



BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

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Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's Parent Bulletin. Please see information below about celebrations and events that have taken place on campus this week as well as important information regarding students and future events.

CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS THIS WEEK:



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! #BGLC_PA



MR TEECE

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Work Hard, Be Kind



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



Children In Need 2023

Mr Teece 25 years service



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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 11/12 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 VIO (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 recently to develop more 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

AUTUMN TERM KEY DIARY DATES - ALL YEARS

Monday 23 October	CAMPUS OPEN
Week commencing 1 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
Friday 2 December	Year 7, 8 & 9 reports issued
Monday 11 - Friday 15 December	TRAINING DAY - Campus is closed to STUDENTS
Thursday 14 December	Christmas Dinner Week
Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 December	Year 9 Progress Evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
Wednesday 20 December	Year 11 Progress Evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
Friday 22 December	Christmas Concert
	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
Monday 12 - Friday 16 February	Year 11 Exam Success Evening
Thursday 15 February	German residential trip to Berlin
Friday 16 February	Year 13 Virtual Exam Success Evening
MONDAY 19 - FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY	Campus closes at 1.00pm
	MID TERM BREAK

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.



WINTER 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



SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow us on:
Facebook (@BrookvaleGrobyLearningCampus)
or Twitter (@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!



CAMPUS 52 PAGE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



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All Years

- Please see our fabulous **52 page NOVEMBER CAMPUS NEWSLETTER**, full of student successes, celebrations, events and useful information for your perusal.
- **Children in Need** - thanks to everyone who donated towards this. If you haven't yet donated but would still like to, just head to Arbor's School Shop before we close the online donation at midnight on Sunday 26th November.
- **Disney's High School The Musical** - performances on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December 7pm. Tickets on sale now via our website [click here to book](#) Adults £5, Concessions £3. Booking fees apply. As part of their course, Year 12 and 13 Performing Arts are presenting their version of High School Musical. Performances take place in the Groby Theatre and begin at 7pm
- **Term Dates 2023/2024** - a reminder that Students will not be in School on Friday 8th December. Following the Christmas Holiday, school reopens on Monday 8th January 2024. [Click here for term dates](#).
- **New Lost Property Items** - [click here](#) for new items with Reception this week.
- **Campus Christmas Dinner week** - We are offering students the opportunity to have a Christmas lunch on the campus w/c Monday 11th December 2023 at a cost of £3.50.

*** * * 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.

There are 3 options available on Arbor, found under the 'School Shop':

1. Traditional
2. Gluten Free
3. Vegetarian

Please only order one option for each student.

**** Should students have any other specific dietary requirements, please email: Reception@brookvalegroby.com and our catering team will do their very best to accommodate. ****

Students in receipt of **Free School Meals** will not be charged, **but will still need to pre-order** if they would like a Christmas lunch, please go through the process on Arbor.



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	<p>The deadline for payment is Sunday 3rd December 2023</p> <p>The Christmas Lunch is served to <u>one Year Group per day</u> over the course of this week. A limited range of cold food and one hot option will also be available without pre-order on each day.</p> <p>Year 7 - Mon 11th Year 8 - Tue 12th Year 9 - Wed 13th Year 10 - Thu 14th Year 11 & P16 Fri 15th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Homework - please see the KS3 and KS4 Homework overviews linked below: KS3 - Homework Overview KS4 - Homework Overview A Family Guide for supporting with homework <p>More guidance is available on our school website in the Curriculum section. Please encourage your child to speak to their teacher or form tutor, in the first instance, for any questions or concerns.</p>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Iceland Trip 2023 - next instalment due 30th November. We are still waiting for a small number of student documents. Outstanding passports and medical forms urgently need to be provided to Reception for tickets to be booked.
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Please click here for information on the upcoming Year 9 Online Progress Evening taking place on Thursday 14th December. Within the letter is information on how to book an appointment. Bookings close 12th December.
Year 9 & 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● "Medicine Calling" Taster Day Leicester University on Wednesday 13th December. For those students who expressed interest in attending this event, please check your emails as payment for places (subject to availability) is due by midnight this Sunday.● Media Live Conference, Disneyland Paris 2025 - Expressions of interest are being invited for this exciting trip. Deadline for expressions of interest is Sunday 3rd December. Click here for the original letter and click here for the google form.
Year 10 & Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Media Live, Disneyland Paris 2025 - the deposit deadline is fast approaching. The deposit is available in the Arbor Shop listed as 'TRIP - Media Live, Disneyland Paris 2025'. Deposits due by Monday 4th December. The original letter can be found here.



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Year 11

- Please [click here](#) for the GCSE Art and Design deadlines letter.
- **Y11 Maths Mock (CALCULATOR paper) on Monday 27th November. All students will need a calculator for this mock.**
- **Exam Ready?** Various items can be purchased on Arbor in our school shop including GCSE Scientific calculators for £11.50 and an Exams pack for £1.50. Please see the image below with the items included in the exams pack.



- Please find below a consultation from Ofqual regarding the use of formulae sheets in GCSE Maths and GCSE Science exams for 2024 **ONLY**. The consultation finishes on **30th November 2023**.

[Proposed changes to the assessment of mathematics, physics and combined science GCSEs in 2024](#)

Year 13

- Please [click here](#) for the A-Level Art and Design deadlines letter.
- **Exam Ready?** Various items can be purchased on Arbor in our school shop including A-Level Scientific calculators for £25.00 and an Exams pack for £1.50. Please see the image below with the items included in the exams pack.

