

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 exam 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. It was fantastic to see so many students in Year 11 attend the Big Revise event following mock results day.



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. There are close to 240 students who are persistently absent (<90%) and we know this is hugely damaging to their attainment and progress. When a child is persistently absent, they miss over 95 learning hours, this increases to 190 hours missed when attendance is 80%.

Our GCSE results last year showed extremely strong outcomes for those students whose attendance was over 90%, so being in school is the single most important thing parents / carers can do to support your child's academic success.

Worryingly our two examination year groups have some of the lowest attendance, our current attendance by Year group sits at:

Whole School Attendance										
Groups Students	Year Group ▼		Q Search this table							
Name	Prev 7 Days	Average This Year 1	National Average YTD	National Percentile YTD						
Year 12	94.1%	95.4%	92.5%	88						
Year 7	92.7%	94.6%	93.9%	61						
Year 9	92.2%	93.2%	90.7%	82						
Year 8	91.6%	92.6%	91.8%	60						
<u>Year 11</u>	91.8%	91.8%	90.1%	70						
<u>Year 10</u>	89.1%	91.4%	90.1%	64						
Year 13	92.0%	91.3%	89.1%	60						

We have continued to drive on our rewards first culture and on average we are awarding over 9000 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. Last week we had an ex-HMI and practising OFSTED Inspector visit from another Trust to provide some challenge and scrutiny to the work of our Senior Leadership Team. 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.

AWARD WINNER!

We are so proud to announce that we were nominated for a Hinckley and Bosworth Active Award and we WON! The award is in the Wellbeing category and demonstrates our consistent focus on supporting students' and staff wellbeing. In school we have a huge array of support on offer, including our Pastoral Team, Mental Health First Aiders, Teen Health, ELSAs, and Mindfulness & Meditation groups. To have been nominated was a huge honour and to win is fantastic!

Mrs Vicki Varney (SLT Mental Health Lead)
#TeamBGLC





MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION LIFE COACH

In school we have a mindfulness and meditation life coach. Sandy's working days are Tuesday and Wednesday and she works with small groups of students, supporting them to develop their own coping strategies, for example if they are experiencing anxiety or depression. If you feel that your child would benefit, please email Vicki Varney vvarney@brookvalegroby.com to get added to the list. The group sessions take place during the school day on a rotation, so that the same lesson is not affected each week.



MENTAL HEALTH FOCUS

We'll be celebrating World Mental Health day on 10/10/24. Students will spend part of each lesson focussing on their own mental health and learning more about support available.

The NHS website has some helpful links if you are concerned about your child's mental health: https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/worried-about-your-teenager/

The British Red Cross have put together a Spotify playlist of happy songs, click the link to listen:

https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/get-help-with-loneliness/wellbeing-support/wellbeing-music-playlist

Mindfulness is a fantastic tool to relax and rewind in the evening, these colouring pages are great for those of all ages (just ask our Post 16 students who use this technique in our common room!) https://www.justcolor.net/

YouHQ

We're excited to announce that we are about to launch a new app called youHQ: https://www.youhq.co.uk/

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 to monitor wellbeing, so that early help can be provided.

youHQ is a multi-functioning wellbeing and personal development tool which enables 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.

EXAM INFORMATION

Exams and Assessments for the Spring Term:

- 31.1.24 Year 11 Food and Nutrition NEA 2 Technical Practical 2
- w/c 5.2.24 Year 11 English Spoken Endorsement Exams
- 14.2.24 Year 12/Year 13 BTEC Performing Arts Unit 3 Group Performance workshop commences
- 29.2.24 Year 11 BTEC Performing Arts Component 3 commences
- 4.3.24 Year 11 Food and Nutrition Practical Exam
- 5.3.24 Year 11 Food and Nutrition Practical Exam
- w/c 4.3.24 Year 10 BTEC Health and Social Care Controlled Assessments
- w/c 11.3.24 Year 10 BTEC Health and Social Care Controlled Assessments
- w/c 11.3.24 Year 11 Core Mocks
- 18.3.24 Year 11 Core Mock

Click here for the full Exams and Assessment calendar



!! CERTIFICATES – READY FOR COLLECTION !!

Please contact 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

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)

and they are more than happy to check for you.



Summer 2024 Information - Statement of entry

All students with entries for the Summer 2024 exams will be receiving a statement of entry. 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.

YEAR 11 EXAM SUCCESS EVENING

5.30pm - 7pm 8th February 2024

Look out for more information on the Parent Bulletin.

YEAR 13 VIRTUAL EXAM SUCCESS EVENING

6pm - 7pm 15th February 2024

Look out for information on the Parent Bulletin.

YEAR 11 CORE MOCKS

Year 11s will be sitting their core mocks (English, Maths and Science) week commencing 11.3.24 and week commencing 18.3.24 - the link to the timetable was on Friday 26th January's Parent Bulletin or click HERE

Year 12 and Year 13 January 2024 BTEC and Cambridge Technical Result Dates:

- Year 12/Year 13 Cambridge Technical (Digital Media) 13th March 2024
- Year 12/Year 13 BTEC Level 3
 (IT, Health and Social Care and Music) Thursday 21st March



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

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VALERIE TURNER

 joined BGLC as Teacher of French in August 2018 and is leaving to join Leicester Grammar school.

MRS SHIRLEY PLATT

- pictured 4th from the right, Shirley joined Brookvale High School in January 1992 and has had a number of roles with us over the last 21 years, leaving us to enjoy a well-earned retirement!



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

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NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 5th December, we welcomed Franklyn from the University of Nottingham Outreach team. Firstly, he delivered a workshop with our Year 10 HPA students based around "exploring careers". In the next session some of the Year 9 Progress group students took part in considering their careers and Post 14 options.

























YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM RESULTS DAY!

Tuesday 16th January was mock exam results day for all of our Year 11 students. GOOD LUCK to all students opening their results!



POST 16 NEWS

APPLICATIONS TO POST 16 - NEXT STEPS FOR CURRENT YEAR 11's

Year 11 students have now completed their Post 16 applications during their Life Skills lessons using the PS16 website.

We are now planning our interviews and these will take place in Feb/March 2024. Students should keep an eye on the student bulletin for the schedule. 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 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

unifrog

Unifrog has just released *Courses*. These are ideal for Post 16 students and those in KS4 who want to challenge themselves with new subjects or learn outside of the specification for a subject they already study. These courses can be found here: https://www.unifrog.org/student/courses

Many students in Years 11 and 13 will start looking for apprenticeships. Unifrog has access to thousands of apprenticeships and with a fantastic search facility, we hope you find this link useful: https://www.unifrog.org/student/apprenticeships/start

stst Please note that students will need to click the Unifrog link themselves and sign into their account. stst

Unifrog is a real investment in our students' futures, helping them to make the best choices, and submit the strongest applications at age 18+.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 5th - 11th February 2024

Click <u>National Apprenticeship Week</u> for more information.

We'll be celebrating National Apprenticeship Week with Post 16. This handy flyer has some helpful links for parents too.

Mental Health Awareness Course

We are proud to announce that 25 of our Year 12 students will be trained in Mental Health Awareness in February.

This introductory course raises awareness of mental health. Our students will gain:

- An understanding of what mental health is and how to challenge stigma
- A basic knowledge of some common mental health issues
- An introduction to looking after their own mental health and maintaining wellbeing
- Confidence to offer support to someone in distress or who may be experiencing a mental health issue

We'd like to thank the Children's Hospital School for working in collaboration with Post 16 to achieve this.



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YEAR 13 UCAS DEADLINES

We're working with Year 13 to send off the final applications to university. They have worked so hard on their personal statements and mock exams and we have really enjoyed celebrating with them as the offers come in. This year we have introduced a 'success bell' in the common room - each UCAS application that is sent, each apprenticeship applied for, and each bit of coursework completed is celebrated with a ring of the bell - we love hearing the cheers from students celebrating each others' success.

This link shows a timeline for applicants: https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/advice-parents-guardians-and-carers/key-dates-and-application-journey

Student finance applications are not yet open for September 2024, but we'll keep an eye on the website and let parents/carers know when it is open:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance

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 pictured on the RHS:



Start your research, find a placement 22nd December Deadline for employers to provide relevant documents 22nd December Deadline to secure a placement Attend work experience



ENRICHMENT

We've recently welcomed some fantastic guest speakers and our Post 16 students, including:

- Lincoln University on 'Interview Success'
- Hinckley and Bosworth Council delivered a workshop on Healthy Holidays
- British Red Cross trained all Year 12 students with emergency first aid

This term the guests include:

- NCS
- Bank of England
- Save the Children
- Northampton University
- Odd Balls
- Boobettes









MENTORING

We are excited to announce that Oppidan Education has offered us a fantastic opportunity to train 20 of our Year 12 students as mentors. We applied for a grant covering the cost and we were successful in our bid.

There are four steps to the programme:

- 1. Three hours of small-group workshops where students learn to be effective mentors, developing skills such as oracy, listening and leadership.
- 2. Following early experience as mentors, Y12s come together again for Part 2 of mentor training with deeper case studies and practical next steps for each student mentor.
- 3. Alongside resources provided for peer-peer sessions, we run an online focus group with selected students to gather feedback and offer advice for scheme improvement.
- 4. After a group assembly, adult mentors meet Y12s for 30-minute 1:1 sessions, providing an external ear for goal setting, guidance and motivation for what lies ahead.

Metrics that matter

8.3

How beneficial students think having a mentor is out of 10

+24%

Increase in how often students review their career goals after the programme

+18%

Increase in how much students feel they matter within their community

We welcome students to apply for this opportunity by emailing the Post 16 team.

YEAR 13 PROGRESS EVENING

Thursday 1st February 2024, 3.45pm - 7.15pm.

YEAR 12 SPRING REPORTS

Will be issued week commencing 26th February 2024.









ENGLISH LANGUAGE & MEDIA STUDIES HARRY POTTER LONDON TRIP

On 10th January 2024, 39 students from Years 11, 12 and 13 visited Warner Bros. Studios, London for 'The Making of Harry Potter'. Students took part in a Post 16 'Script to Screen Workshop' where they were given insights into the design processes of script writing and filmmaking. The day was amazing and also included the Warner Bros Studio Tour.











FLYING WIZARDS!



YEAR 10 SPRING REPORTS

Will be issued week commencing 26th February 2024.

YEARS 7, 8 & 9 SPRING REPORTS

Will be issued week commencing 11th March 2024.



LORD-LIEUTENANT'S AWARDS 2024

The Lord-Lieutenant's Awards for Young People 2024 is OPEN for nominations:

The Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire has launched his 2024 awards designed to showcase and celebrate the achievements of young people aged 13 to 19 across the city and county.

Nominations can be made by other young people, family, friends, carers, teachers, as well as any other agency or individual. LET'S GET OUR FANTASTIC STUDENTS SUCCESS RECOGNISED! - please nominate to show we care!

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

The finalists and their parents or guardians will be invited to a special 'red carpet' awards evening and dinner, hosted by the Lord-Lieutenant, to be held next year. Each category winner will receive a prize to the value of £500!

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 2024 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 16th February 2024

For further details and nomination forms please visit: The Lord-Lieutenants Award for Young People 2024

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 2024.

The 4 categories are:





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

REWARDS ASSEMBLIES

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

Congratulations! WORK HARD, BE KIND #TeamBGLC









REWARDS ASSEMBLIES...... CONTINUED

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Speaking Skills - German





Students in year 9 German, have been learning about films in German. Today we practised our speaking and listening skills and the students had the chance to "break the rules" by writing all over the tables!









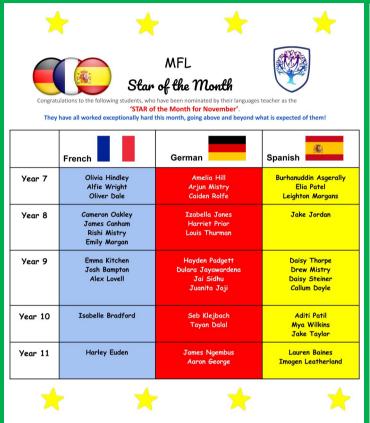


YEAR 11 "THE BIG BGLC REVISE" EVENT!

On Monday 22nd January BGLC held the first "The Big BGLC Revise" event took place from 3.20pm - 5.15pm to further support our Year 11 students. Students had the opportunity to review and consolidate their knowledge before their upcoming exams and by attending this event, which will greatly contribute to their academic success. By participating in "The Big BGLC Revise," students were able to identify any areas they may need to focus on and seek additional guidance from our dedicated teaching staff. Attending "The Big BGLC Revise" helped students to feel more confident and well-prepared for their exams, and demonstrated their commitment to their education and their intentions to strive for excellence, one of our core values.



MFL STARS OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER





MFL SPELLING BEE CLASS WINNERS!



#BGLC_MFL

#BGLC_Languages



BGLC Languages Spelling Bee 2023

All students in Year 7 French, German and Spanish took part in a Spelling Bee competition in their lessons recently. Class winners will progress to a year group final in January (a date to be confirmed). Here are this year's class winners pictured with their certificates and badges. A huge well done to all Year 7 students involved! We are very proud of you all!



Duolingo - Success!

Year 10 German student,
George Coupland has worked exceptionally hard for OVER A
YEAR to achieve his 400 day badge this week.

What a streak!

This is the kind of dedication that makes us extremely proud and exemplifies our values.

Could you take up the challenge and work on something independently that will grow your mind?!











MEDICINE CALLING DAY

Some Year 9 and 10 students took part in the University of Leicester 'Medicine calling day' on Wednesday 13th December 2023, looking at careers in Mental healthcare. They had a brilliant and insightful day and are inspired to look at further education.



#BGLC_SCIENCE







TLC

BGLC teaching staff met on Monday 27th November in their Teaching and Learning Communities.

Staff were split across eight cross curricular groups where they collaborated on whole school Teaching & Learning pedagogy as well as discussing individual Growth Management progress.

















ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 - 2024 KEY DATES:

SPRING TERM (58 school days)

Open Monday 8 January 2024

Mid-Term Break Monday 19 to Friday 23 February 2024
Close Friday 22 March 2024 (3.10pm finish time)



YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEWS













On 13th & 14th December, as part of our wider careers education strategy, we have employed 'Leicestershire Cares Ltd' to co-ordinate our Year 11 mock interviews. They arrange for local business volunteers and STEM ambassadors including Cadent, Cambridge and Counties Bank, CGI, CLC Contractors, DMU, East Midlands Chamber, Equans, Everards, Freeths, Independent, Kier Construction, Nelsons Law, Santander, Sunrise wellbeing, Sytner and Transitions UK, to come into school and provide the opportunity to practice vital life and employability skills as part of our aim to ensure that our students move forward as successful and confident young adults.

This is also a vital skill to prepare them for PS16 interviews.

BGLC would like to thank everyone for volunteering their time to ensure our students have the best experience possible.

Mrs Dawson, Careers Leader.



ADT CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNER!

From all of the 43 wonderful entries, we invited our 9 finalists to meet Mr Teece, so he could congratulate them personally, and then announce the WINNER, who was Year 10 student EMI JENNINGS!

WELL DONE EM!!

Pictured below from L - R;

Mr Teece, Year 10 Emi Jennings, Year 7 Anaya Lad, Year 13 Tina Li, Year 12 Ruby Digby.











AMAZING artwork!

WELL DONE TO ALL OF OUR ENTRANTS AND FINALISTS!

#TeamBGLC #BGLC_ADT

















MARTINSHAW PRIMARY STAFF TRAINING SESSION

On Tuesday 28th November, Primary links were made when staff from Martinshaw Primary School visited BGLC for a training session on 'the use of tools and materials'. An educational evening spent learning about wood joints, health and safety, risk assessments and how Design and Technology can be incorporated at Primary level. The staff at Martinshaw had some great ideas and their students are lucky to have staff willing to push themselves out of their comfort zone, in order to give them such a broad curriculum.

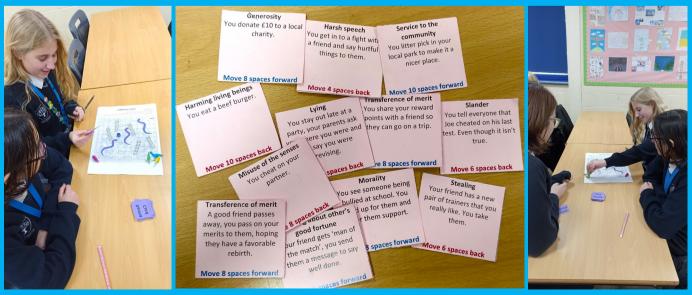
Thank you for a lovely evening.

Mrs Depledge, Assistant Faculty Leader for Design Technology





On Friday 24th November, in our Year 10 Religious Studies lesson, students learnt about some of the main Buddhist teachings, and played 'Karma Snakes and Ladders' to learn more about how our actions have consequences.



Humanities Oct-Dec Half Term Stars

	Geography	History	CaRE		ongralu	lations			
Year 7	Maida Norton Platts Roman Wagstaff	Arianne Hindes Oliver Bradbury	Alice Tunnicliffe Ethan Litwin- Loke		(E)		a De		
Year 8	Evie Kenny Finlay Ridd	Spencer Preston Tara Mackness	Luis Cera Ava Smalley				₹ <u>@</u> ≯ ₩ ••		
Year 9	Josh Bampton Charlie Darker	Dani Cansick Rocco Crofts	Aryan Parekh Katie Greet	Health and Social Care			せめ		
Year 10	Liam Howard Ava Watts	Riley Singh Martha Whittaker	Rosie Birtwistle	Alyssa Tapley Ava Harvey					
Year 11	Keira North Orges Hajdini	Iris Clarke Ethan Banham	Ethan Tansley	Bianka Zurek Mia Giles	Psychology	Sociology	Criminology		
Year 12	Charlie Morris	Ben Buckby	Congratulations!	Erin Harris Kirstin Rowley	Matthew Vaughan Freya Allsop	Heather Gillibrand Zoe Watterson	Tia Parekh		
Year 13	Alfred Waweru	Jimmy Warwick	Billiant You	Abbie Palmer	Mia Ashworth- Gardiner Sandeep George	Amaris Amir Erin Timson	Sophia Moore		

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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



NOVEMBER

Spencer Preston Joshua Bampton

Abby Hooper Daisy Thorpe

Rae-anne Bright Ivy McDonald



Ashleigh Welsh Mia Grant





DECEMBER

Phoebe Robinson Kerry Stretton

Dan Parylo Alex Tang

Rhiannon Grudgings Carly Zheng



Ellie Barton Dakota Cox





WELL DONE Sophie! #BGLC_PA

Sophie Prince

Year 9 student Sophie Prince will be part of the junior ensemble playing the parts of a workhouse kid & one of Faggins Gang in the production of 'Oliver'. The show ran from 20th - 27th January and was a complete sell out!



Arabella Mehta

Year 8 student Arabella Mehta
performed at Leicester De Montfort
Hall, as part of the Spectacular of Dance
show at the end of January.





WELL DONE Arabella! #BGLC_PA

CHRISTMAS CONCERT #BGLC_PA

BGLC's Annual Christmas Concert on 10th December 2023 was a FABULOUS success! WELL DONE to all involved.







































Christmas 2023



Science Stars of the Term

Congratulations to all the students chosen by their teachers for working incredibly hard this term in Science, well done!



Year 7

Jasraaj Sangha **Euan Connolly** Florence Allsop Evie Hollett

Hadil Bakhouche Isla Shipman Jackson Cank **Dylan Jones**

Louis Adcock Lola Platt Aoife Steane Caitlin Frain

Year 8

Alexis Deakin **Evelyn Coombes** Puran Bhaur Kiera Tyers Sophie Surrell

Zane Bullock Nooh Cockerill Heidi Woodward Foith Clarke

Izzy Snart Rosie Forren Jack Fowler Neveah Whitmore

Year 9

Katie Greet Alex Lovell Ethan Robinson Evie Bradshaw

Amy Lennox Samuel Scrivens Abdullah Rakeeb **Ekampreet Sangha**

Layla Hayes JJ Gillibrand Josh Garlick-Greenwood

Year 10

Evi-Leigh Calow Camran Sandhu Harshita Vipulkumar Nadia Chomiuk Zac Taylor

Imogen Shephard Connor Boyd Emi Jennings Iazabelle Carbajal Mya Wilkins **Annie Causer** Harry Godfrey-Vallance Sophie Canham

Lewis McPartland Oliver Tobin Frankie Holmes Ethan Ellis Kitty Norton

Year 11

Oliver Jeffrey Caylem Fraser Katy Oxman Lea Burns Harley Euden Presley Jenkins-Hurn Diyan Desai Lauren Baines Piper Burford Bianka Zurek Chloe Knaggs **Amelia Tester**

Amelia Bishop Callum Porter Jacob Lees Dolly Vesty Jessica Sale Katie Guttridge

MATHS STARS OF THE AUTUMN TERM

On Thursday 21st December students in Maths received their certificate and edible reward for being 'Maths Star of the Term'. They have all consistently shown an excellent attitude in lessons, worked hard and persevered to achieve the best they can. WELL DONE everyone! #bglc maths

















he Solihull Approach FREE courses:

These are free online parenting courses if you live in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The Solihull Approach courses cover concerns that parents/carers often face with children, from birth to early adulthood. These include physical and mental health, understanding their feelings and how to build better relationships.

Each course has a number of different components, and they can be accessed at any time, anywhere. They include:

- Understanding your child 0-19 years
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your teenager
 - Understanding your teenager's brain
- **Understanding your brain**
 - **Understanding your child's feelings**
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- **Understanding your relationships**



register and access the courses are available at:

All courses are FREE to access for anyone

with a Leicester/Leicestershire postcode. To access them, you will have

to create an account. Details on how to

https://inourplace.co.uk/leicestershire/

Please refer also to the following link which provides information/support on mental health and overall wellbeing for **Young People:**

https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/mentalhealth/resources/conditions/young-

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ENGLISH REVISION MASTER CLASSES

Several students aiming for grades 7-9 in English Language attended a master class afterschool on Tuesday 9th January, led by Mrs Knill-MacArthur, looking at how to achieve top marks on the descriptive writing element of the exam. Mrs Knill-MacArthur is so proud of them for attending, saying "It is great to see the students really investing in themselves and their futures."



On Tuesday 16th January students showed their commitment to achieving their potential in English by attending an afterschool revision session, with Mrs Bellamy, complete with brain enhancing snacks!



Year 9 Keitija Cervjakova READING PLUS AWARD WINNER

We are pleased to announce that Keitija has won Reading Plus's national 'Student of the Month Award' in November. Keitija has shown great enthusiasm for reading and vocabulary which is a pleasure to see. She has also already climbed 5 levels in Reading Plus, gained 84 words per minute and read nearly 70 texts! Congratulations Keitija - enjoy your trophy!

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Year 7 RILEY MORRIS'S FESTIVE POEM ENTRY

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Year 7 Riley Morris's poem entry has been shortlisted out of over 1,020 submissions for Reading Plus Festive Poem Competition!

The poem was been posted on their social media channel; Reading Solutions UK for a public vote.

Riley's poem is shown on the RHS.

WELL DONE Riley!



YEAR 9's

Mrs Stewart's Year 9 students got into the festive spirit and enjoyed the Charles Dickens classic; A Christmas Carol.

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Reports – all student reports are loaded onto the students records in ARBOR and parents/carers are emailed to notify them:

*** 2023 - 2024 ***

Spring Term 2023 - 2024

Week commencing 26th February 2024

Years 10 & 12 reports issued

Week commencing 11th March 2024

Years 7, 8 & 9 reports issued



ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 - 2024 KEY DATES:

SPRING TERM (58 school days)

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

SUMMER TERM (58 school days)

 Open
 8 April 2024

 May Day
 6 May 2024

 Mid-Term Break
 27 - 31 May 2024

 Close
 12 July 2024 (1pm)



FOOD - CHINESE NOODLES ANYONE?

Year 9 students with their MOUTH WATERING Chinese Noodles, made in their food lesson! WELL DONE!



'EGG FRIED RICE' BY OUR AMAZING YEAR 8's WOW!

Year 8 students cooked some delicious Chinese Egg Fried Rice, in their food cookery lesson! WELL DONE!





'THIS GIRL CAN' EVENT YEAR 7 GIRLS



Ten Year 7 Girls attended a 'This Girl Can' event at Green Towers on Friday 19th
January. The aim was to provide the opportunities for students to experience new and
exciting sports and activities to encourage active participation and future healthy lifestyles. The group were involved in sessions run by professional providers in Yoga, Dance,
Martial Arts, Fitness Circuits and a Smoothie exercise bike. The students loved the day
with martial arts being a crowd favourite, closely followed by dance.

All students demonstrated the BGLC CARE values excellently and represented the school brilliantly receiving multiple comments from other staff about how polite, enthusiastic and kind they were to one another. On Friday the 26th January it's the boys turn and we will be taking 10 Year 7 boys to Green Towers to participate in a 'Getting boys active' event day which will follow the same format but have a different variety of activities.















SPORTS LEADERS

In December, Martin and Gareth from Hinckley and Bosworth SSPAN came onto campus to work with some of our Key Stage 3 students to develop their leadership skills through sport. As a result a number of our students have been volunteering at Primary School sports events. The first event was a dodgeball tournament held here at BGLC in which our Sports Leaders used their skills to help officiate the tournament.

Well done to Alex Manton, Sam Harrison, Tara Mackness, Sophie Prince, Maria Armellini, Chloe Miller, Olivia Hindley, Riah Addison and Emily Campbell for getting involved.



PE STARS OF THE AUTUMN TERM:



PRAISE AND REWARDS IN PE



BGLC PE department have introduced a new "Praise and Rewards" scheme for those students who represent the school during their time at BGLC. KS3 students will receive a certificate and badge for each individual sport they represent the school in and KS4 will receive a certificate and will work towards receiving a recognition tie. The recognition tie will be presented to those students who represent the school 50 times or more during their time at BGLC. The first certificates and badges have been awarded this week for those students who have

for those students who have represented the school since September in Netball, Football and Basketball. Some students have received multiple certificates and over

200 students have received certificates which is a fantastic reflection of the amount of extracurricular sport that is available to students at BGLC. Well done to all those students who have already achieved recognition.

The picture above is of the students in 7AMC with their certificates!

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YEAR 11 LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL





We always expect our Year 11's to be positive role models for younger students across the school and this year's Year 11 are doing an especially good job.

Every lunchtime a huge group of them play football. Nothing special there you might think. That has happened forever and in every school. But in this year group EVERYONE is welcome to play, it doesn't matter whose friend you are or whose ball it is and so the sides are often huge. Once you are on a team though you are on that team forever - no embarrassing team picking here.

The games are fiercely competitive - so potential for argument and fall outs you would think, at least some-

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times. It NEVER happens. They need no staff intervention or refereeing at all. Tackles are often hard, but always fair. Injuries are extraordinarily rare.

After a series of games, the scores were level, at two days won by each team and Friday 24th November was a decider. Unsurprisingly these boys don't do these things like others would. We had captains in armbands, leading their teams onto the AstroTurf where they lined up for a national anthem and team handshake before the game began!

Friday ended in a stalemate - by now watched by a hundred or so students from lower down the school, attracted by the spectacle.

The replay was on Tuesday 28th November which drew another big crowd, and from where these pictures were taken. The result is not important so I won't mention it - needless to say there were no silly repercussions with upset or angry losers in this case.

At a time when social media can so often feature some of the unpleasant things that can happen on school playgrounds, we are very proud of what our Year 11 do - especially the fact they sort it all themselves - and so, while it's not the usual sort of thing we would post to show the positives about our campus, we thought it was well worth sharing with you.

Well done lads!

Mr Godwin Senior Deputy Headteacher

PENALTY SHOOT OUT!

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BASKETBALL

Our combined Year 7 and 8 basketball team were in action in the local Hinckley and Bosworth competition held at Hinckley Leisure Centre. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, they weren't able to attend the Year 8 competition in December. Thankfully Hinckley and Bosworth SSPAN allowed us to enter a guest team into the Year 7 competition despite having overage players. We played some excellent basketball and it was great to see some students take their first steps in the game.



Results: vs South Charnwood W 18-4, vs Redmoor W 26-8, vs St Martins W 24-2, vs Bosworth W 16-0.

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DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS ACHIEVED SUCCESS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL?

Check the student bulletin for one-off sessions each week

If so.... please email Mrs Anderson:

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son@brookvalegroby.com

with more information and photos, so we can share their success on our social media channels and in future newsletters.





CHARLIE ROBILLIARD

Congratulations to Year 10 student Charlie Robilliard, following on from an 8 week trial, he has been signed on an 18 month contract with Mansfield Town Football Club.



WELL DONE Charlie! #BGLC PE





SPRING TERM KEY DIARY DATES - ALL YEARS

- Monday 8 January •

CAMPUS OPEN start of the Spring Term - ALL students to attend

- Wednesday 10 January •
- Year 11, 12 & 13 Media Students Warner Bros. Studios trip
- Thursday 11 January •
- Year 9 Parents Options Evening 6pm 7pm
- Tuesday 16 January •
- Year 11 Mock Exam Results Day
- Thursday 18 January •
- Year 11 Progress Evening 3.45pm 7.15pm
- Tuesday 30 January •
- Year 9 3-in-1 Teenage Booster & Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations
 - 1 February •
- Year 13 Progress Evening 3.45pm 7.15pm
- Thursday 8 February
 - Year 11 Exam Success Evening 5.30pm 7pm
- Tuesday 13 Friday 16 February •
- German residential trip to Berlin Year 11 & 13 USA Residential Ski Trip
- Wednesday 14 Thursday 22 February Thursday 15 February •

- Year 13 Virtual Exam Success Evening 6pm 7pm
- Friday 16 February •
- Campus closes at 3.10pm

MID TERM BREAK

MONDAY 19 - FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Monday 26 February •

- Campus Open ALL students to attend
- w/c Monday 26 February •
- Years 10 & 12 reports issued
- Wednesday 28 February •
- Year 11 & 13 PE Students Louborough Uni Trip
- Thursday 29 February •
- Year 7 Globe, London Theatre Trip
- Monday 4 Friday 8 March •
- Year 8 Iceland School Residential Trip
- Thursday 7 March •
- Year 10 Progress Evening 3.45pm 7.15pm
- w/c Monday 11 March •
- Tuesday 19 Thursday 22 March •
- Years 7, 8 & 9 reports issued Whole School Production
- Friday 22 March •
- Campus closes at 3.10pm
- MONDAY 25 MARCH FRIDAY 5 APRIL
 - **EASTER TWO WEEK BREAK**
 - Monday 8 April •
- Start of the Summer Term ALL students to attend
- Thursday 12 April •
- Year 12 Progress Evening 3.45pm 7.15pm
- Thursday 25 April •
- Year 8 Progress Evening 3.45pm 7.15pm
- Monday 6 May ●
- MAY DAY Bank Holiday Campus is closed
- Friday 24 May ●
- Campus closes at 3.10pm

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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!



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