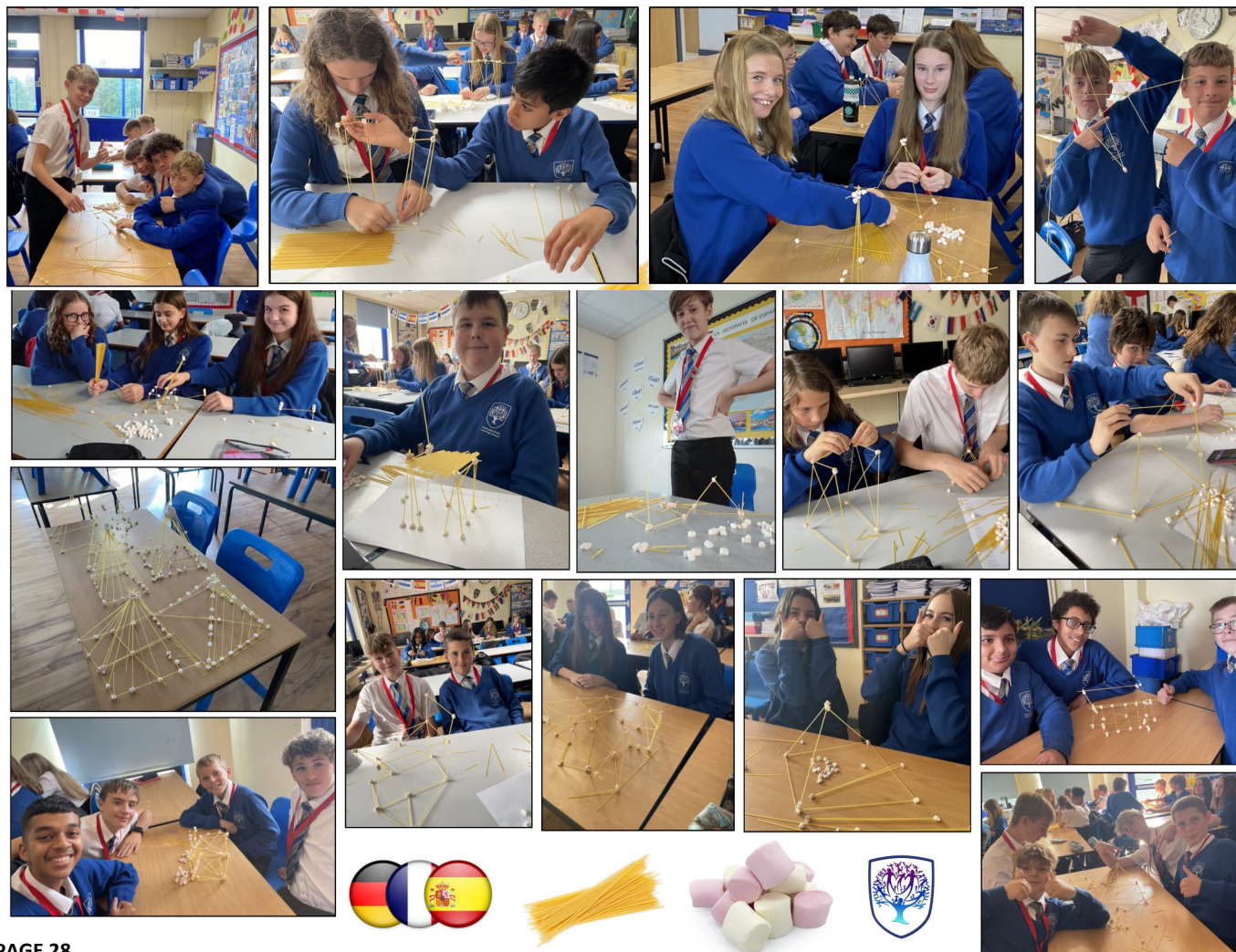
You can now find the full set of books in the school library – come and have a look!





<https://brookvalegroby.com/mfl-reading-canon/>

Construction Challenge in Languages

During their first topic in year 9, students have been learning about famous landmarks in the country of the language they study. In a recent lesson, they were set the challenge to recreate some of the buildings they had seen using only spaghetti and mini marshmallows – a very difficult task, which required a lot of team work! Students did very well and produced some amazing "buildings"!



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

	French 	German 	Spanish 
Year 7	Isla Shipman Jasraaj Sangha	Maida Norton-Platts Jaden Mzondiwa Dakota Cox	Ella Jennings Cohen Trinder Amatullah Esmail
Year 8	Amelia-May Silver Harry Coupland Noah Cockerill Tara Mackness Heidi Woodward	Ciara Lange-Tresoldi Esmee Martin Theo Shaw Ava Cook	Ciara Lange-Tresoldi Annie Unwin
Year 9	Lily Pyatt Jayden Sleath Anaise Thatham-Walsh Anvi Kanwar	Dylan Lees Zhakya Thatham-Walsh Alfie Lewis Jay Sidhu	Emilia Cook Ryan Symmonds-Fryer Drew Mistry
Year 10	Louie Sharpe	Connor Boyd Lola Hollingworth	Nadia Chomiuk Sebastian Quincey
Year 11	Izza Ahktar William Watts	Fin Duffy Kian Randerwala	Jasmine Patel Piper Burford

MFL
 Star of the Month



MFL 'STARS OF THE MONTH'

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

#BGLC_MFL



MFL

Star of the Month



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

	French 	German 	Spanish 
Year 7	Eden Cluer Mylo Alonzo Carter Gawish	Jackson Cank Kian Ajmeria Bella Gibbs	Poppy Darby Lucas Machin Ivy McDonald James Gillis
Year 8	Josh Bristow Lili Corkill Lexie Anderson Maximus Palmer	Jake Jordan Cooper Harrison Jamie Hunt Jacob Baratt	Sienna Walker Harlow Fisher Keira Newton
Year 9	Georgia Hope Jake Frain Gracie Morris Lyla Jennings	Jay Heard Daisy Thorpe Lilian Martin Banniko Loizou	Emilia Cook Red Parker-Jordan Luka Frosch Sophie Prince
Year 10	Darcy Cooper	Annie Causer George Coupland	Hope Mwenya Evie Clayton
Year 11	Imogen Brown Jozef Snart	Niraj Patel Harriet Smith	Eleanor Osman Max Jones





BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS



YEAR 6 TRANSITION EVENT EVENING

78 Year 6 students from 6 local Primary Schools attended BGLC Transition Event on

Tuesday 14th November 2023

All events took place from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.

Students came along and met our wonderful staff and experience our exciting curriculum.

There will be another opportunity to attend in January, which will be advertised on our website:

<https://brookvalegroby.com/vip-year-6/>

** Please note attendance at such events does not secure a school place.
The admissions process is led by the Local Authority and not the school.*

YEAR 6 SCIENCE



YEAR 6 LANGUAGES

These students also did a
DANCE video too!

Click [HERE](#) to view their
Christmas dance!

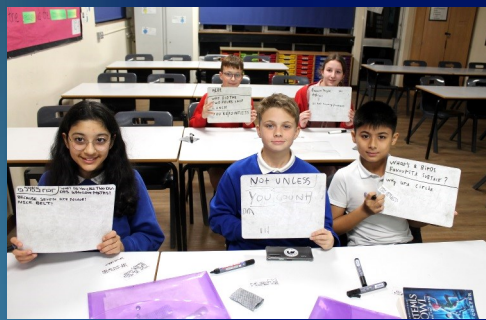
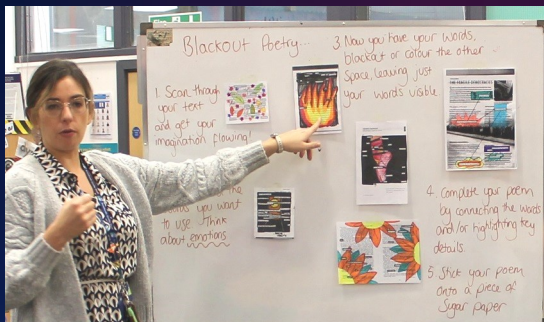
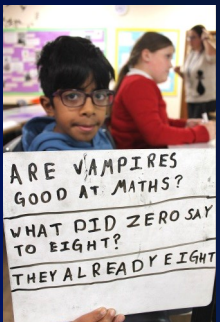


YEAR 6 PERFORMING ARTS

YEAR 6 PHYSICAL EDUCATION



YEAR 6 MATHS



YEAR 6 PASTORAL CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



@DENNIS.N.FRIENDS

On Thursday 5th October, Year 13 student Emily Whitlam was awarded a special commendation at the Leicestershire & Rutland Heritage Awards for her Dennis & Friends book.

A delightfully illustrated children's storybook by Trust member Emily Whitlam, featuring the Trust's popular Dennis 'N Friends characters. Dennis goes on a big adventure, revisiting Leicester City Centre to see how the streets have changed since he was in service!

WELL DONE EMILY!

Follow Dennis and his friends on Instagram and keep up to date with all his adventures @Dennis.n.friends



YEAR 8 MEXICAN FOLK ART - AMAZING!

Check out class 8ZB skull paintings, as part of their Mexican Folk Art project work - WELL DONE!



#BGLC_ADT RESISTANT MATERIALS

YEAR 8 GUMBALL MACHINE PROJECT

Look at these fabulous gumball machines made by our Year 8 students using recycled wood.



YEAR 12 3D DESIGN - METAL WORK LESSON

On Wednesday 8th November Year 12 3D Design students had a great lesson, with Miss Popper teaching them metal work. Students learnt a lot about the properties of various metals, the names of the equipment, and how to manipulate metal using different methods.



TEXTILES - CUSHION COVERS

Year 8 students with their FABULOUS cushion covers made in their Textiles lessons! WELL DONE!



FOOD - COTTAGE PIE MAKING!

Year 8 students with their MOUTH WATERING Cottage Pies made in their food lesson! WELL DONE!



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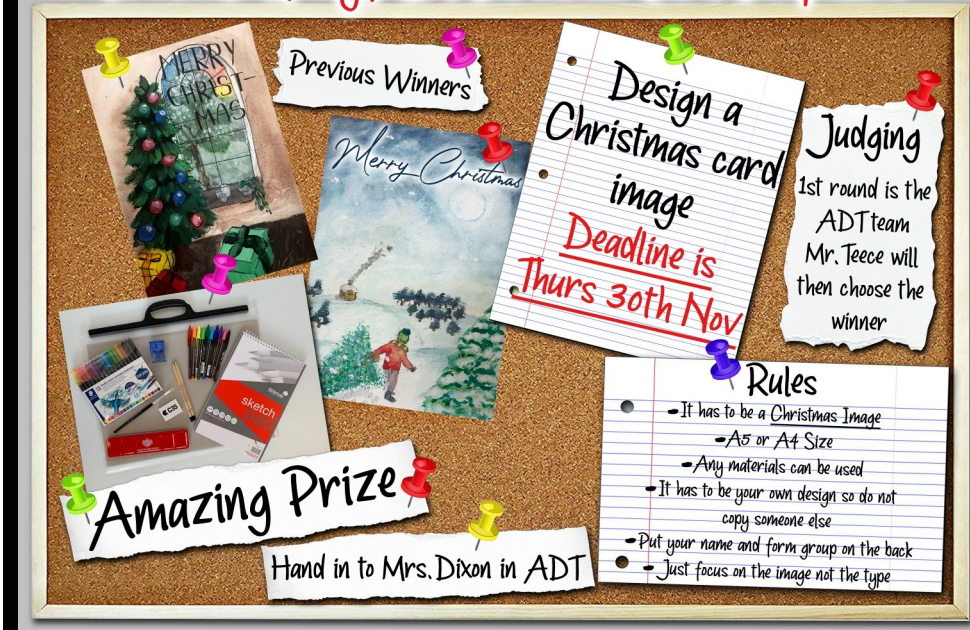
Brookvale Groby ADT Christmas Card Competition

BGLC ADT CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION:

**Deadline Thursday 30th
November 2023**

Reminder to all students to enter
our **Christmas Card Competition!**,
the deadline is Thursday
30th November'

- see the poster, pictured left, for
more information. [#BGLC_ADT](#)



ASDAN BAKING CHALLENGE

Mrs Hunters 10B Flex group baked cakes on
Thursday 16th November. Students' completed
two of their ASDAN challenges to bake and
decorate a cake, and celebrate a religious festival.
Our theme was Christmas.



★ BCI Heroes - September 2023 ★

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

George Coupland

You have made a very good start to Computer Science. You push yourself with challenging work. Keep going like this and you will do really well.

Berka Tezock

You have made an excellent start to the Business course. You have made fabulous contributions in lessons, a pleasure to have in the classroom. Keep up the good work.

Ava Watts

You have made an excellent start on the GCSE Business course. Your note taking is fabulous and you should be proud of the start you have made. Keep up the good work :)

Matthew Vaughan

A fantastic standard of independent work. You always push yourself to give fully extended responses!

William Sparrow

You created some excellent python code over the half term. Keep up this independence and it will take you far. Well done.

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

★ BCI Heroes - October 2023 ★

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

Heather Banner

Consistent hard work in IT lessons and an excellent first assessment. Also a huge thank you for all of your extra-curricular work that you do for others!

Berka Tezock

You have made an excellent start to the Business course. You have made fabulous contributions in lessons, a pleasure to have in the classroom. Keep up the good work.

Daniel Hirst

You have made an excellent start with your programming Dan. Well done and keep up the good work.

Jessica Hull

You have made an excellent start to GCSE Business and your work in your learning booklet is exemplary - well done and keep up the good work as it is greatly appreciated and will stand you in good stead for the exams.

Keaton Taylor-Mclean

You have been exceptional in the support and contribution that you have given to the BCI department during the open days - thank you!

William Sparrow

You created some excellent python code over the half term. Keep up this independence and it will take you far. Well done.

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Year 10 Kyle Patel's visit to **NEPAL**

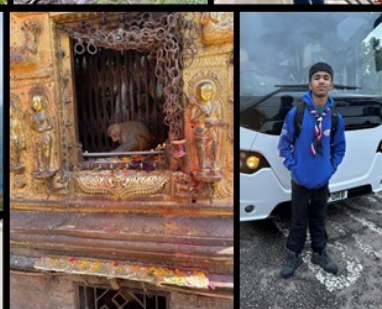
Over the October half term break, Year 10 student Kyle Patel visited Nepal with fellow Scouts and explorers. Kyle fundraised for this trip and also for a charity called '**Classrooms in the Clouds Nepal**'.

The trip duration was 12 days, 6 of which were trekking, where the total miles walked was 46.3 miles and the total height gained was 14,042 feet! Everyone was amazing and never gave up! One of the days they had a massive storm and during the night they had no power - it was pitch dark, with lightning strikes over the mountains. Kyle said that this was the worst day and night, as it was very cold in general, and even more so the higher they went up. Otherwise, he loved this adventure, meeting all the village children, having the best time of his life, and making memories to last a lifetime. Here are some of Kyle's wonderful photos.

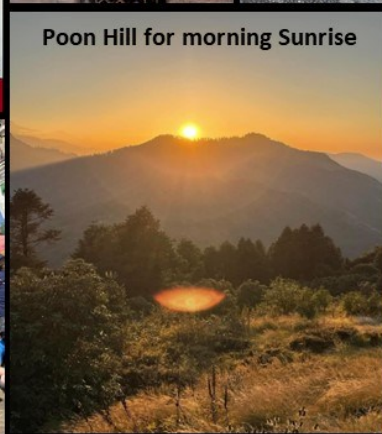
WELL DONE KYLE!



44 Scouts and Explorers and 12 leaders!



Poon Hill for morning Sunrise



The mountain in the background is Dhaulagiri, which is higher than Annapurna, and is the 7th highest in the world at 8,167m. Annapurna is 10th at 8,091m. Kyle saw both of these, as well as the Macchapuchre, known as "fishtail" which is just under 7,000m high!

#BGLC_ADT Year 7
Animal influenced Artwork by
Donna Sharam
COLOURFUL & CREATIVE!




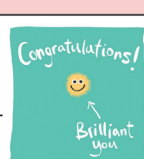
#BGLC_ADT Year 8

Mexican Folk Art

AMAZING WORK!



Humanities **Sept-Oct** Half Term Stars

	Geography	History	CaRE				
Year 7	Amelia Hill Alex Gamble	Ebony Humphries Kian Ajmeria	Ami Esmail Lola Platt				
Year 8	Sophie Thurlow Harry Swain	Amelia Farr Joel Wanless	Tara Mackness Hugo Reid				
Year 9	Josh Pryor Georgia Hope	Lizzie Bramley Grace Bee	Daisy Steiner Red Parker - Jordan				
Year 10	Nadia Chomiuk Camran Sandhu	Sophie Canham J'Jai Suwali	Freya Garrett				
Year 11	Rosie Fowler Leo Garbett	Eden Walker Reece Delves	Iris Clark	Izza Akhtar	Psychology	Sociology	Criminology
Year 12	Harvey Gupta	Alfie Morris		Kyle Solanki Kerry Stretton	Leah Strachan Casey Price	Evie Flowers O'hare Amelie Smith	Owen Davies Reece Grindley
Year 13	Emily Whitlam	Florence Bishop		Katie Leigh Macdougall	Louisa Tarbuck Ben Hooper	Sophie Barclay	

OPEN MIC NIGHT

#BGLC_PA

On 1st November we hosted our Open Mic night. This was a chance for any student to get the opportunity to perform to an audience. We had 21 acts over the course of two halves, with students from every year group singing, dancing and playing instruments. It was a fantastic evening and the students really did us proud, showing lots of ambition and resilience.



PRELOVED UNIFORM

Reception will happily accept donations of outgrown uniform to loan to students. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**



FREE SANITARY PRODUCTS FOR STUDENTS

We also have a large amount of sanitary pads available for students*, which were supplied to the school by the government:

Period product scheme for schools and in England

We are delighted to continue this scheme which will provide access to free period products in schools and colleges in England.

This scheme will ensure that period products are available to young people if they need them, when they need them. This will include supporting those who have started their period unexpectedly, forgotten to bring products with them and those who can't afford to buy them.

* Please visit Reception for supplies



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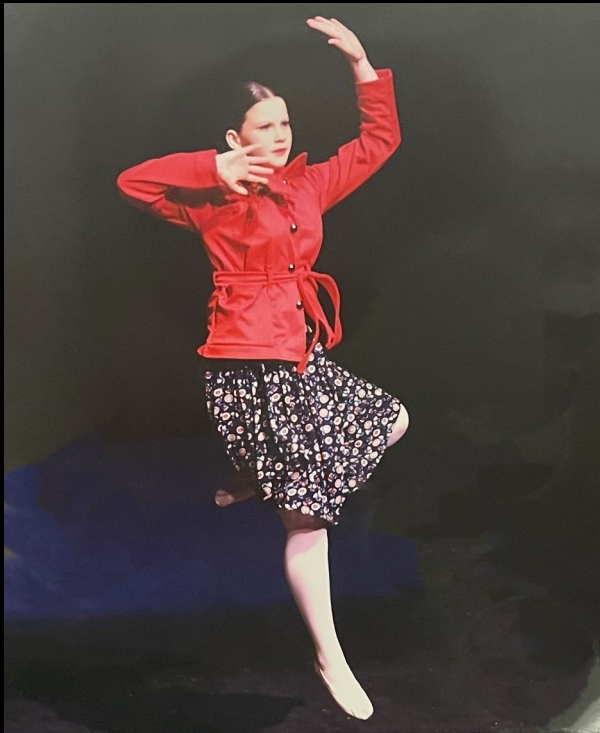


ARABELLA MEHTA'S DANCE SUCCESS!

Year 8 student Arabella Mehta competed in the **West Midlands dance festival**, 28th October to the 31st October. It was her first ever dance festival, so we are incredibly proud that she has **qualified for Nationals with her tap solo!**

WELL DONE Arabella!

#BGLC_PA



LILY CORKILL DANCE SUCCESS!

Year 8 student, Lily Corkill competed in the British Theatre Dance Association Championship Finals on the 11th & 12th November.

She did amazingly well and is now the All England Inter Champion in Tap and Character!

Lily will also be performing alongside Sam Bailey and Scott Mills in December in the De Montfort Hall pantomime 'Jack and the bean stalk'.

WELL DONE Lily!

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SOPHIE PRINCE - IN THE WEST END

Year 9 student Sophie Prince performed in London on Sunday 8th October 2023. Sophie auditioned back in August to be part of a special celebration for a production company she has worked with before. She was successful and over the past couple of months has been rehearsing hard. Sophie performed at His Majesty's Theatre in London's West End, as part of Rare Productions 20th Anniversary Celebrations.

What an experience, for her, and all who took part!

WELL DONE Sophie! #BGLC_PA





Eve Dagley (Year 7)



Jenson Weston (Year 7)



Heidi Woodward (Year 8)



Isabella Jenkins (Year 9)

Four of our amazing students from Brookvale Groby Learning Campus are due to perform in

NATIVITY The Musical

at The Little Theatre in November.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL!

#BGLC_PA



YEAR 8 RUBEN BRUEN LEADING ROLE AS 'OLIVER'

Congratulations to Year 8 student Ruben Bruen, who has secured the leading role in the production of 'Oliver' at the Kirby Muxloe Village Hall in January 2024.

WELL DONE Ruben!

#BGLC_PA



PERFORMING ARTS STARS OF THE MONTH

Below are our Performing Arts 'STARS OF THE MONTH', for both September and October.

WELL DONE to all of these amazing students!

STARS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER

Naomi Yates Heather Gillibrand
Dani Cansick Oscar Spriggs
Liv Simmons Arjun Mistry



Noah Phipps
Ollie Fawson



STARS OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER

Harry Duffin JJ Gillibrand
Sophie Canham Niamh Kane
Sophie Prince Harriet Hurst



Emi Jennings
Isla Shipman



EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT

It has been a very busy term in the PE Department, with huge numbers of students attending regular lunchtime and after school clubs and lots of inter-school fixtures taking place.

WELL DONE TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING STUDENTS! #BGLC_PE

Please note, anything scheduled in the Sports Hall won't restart until the mock exams finish at the start of December.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT 2023-24



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH TIME 1:35-2:05pm	POST 16 GYM JLE	HOUSE COMPETITIONS Sports Hall MLO	INDOOR ATHLETICS Sports Hall LWL POST 16 GYM JLE	GCSE PE/CNAT BADMINTON Sports Hall POST 16 GYM (GIRLS ONLY)	POST 16 SPORT DROP IN Sports Hall JLE
AFTER SCHOOL 3:15-4:15pm	STAFF MEETINGS	BASKETBALL Sports Hall MLO	RUGBY Field JLE/MLO BADMINTON Sports Hall MRI	KS4/5 NETBALL Netball Courts AMC/MRI/LWL	STAFF SPORT

These activities will run until the Christmas break after which they will change.
School fixtures will be played on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's.
Check the student bulletin for one-off sessions each week.



YEAR 11'S EXERCISING TO MUSIC

Year 11's were exercising to music, attending several exercise stations - having FUN whilst keeping FIT!

#BGLC_PE





KAIRO PIPER



Congratulations to Year 10 student Kairo Piper who has secured an early scholarship for Burton FC! Kairo was signed in 2017 into the Burton Albion Academy, where he plays in their central attacking midfield.

WELL DONE Kairo!

#BGLC_PE



JENSON PARROTT

Congratulations to Jenson Parrott, who received some amazing news, that he has been selected for trials to be in the England National Squad for Karate. Jenson has also won Gold at the E1 series!

WELL DONE Jenson!

#BGLC_PE

EKF E1-SERIES

1st place Male kumite 12-13 yrs -50kg 🥇👕🥋

YOU DID IT 🎉



YEAR 7 FOOTBALL



The Year 7 boys football team competed in the Hinckley and Bosworth competition, representing the school for the first time, and finished in 2nd place. They played four games, winning three, but a narrow loss in the opening game prevented them from qualifying for the County knock out rounds.

We entered two Year 7 girls teams into the Hinckley and Bosworth competition, the only school to do so, meaning 23 students got a taste of competitive school football at BGLC for the first time. One team made it through to the final, but lost on penalties.

**WELL DONE TO ALL
YEAR 7 TEAMS!**





YEAR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL



The Year 8 boys football team had a decent run in the ESFA National Cup competition. After a 1st round win, we hosted Rushcliffe School in the second round, winning 6-2. Vinny Newby scored a hat trick with Jamie Hunt adding two goals and Joe Drury one. This took us into a 3rd round tie away at Cedar's Academy, which we lost narrowly 2-1. The team are still in the County Cup though after Mrs Wiles took them to the Hinckley and Bosworth tournament, which we won, leading to a final against Hastings. A convincing 5-1 win thanks to goals from Vinny Newby (2), Xavier Finnigan (2) and Sam Harrison, which takes us into the main draw knock-outs.

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YEAR 8/9 GIRLS FOOTBALL



The Year 8/9 girls football team also had a good run in the ESFA National Cup competition. Two huge wins in the first two rounds against schools from the Amber Valley region, took us into a 3rd round fixture away at South Charnwood, losing 2-0. They also finished 3rd in the Hinckley and Bosworth tournament, winning two, drawing three and losing one in our six games.

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YEAR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL



The Year 9 boys football team finished second in the recent Hinckley and Bosworth tournament, winning all their games bar one, versus Bosworth Academy. If we hadn't conceded a late goal in that game we would have gone through to the Hinckley and Bosworth final. We fared much better in the ESFA National Cup and are playing at home to Chilwell School in the 4th round. The 1st round saw us beat Barr Hill School away in Coventry in spectacular fashion. 4-0 down at half-time, goals from Max Morrison (2), Liam Day and Charlie Rolls drew us level and Oliver Tasker popped up with the winner to take us into round 2. The 2nd round tie was a comprehensive victory over Rushcliffe School. George Callachan opened the scoring, with Max Morrison and Charlie Rolls both scoring hat tricks and Eddie Fox finishing the scoring for an 8-0 win. In the 3rd round we travelled the short distance to Babington Academy and the game was scoreless at half-time.



Eddie Fox broke the deadlock with a sweetly struck half volley and goals from Max Morrison, Jay Heard, Charlie Rolls, and a second from Eddie from the penalty spot, took us to a 5-1 victory.

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YEAR 10/11 GIRLS FOOTBALL



We entered a team into the local Hinckley and Bosworth tournament, which we also hosted. Unfortunately, we didn't win any games, but it was a great experience for the girls to play in, particularly those who don't play football outside of school.

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YEAR 10 BOYS FOOTBALL



The Year 10 boys suffered a similar fate to the Year 9's, winning all their games in the Hinckley and Bosworth tournament other than a 2-1 loss to Bosworth Academy due to a late winner. The ESFA National Cup saw us host English Martyr's in the 1st round, running out 4-1 winners thanks to goals from Charlie Robilliard, Kairo Piper, Ethan Ellis and Harry French. The 2nd round saw a trip to Ilkeston where we scored late to win 2-1 with Harry French and Abdallah Ndalolo on the scoresheet. Round 3 was another away tie, this time in Market Harborough.

Seb Quincey made his debut in goal due to an injury to our regular goal keeper. Seb helped us survive a late comeback to win 5-3. Harry French (2), Abdallah Ndalolo, Dylan Gridley and an own goal were the scores. Unfortunately, in the 4th round we came up against a very well drilled team from Rushcliffe School, Nottinghamshire. We matched them all over the pitch and took a deserved 1-0 lead into the half-time break - Charlie Robilliard scoring direct from a free-kick. Rushcliffe hit back with two late goals to take them into the 5th round.

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YEAR 11 BOYS FOOTBALL



The Year 11 boys football team lost out in the Hinckley and Bosworth tournament by the narrowest of margins, one goal. However, they too had a good ESFA National Cup run with victories over Higham Lane (5-0) and Babington Academy (2-0) before a heavy loss away at Wigston Academy. The goals were shared between James Harwood, Will Watts, James Ngembus and Will Sanders.

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POST 16 GIRLS FOOTBALL



The Post 16 girls football team are still in the ESFA National Cup competition having received a bye in round 1 followed by a comprehensive 11-2 victory in round 2 away in Guilsborough, Northants. Rosie Fowler led the way with a hat trick of spectacular goals, which were added to by Portia Finnigan (2), Amelia Norton (2), Katie Lane (2) and Erin Timson. They host West Bridgford in the next round.

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POST 16 BOYS FOOTBALL



The Post 16 boys football team lost 8-0 away to Lawrence Sheriff School in the ESFA 1st round. The closest we came to scoring was a Jake Miller strike that hit the bar and a penalty that struck the post.

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NETBALL

We have had great numbers at netball training sessions throughout the first half-term and have entered year group teams into all the Hinckley and Bosworth competitions with varying levels of success. The Year 7 team played two games, drawing with eventual winners Hastings, but losing to South Charnwood. The Year 8 team lost both their games to strong sides from South Charnwood and St Martins. The Year 9 team lost all three games to Bosworth, Winstanley and South Charnwood. The Year 10 and 11 teams fared similarly, but we were one of the few schools to send teams to all of the netball tournaments. The big positive is that our students got to play some competitive netball.

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LAST DAY OF TERM:

Friday 22nd December 2023

As usual on the last day of term, students will finish at 1.00pm, when our school buses will take students home as normal.

Lunches will not be served on this day.

We expect ALL students to attend school on the final day.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 - 2024 KEY DATES:



AUTUMN TERM (76 school days)

August Bank Holiday	Monday 28 August 2023
Open	Thursday 31 August 2023
Mid-Term Break	Monday 16 to Friday 20 October 2023
Training Day	Friday 8 December 2023
Close	Friday 22 December 2023

SPRING TERM (50 school days)

Open	Monday 8 January 2024
Mid-Term Break	Monday 19 to Friday 23 February 2024
Close	Friday 22 March 2024

SUMMER TERM (64 school days)

Open	Monday 8 April 2024
May Day	Monday 6 May 2024
Mid-Term Break	Monday 27 to Friday 31 May 2024
Close	Thursday 12 July 2024

<u>TRAINING DAYS</u>	Flexible days when staff are required to be in Campus but students are not:
	- Tuesday 29 Wednesday 30 August 2023
	- Friday 8 December 2023

AUTUMN TERM KEY DIARY DATES - ALL YEARS

Monday 23 October •	CAMPUS OPEN
Week commencing 6 November •	Year 11 full reports issued
Friday 17 November •	Non-uniform day for Children In Need 2023
Week commencing 20 November •	Year 10 & 12 reports issued
Week commencing 4 December •	Year 7, 8 & 9 reports issued
Friday 8 December •	TRAINING DAY - Campus is closed to STUDENTS
Monday 11 - Friday 15 December •	Christmas Dinner Week
Thursday 14 December •	Year 9 Progress Evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 December •	Year 11 Practice Interviews
Wednesday 20 December •	Christmas Concert
Friday 22 December •	Campus closes at 1.00pm
MONDAY 25 DECEMBER - FRIDAY 5 JANUARY •	CHRISTMAS BREAK
Monday 8 January •	CAMPUS OPEN start of the Spring Term - ALL students to attend
Thursday 11 January •	Year 9 Parents Options Evening 6pm - 7pm
Thursday 18 January •	Year 11 Progress Evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
Thursday 1 February •	Year 13 Progress Evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
Thursday 8 February •	Year 11 Exam Success Evening
Monday 12 - Friday 16 February •	German residential trip to Berlin
Thursday 15 February •	Year 13 Virtual Exam Success Evening
Friday 16 February •	Campus closes at 3.10pm
MONDAY 19 - FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY •	MID TERM BREAK



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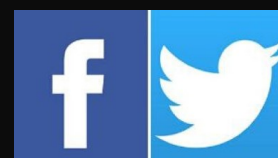
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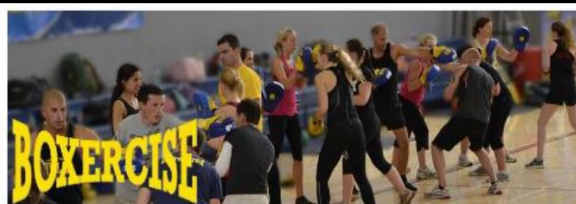


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