

BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

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CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

MAY 2024

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

This term has gone so quickly and it is hard to believe that both GCSE and A Level examinations are already underway. We wish all of our students sitting public examinations, every success, we know they will do brilliantly and progress to the destinations of their choice.

Whilst this term has gone quickly, it has also been an exceptionally busy one, and I have been blown away by the sheer number of enrichment activities, visits and fixtures that our students have been involved in, and our staff have planned and led. These opportunities are often the memorable moments from our time at school and frequently ignite our passion for a subject area or future career.

In school our newly appointed "BGLC Change Makers" have really taken to their new roles in supporting our school move forwards, and have been involved in a number of exciting projects. Most recently they have been part of our due diligence around the potential of BGLC joining an established Multi Academy Trust, and visiting schools to find out more. I have communicated frequently on the challenges facing the education sector and the reality is being a Stand-Alone Academy, is becoming increasingly challenging and less viable, so this is a significant area of research for our school.

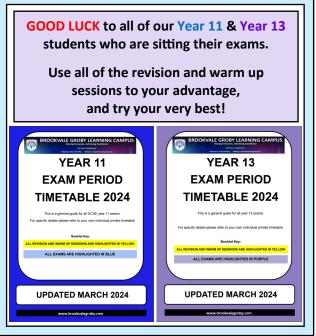
Alongside our Student Leaders I have been delighted to see approximately fifty students volunteer to become Mentors in Violence Reduction, as part of our work with the local VRN (Violence Reduction Network). We hope the training students receive will encourage more students to challenge behaviours that are inappropriate and de-escalate issues that may arise. Students are taught the importance of being "upstanders" rather than "bystanders", and their role within our community.

I was both overwhelmed and humbled by the volume of emails that were sent in, in support of our school and what we do, following our recent communication in regards to the aggressive and rude behaviour of a small minority. It was apparent that we have the overwhelming support of the majority of our parents and this means a lot to our whole staff team.

Within school we have continued to fit all new double-glazed windows and doors to the whole of the Groby building. Not only do these new additions make the school look better, they will also help with our rising energy bills and thermal efficiency. Alongside this we have been successful in securing funding for a new block of classrooms and additional toilets, with work commencing at the end of the summer term hopefully. This will remove some of the very dated temporary classrooms that have been on site for a lengthy period.

We are currently busy planning for the next academic year, including our Year 6 transition events, and ensuring everything is in place for a productive summer term.

We continue to improve what we do, and strive to make sure as a campus, BGLC is constantly improving.



Yours sincerely, Will Teece.

Year 10 Alyssa Tapley <u>WON both</u> the Lord Lieutenants 'Young Person of Courage of the Year Award 2024' and the overall Lord Lieutenant's 'Young Person of



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The Year 2024'

Enormous congratulations to Alyssa!

Below are Alyssa's photos from the awards night, taken by the official photographer; Dave Morcom.

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Year 13 Sophie Barclay, FINALIST for the Lord Lieutenants Young Person of Courage of the Year Award 2024

Enormous congratulations to Sophie!

Below are Sophie's photos from the awards night, taken by the official photographer; Dave Morcom. @LeicsLieutenant



SUMMER 2024 RESULTS DAYS

GCE (including Cambridge Technicals) Thursday 15th August 2024 GCSE (including Cambridge Nationals) Thursday 22nd August 2024

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; <u>www.brookvalegroby.com</u>

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

It is important for parents to be aware that:

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



GOOD LUCK to our Year 11 & Year 13 students, who have now started their exams!



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A reminder that when there is a <u>morning exam</u> breakfast of toast and/or fruit will be available <u>free of charge</u>!

*** FREE TOAST AND/OR FRUIT FOR OUR STUDENTS ***



EXAMS UPDATE

Exams are underway, please remember for students to view their exam timetable to log into Arbor, examinations and download their timetable - this will show their room and seat number. If you are a parent, please go to the student profile, examinations and download the exam timetable.



Results Days

Thursday 15th August 2024 - GCE (AS and A-level, AQA Certificate (Level 3), Level 3 Extended Project and Cambridge Technicals) Thursday 22nd August 2024 - GCSE (including Cambridge Nationals) Any exams queries, please email exams@brookvalegroby.com



EXAM WARM UP BOOKLETS: Year 11 Exam Warm up booklet [pdf] Year 13 Exam Warm up booklet [pdf]



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POST 16 NEWS



Year 13

The A Level exams are now underway and we wish all of our students the best of luck. Well done to all Year 13 students for completing your A Level journey, students have shown incredible determination, resilience and drive throughout their two years of Post 16 study, and you should be so proud of your achievements. Best wishes for the future.

We ask that all of our students attend their lessons and registration until they've completed their final exam. This is to ensure students have the expert help and support of our teachers here on campus.

Earlier this month we had a fun photo shoot with Year 13, all of the pictures will be found in their yearbook.

Results Day is Thursday 15th August and we will be there to celebrate students' achievements. Details of the timings will be sent in due course.

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING HEAD STUDENTS

We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to our wonderful Head Students, Sage, Amelia, Simrun and Sawan. They have acted as role models to their peers and all students on campus. We wish them the very best in the future, and we know that their leadership skills are going to put them in good stead in the future.



YEAR 13

To celebrate the final term on campus we had a photoshoot for Year 13. Photos will be in their yearbook, but here are a just a few pictures of this wonderful group of young adults:



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Year 13

We recently held our leaver's assembly for Year 13. It was a fantastic celebration of their achievements over the last two years here at BGLC. Students were nominated by their teachers for special awards and given some treats to take away - their future is looking bright, so they'll need their new shades!!

Your Future is Bright.....so we thought you might need these



Year 13 Sophie Barclay, FINALIST for the Lord Lieutenants Young Person of Courage of the Year Award 2024

Enormous congratulations to Sophie!

@LeicsLieutenant

During our celebration assembly Mrs Varney made a speech to celebrate one of our amazing young students Sophie Barclay. Sophie was nominated for the Young Person of Courage and is a truly inspirational young woman - we are so proud of you Sophie.

YEAR 13 DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 13 Prom: Friday 21st June 2024 @ Holiday Inn, Leicester. Welcome Drinks from 7pm

We hope all of our Year 13 students can attend and celebrate the end of their Post 16 journey together.

A Level Results Day: <u>Thursday 15th August 2024</u> @ BGLC (Brookvale hall) 9.00am onwards (For those students going through clearing you can collect your results from 8.30am)

Year 12

We'd like to start with an enormous WELL DONE to Year 12 who have now completed their mock fortnight. This has been such an important period of time for Year 12 and will form part of the final predicted grade that will be used for UCAS and Apprenticeship applications.



As Year 12 students near the end of their first year of A Levels they will start thinking about their future pathways. Our Post 18 tutor programme starts on 13th May and will run for 4 weeks. This

will cover all aspects of Post 18 and start to encourage students to invest some time into researching what is available to them and what they could be doing after their A Levels. Our enrichment sessions this term focus on Post 18 next steps, and students will then be able to start their applications and personal statements with the help of their tutor and the Post 16 Team.

We will be visiting the UCAS Discovery Event on Thursday 6th June at Lincoln University. All Universities will have a stand and students will be able to speak to their representatives about their undergraduate degrees and collect prospectuses and information.

We'd like to re-share the <u>learning journey</u> for Post 16. It shows students the exciting opportunities available during their two years of study, and we hope this is useful for our current Year 12s and our future students.



POST 16 ENRICHMENT

This term we've had some fun enrichment sessions.

Year 13



Year 13 have been preparing pizzas, showing them how to eat on

a budget. While half of Year 13 made pizza, the other half were in

sessions with Hinckley and Bosworth council, looking at healthy lifestyles and relationships; the groups swapped over for the following session.

Year 12

Year 12 will be having a guest speaker from DeMontfort University, who will talk to students about what life is like at uni and also a session on how to make the most of your summer holiday. Coming up in the final term of this academic year we have our Work Experience week, from 1st to 5th July. The majority of Year 12 students have already arranged their work experience for the week and the remaining students will be engaging in our virtual work experience and volunteering opportunity in house. We also have our annual *Young Drivers Day;* this is held on-campus, as many Year 12 students are learning to drive, this day is focussed on safety when

driving. We have the Fire Service and Police attending, culminating in the Fire Service removing the roof from a car!

POST 16 TUTEES OF THE MONTH OF APRIL:

YEAR 12

GGD -Shree Pardivalla

EBR- Frankie Gambardella

IMS - Alfie Morris

JBR - Lottie Hurst

RDI -Ben Buckby

SDI - Madelaine Worton

YEAR 13



AHA - Robert Douglas

DLA - Lewis Rae & Phoebe Smythe

EPU - The whole of 13 EPU

CFA -Rohan Billan & Glen Newitt

MLO - Maddy Dunn

RHU - Joe Smith

New YEAR 12s joining us in September 2024

We will shortly be inviting you to attend our induction days on 1st and 2nd July. There will be taster sessions, meeting your tutor and team building exercises to get involved in and also the opportunity to spend time in the Post 16 areas and having a taster of Post 16 Life. We will be sending out further information on this event, and others, to you very soon and we look forward to meeting you all in the very near future.

#BGLC_Post16



EX-STUDENTS SHIVUM & LOUIE 'DASH TO DUBROVNIK' CHARITY EVENT

BGLC are very proud to support 2 of our former students, Shivum Vadgama and Louie Drapier Downing, who are embarking on the Dash to Dubrovnik adventure with Loughborough Uni Rag who have partnered with Amnesty International UK to raise £750 each for the organisation. They will be driving over 2,000 miles through 12 countries (England, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Slovenia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Bosnia and finally Croatia) over 8 days with the finish being in Dubrovnik. They will be doing this *Top Gear* style with a car worth no more than £1,000 and will be departing on the 26th June to hopefully be back on the 4th if the car doesn't break down .

Amnesty International UK is the world's largest grassroots human rights organisation, they expose human rights abuse in the UK and all over the world to campaign for freedom and justice. They work on a wide range of issues including women's rights, refugee rights and in support of individuals

whose rights have been violated. <u>https://www.amnesty.org.uk/issues/about-amnesty-international-uk</u>

Before the trip they will be bringing in the car to school for our students to write messages of support on before they set off on their fund-raising adventure. BGLC would love to support them by helping them to raise as much money as possible, collection buckets will be available for students to donate and then write on the car a message of support.

Good Luck Shiv and Louie, this is such an amazing adventure for you both and for a great cause. All of us at BGLC are behind you.

If you would like to donate then please follow one of the links below that will take you to Shiv or Louie's JustGiving page.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Shiv's Page: <u>https://www.justgiving.com/page/shivun-vadgama-1698586670060</u> Louie's Page: <u>https://www.justgiving.com/page/louie-drapier-1698500580528</u>

POST 16



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

BGLC Post 16 offers a wide range of subjects including:

PERFORMING ARTS DIGITAL MEDIA ART PHOTOGRAPHY H&S CARE SOCIOLOGY MUSIC PE FRENCH 3D DESIGN ENGLISH LANGUAGE and many more...

> Visit: https://brookvalegroby.com/post-16-virtual-open-evening/ to discover more about Post 16 @BGLC, our subjects, how to apply and meet our AMAZING Head Students! For further information please email: Post16@brookvalegroby.com



YEAR 11 STUDENTS RECEIVE "LETTERS OF SUPPORT"

Our Year 11 students received their 'Letters of Support' during Friday 26th April's assembly. Parents, carers and teachers all contributed some final words of 'good luck' and motivation ahead of the exam period, during a morning which had a brilliant atmosphere. GOOD LUCK YEAR 11's



MENTORS IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION (MPV)

BGLC Mentors in Violence Prevention (MPV) Team completed the second part of their training in school. They have now been issued with new lanyards so that they can be identified as role models by younger students. Their first big job will be delivering PSHE lessons, that they have prepared themselves, to Year 7 students as part of their Life Skills Curriculum after half term.

WELL DONE to all of our amazing students!





Your efforts into your revision for Computer Science is commendable. You have continued to push and strive to achieve the best grades possible, asking questions and always wanting to know more. Keep this up :)

Noah Ayhan

You consistently work hard during the lesson, always willing to support your peers. You are great during verbal discussion and willing to challenge yourself.

Work Hard – Be Kind | Students First – Achievement Always

HAPPY RETIREMENT **TO MRS PEMBERTON!**

On Friday 19th April we said farewell to Helen Pemberton who has worked at BGLC for over 21 years as our Catering Supervisor. We wish her a happy retirement!



A LEVEL BUSINESS END OF COURSE AWARDS

Well done to all of our **AMAZING Business students** who received their class 'End of course' annual awards from their Business Teachers!

#BGLC BCI





UNIFORM DONATIONS

Has your child grown out of their uniform? Are they moving to Year 10?

If so, then please let us have any items that are fit for continued use and we can pass them on to families who are not able to afford new uniform.



Your support with these donations would be really appreciated, particularly in the current economic situation with prices increasing for fuel/food/gas/electricity, and some families struggling as a result.

* * * Please send any items in with your child or pop them into Reception * * *

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



UNIFORM PURCHASE FOR YEAR 10

If your child is in Year 9 and will be starting Year 10 in August, please remember that they will need to wear Key Stage 4 uniform:

- Navy jumper/cardigan
- Navy striped tie
- There is no change to PE kit at KS4.

All uniform can be purchased online from Uniform Direct, <u>www.uniform-direct.com</u> or from their shop in Leicester City Centre. Open on Sundays during the Summer holidays from 30th June - 1st September 2024, 11am - 4pm.

* * * LATE NIGHT SHOP OPENING in JULY * * * Monday 8th – Thursday 11th July (9am - 8pm)

Click <u>HERE</u> to view the useful guide for parents.

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www.uniform-direct.com			
Official School Uniform Suppliers for Brookvale Groby Learning Campus	S Protocol		
Knitted V-Neck Jumper with Logo (Royal - Year 7,8 & 9) (Navy - Year 10 & 11)	from £17 .00		
(Royal - Year 7,8 & 9) (Navy - Year 10 & 11) Knitted Cardigan with Logo (Royal - Year 7,8 & 9) (Navy - Year 10 & 11)	from £19 .00		
Tie (Year 7,8 & 9) (Year 10 & 11)	£6 .00		
Black School Trousers from £14.00			
Black Stitch Down Pleated Skirt from £16.00			
White Shirts	from £6 .00		
Navy/ Royal Smooth PE Polo with Logo from £9.00			
Navy/ Royal PE Hoodie from £20.00			
Navy PE Shorts	from £4.00		
	from £10.00		
	from £15.00		
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Navy Football Socks	£5.00		
Order your School Uniform Online at <u>www.uniform-direct</u>	ct.com		

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LANYARDS REMINDER

All students will <u>KEEP</u> their lanyard and ID card for their new year group in the Autumn Term, <u>so please ensure they do not get thrown way</u>. Replacement lanyards can be purchased from Reception for £1. In 2024 - 25 year group lanyard colours will be:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11

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NATIONAL SPACE CENTER VISITS BGLC

On the 11th April, 921 were lucky enough to be part of a new work experience initiative in partnership with Leicester and Leicestershire Careers Hub. This was Phase 1 where employees from The National Space Centre worked with students all day to plan a project that they will go to The National Space Centre in May to deliver. Students had a fantastic day, exploring different careers within the Leisure and Tourism sector. Huge thank you to Lucy, Gareth and Dan from The National Space Centre for making the day so interactive for our students.





NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE VISIT

Class 9Z1 completed the second part of their space centre work experience project on 9.5.24. They had an opportunity to watch an astronaut film in the planetarium, explore the space centre and then prepare their project pitches which they delivered to Gareth and Dan from The Space Centre. The whole group did incredibly well and we are very proud of their effort with this project!































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YEAR 9's COOK PAELLA

Year 9 students cooked Paella, which both looked and smelt AMAZING! #BGLC_Food #BGLC_ADT



YEAR 8 MEXICAN FOLK ARTWORK

Another one of Miss Law's Year 8 classes fabulous display of Mexican Folk artwork.

Well done AMAZING artwork!

#BGLC_ADT





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 April'**.

They have all worked exceptionally hard this month, going above and beyond what is expected of them!

	French	German	Spanish Spanish
Year 7	Alaqmar Esmail Daniel Aspinall Lilly Gardner	Bradley Walton Charlotte Clark Ronan Tongue	Eliana Chukwu Dylan jones Charlotte Williams Caitlin Frain
Year 8	Noah Phipps Mariella Vaz	Evelyn Coombes Ava Smalley Hattie Cadle Charlotte Newitt	Evangeline Sarkis Emily Brewin
Year 9	Emma Kitchen Sophie Cannaby Casey Graham Izzy Clarke	Katie Greet Lauren Matthews Lily Pyatt Jude Whatley-Reynolds	Heidi Ross Ellie Barton Tobie Whale Sophia Higgins Wilf Tipper
Year 10	Liam Howard	Seb Klejbach Charlie Hickinbotham	Beau Miller Ethan Hurst
Year 11	Harry Thurlow Daniel Elezaj	Esmee Herd Ethan Banham	Eden Walker Leighton Warrilow

ADT 'LIVE COMPETITIONS' - CLICK ON THE IMAGES FOR MORE INFORMATION

Calling all BGLC students - see these amazing LIVE competitions below. If you do enter, we would love to know about this and see what you have submitted. Please send a copy to Mrs Dixon in ADT, and reward points will be awarded to you! E:<u>sdixon@brookvalegroby.com</u> Good Luck!



YEAR 10 CPR & AED TRAINING FROM #EMAS

Ex-student Niall Jerrison, an East Midlands Ambulance Practitioner, visited BGLC on 16th & 17th April to train our Year 10 students in CPR and Automated External Defibrillation (AED). Niall demonstrated the life saving skills first, and then all of the students took part in a 'hands on session', learning these essential skills.

Well done, Year 10!



MY SCHOOL FUND INITIATIVE



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In association with

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

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



Visit myschoolfund.org to sign up for free and link to your child's school



Step 2 Register your credit/debit card to your account



Step 3 Spend at participating retailers



Step 4 Start receiving your eGift Cards! Last year we announced that **Brookvale Groby Learning Campus** is now part of the **My School Fund** initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help. **You can still join, it's not too late.**

How does it work?

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

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

How to get involved

Visit <u>myschoolfund.org</u> to register for free and link to **Brookvale Groby** Learning Campus. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!



Sign up today at myschoolfund.org

Adding a credit/debit card

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

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



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

TRADE GAMES

Year 9 students have been representing global countries. They have taken part in the 'Trade Game' where they need to work together in a team (country) to make as much money as possible. This helps students to learn how to share, trade, work as a team, listen to each other and to shout 'that's so unfair' a lot! It was good fun and students enjoyed not doing 'normal' lessons for an hour.

#BGLC_SocialScience









Humanities Jan - Mar Half Term Stars

Huma	Humanities Jan - Mar Half Term Stars						
	Geography	History	CaRE		ongratu	lotions!	
Year 7	Aila Zurek Kyron O'Neill Fortune	Arianne Hindes Maida Norton Platts	Florence ward Arjun Mistry				ABE
Year 8	Emily Morgan Sam Harrison	Jack Fowler Izzy Snart	Oliwia Bibow Benjamin Higgins				₹ <u>0</u> 7 √2
Year 9	Alex Lovell Evie Bradshaw	Drew Mistry Amy Lennox	Lucia Bailey Harry Smith	Health and Social Care			ぞう
Year 10	Oliver Tobin Emi Jennings	Charlie Hickinbotham Rio Dattani	Hope Mwenya	Ebonee Marsden	*		**
Year 11	Charlie Jackson Mae Bown	Sophia Hindes Harley Euden	Maya Pattni	Maisie Pitcher Iris Warwick	Psychology	Sociology	Criminology
Year 12	Abi Blackwell	Ines Goncalves	Congratulations!	Erin Harris Kyle Solanki	Matt Vaughan Zane Jethwa	Abigail Blackwell Amelie Smith	Noah Bedwell Isla Farina
Year 13	Joe Smith	Angelina Perry	Upon Billiant	Francesca Peet	Ben Hooper Mia Lowe	Ria Gogna Angelina Perry	WELL DONE Everyone! :)

YEAR 7 'SPIRIT OF LEICESTER TRIP'



On Tuesday 30th April and Friday 3rd May, Year 7 students visited many different religious buildings and learned a lot about the diverse religions in Leicester.

On the Tuesday they also had lovely sunshine and enjoyed lunch in the sun at Jubilee Square.

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YEAR 11 GCSE GEOGRAPHERS - TRIP TO LEICESTER



On Thursday 18th April 2024, Year 11 attended a fieldwork day in Leicester city centre. The fieldwork is to support their component 3 exam 'analysing the changes over time.' Year 11 collected primary data - counted pedestrians, asked questionnaires and did environmental surveys. The students then made comparisons with secondary data from 2016 to draw conclusions as to whether the city centre has change over time. Students completed all of their data collection with time to spare so they treated themselves to a spot of lunch in McDonald's, Burger King or Greggs.

Well done Year 11 Geographers - it was a lovely change to the normal school day!



MISS SMITH'S HISTORICAL EXHIBITION

Year 9 had an extra treat on the afternoon of Friday 19th April, where they got to look at the uniform and equipment of the 101st Airborne Pathfinders. A unit responsible for dropping paratroopers into occupied zones during the Second World War and leading the night drop before the D-Day landings. This links to their current unit of work on WWI, WWII and the Holocaust. Students found the talk led by Year 9 Jack Staples really informative and interesting.

WELL DONE Jack! #BGLC_History



EX-STUDENT JOE COPP'S NEW NOVEL 'CAMP TERRA'

On Wednesday 8th May, we were excited to welcome ex-student and new author, Joe Copp to our Year 8 class. He came in to read from his novel 'Camp Terra' and answer questions about his writing experience. The opening chapter introduced us to the main characters and the plot, which, as Mason stated was "an intriguing story and well read".

Joe was then subjected to a raft of questions ranging from 'How long did it take to write?' and 'How did you get it published?' to 'What type of superhero would you write about?' All of which Joe answered with humour and in detail. Many of the students thought it was "a good book" and were curious to discover how they could get hold of a copy - Amazon, Waterstones, WH Smith, and local libraries are all stocking it. There were also volunteers to star in the Netflix version, once the rights were inevitably sold to them.

The class were particularly interested to learn that writing a book is a long-drawnout process, Joe said it had taken about a year from first draft to being published. Cameron, amongst others, said: "It was good to learn what you have to go through when writing a book." Joe had also told us that he had had the idea for many years but it was only recently that he had had the time to write it, eliciting this response from Sam H. "It was good to hear never give up. Don't let anything stop you." It was Joe's first visit to a school and he handled it like he had been doing it for years. Lily described it as "a nice experience" and Che's response was "It was better than the normal lesson." Thanks Che!





Miss Nolan and English Class 8S2



KS3 READATHON

We raised £548 for Read for Good

- thank you to everyone who helped encourage their students to take part! Well done!

As a prize for students who took part in the Readathon challenges, 27 students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been given "fast passes", to jump the queue at break or lunch from Thursday 24th April until the end of this half term. These will entitle the person named on the pass + 1 friend to jump the queue!

The names of the students are listed below:

Top fundraisers:	8 or more reading lessons in Reading Plus in a week:	Over 5,000 words read in a week (randomly selected):
Rahul Vig - TOP FUNDRAISER AWARD	Lucy Georgiades - 2 WEEK AWARD	Emily Dryhurst 8r3
Ethan Litwin-Loke - fundraiser award	Morgan Cowley	Riah Addison 8s3
Sophia O'Donoghue	Katie Cervjakova	Keira Ghuman 8s1
Isla Shipman	Chavda Sai Zane	Harriet Pryor 8s3
Bradley Walton	Noah Phipps	Ethan Litwin-Loke 7s4
Lilly Gardner	Olivia Leeson	Henry Jarvis 9r2
Freddie Caser	Tiana Williams	Oliver Bradbury 7r3
Olivia Hindley		Tobie Whale 9r4
Charlotte Williams		Isabel Kent 9r4
Sophie Prince		Harry Coulson 7r3



MATHS CHALLENGE (JUNIOR)

On Thursday 25th April our top sets in Year 7 and Year 8 sat the UK Maths Challenge. This is a 60 minute multiple choice challenge using logic and Maths skills. It is designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. We were competing with students in Years 7 and 8 across the country. The students that took part performed very well and we gained a number of bronze, silver and gold certificates. We also had 3 students invited back to take part in the next round.

#BGLC_MATHS









YEAR 10 USING RATIO FOR CALCULATING THEIR HOLIDAY SPENDING MONEY

Some of our Year 10 students were applying their ratio and Bureau de Change knowledge to travel around the world at different shops to fulfil their holiday shopping list.

They were able to successfully convert between major world currencies and collaborate to help their peers with any difficult conversions. Brilliant effort Year 10, well done. #BGLC MATHS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 - 2024 KEY DATES:

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YEAR 9 PROGRESS MENTORING CELEBRATIONS

Students who have taken part in the progress mentoring, celebrate their successful end to the programme. They will be able to take forward the strategies they have learnt.

Well done to all the students involved.







'DON'T MISS TWICE' YEAR 7 ASSEMBLY

On 8th April, during Year 7 assembly, students were shown the following important James Clear videos, and some students even took part in a girls v boys task!

Automatic habits; Don't miss twice: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMwnQO8MUjw

2 minute rule to build habits: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzkZcRarLkg





At the end of the assembly, students who were presented with a Headteachers Award and/or PE Award displayed their certificates in a group photo. WELL DONE to all!



Leicester Theatre Group performance of 'CATS'

BGLC students; Year 9 Alyssia Dale, Year 9 Charlie Worton, Year 10 Emma Jackson and ex-student Rosie Jackson performed in this FABULOUS production 8th – 13th April 2024. All photos were taken by Drew Davis Photography. **#BGLC_PA**

Also, amazingly this production is directed by ex-student <u>James Halloran</u> choreographed by Beth John who was a previous staff member too.



PERFORMING ARTS 'STARS OF THE MONTH'



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PE NEWS

This edition is jam packed full of sporting success here at BGLC!

WELL DONE and **THANK YOU** to each and every student, ex-student, Parent/Carer, Team Manager who contributed to these success stories!

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* * * PLEASE RETURN * * *

Playing Shirts/Running Vests/Netball Dresses

If your son or daughter has played football, netball or rugby for the school this year, or has run in any of the cross-country events, could you please return any playing shirts, running vests or netball dresses that you have at home. We have a number of items still missing.

* * * PLEASE DONATE * * * PE Kit

If you would like to donate any unused PE kit please hand it into the PE Department. We can wash it and use it as spare kit. Your child may have outgrown items, or they are leaving this summer. Any donations would be gratefully received.

ANNUAL SPORTS PRESENTATION EVENING THURSDAY 4TH JULY 2024 7pm - 9pm

Invitations to our annual Sports Presentation Evening will be emailed out soon. Around 300 people attended last year's event celebrating the sporting success of our students and extra-curricular sports teams. Every student that attends receives a medal and we award 'Player of the Year' awards for each team and activity. It also gives us the opportunity to present our 'big' awards to the 2024 winners. It's a fantastic evening seeing so many students receive the recognition that they deserve for their sporting endeavours.

Look out for your invitation. **#BGLC_PE**





LCFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WINNERS!

Congratulations to ex-student and Leicester City Football Player Will Alves, and his brother Harry Alves in Year 10, who were on the LCFC Team Bus, celebrating LCFC's promotion on Sunday 5th May!

WELL DONE Will, and to all the LCFC Players!







YEAR 7 LEO WOOLLEY BLACK BELT!

Congratulations to Year 7 student Leo Woolley who excelled in his black belt this weekend, it was

22 hours of hard exercise, mindfulness, meditation, and sparing! Not everyone achieved the black belt this weekend, but Leo did, and he and his family are all very pleased with his achievement as are we!

> WELL DONE Leo! #BGLC_PE





GLENFIELD U12 TROPHY CUP WINNERS

Year 7 students; Lucas Meredith, Leo Harvey, Lucas Langley and Jake Allen who play for Glenfield U12 WON the Trophy County Cup this season! Massive achievement! WELL DONE to the whole team - AMAZING! #BGLC_PE



GROBY TROJANS U12S WON THEIR LEAGUE!





Groby Trojans under 12s won the league on 12.5.24. The boys are in Year 7 at Brookvale. What a match...top 2 teams in the league entered their final match on equal points..... winner takes all! After a shaky start going down by 1 within the first 5 minutes, the boys never gave up and won 3-1!

WELL DONE to all the boys, listed below, their coaches and parents!

Noah, Burhan, Cohen, Leo, Hayden, Harry, Roman, Jasraaj, Joel, Travis, Finn, Niam, Carter and Freddie.

> WELL DONE Boys! - FANTASTIC!

> > **#BGLC_PE**

YEAR 11 CHLOE MILLER – RUGBY SUCCESS!

Fabulous news from a super proud Mum and biggest fan of her daughter; Chloe Miller, who has been accepted to join the Loughborough Lightning Rugby Academy in September! To say Chloe is pleased, is an understatement! She is absolutely buzzing!

WELL DONE Chloe! #BGLC_PE





YEAR 10 KYLE CRIPPS - 2ND DEGREE BLACK BELT

Congratulations to Year 10 student Kyle Cripps who passed his 2nd degree black belt grading and is now a full 2nd Dan black belt. It was an intense 3-day 19 hour mental and physical grading but he passed with flying colours! They spent 5 hours on Friday covering emotions, mindfulness, meditation and they had to perform a speech detailing their journey to black belt and all the high and low emotions involved to a packed hall of people, then on Saturday they spent 11 hours being graded on all aspects of their martial arts training including kicks, punches, combinations, blocks and fitness. Finally on the Sunday they did a 3-hour intense endurance fitness session over the hills of Bradgate park!

> WELL DONE Kyle! #BGLC_PE





KIRBY MUXLOE U12 KNIGHTS DIVISION 10 ARE LEAGUE WINNERS OF THE SEASON

Three of our Year 7 students; Harry Coulson, Daniel Hepworth and Isabella Gibbs, who play for Kirby Muxloe U12, Knights Division, picked up this League Trophies at Holmes Park Leicestershire County FA!

WELL DONE to the whole team - AMAZING!

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YEAR 11 STUDENT GEORGIA HUGHES - WORLD CHAMPION!

Georgia Hughes, has just returned from competing at the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS in Florida with her Cheerleading Team. They qualified for the World Championships in the UK, then flew out to Florida and competed on Thursday 18th April against 15 other teams. She finished 1st and 2nd in her two competitions, and got a whopping GOLD and SILVER medal to show for it, along with a very shiny Superbowl style winner's ring!





YEAR 10 ZACH SHEARER INVITATION TO JOIN THE LEICESTER TIGERS RUGBY ACADEMY

Congratulations to Zach Shearer who has been invited to join The Leicester Tigers Rugby Academy! Zach was injured at the beginning of the season when they did the initial trials, but they invited him back when he was



recovered. They came to watch his game at the weekend; 20th /21st April, and from that game they invited him to join the academy!

Zach pictured right is from a recent presentation where he was presented with 'Players Player'.

> WELL DONE ZACH! #BGLC_PE



YEAR 7 COHEN TRINDER FOOTBALL ACHIEVEMENT!



Congratulations to Year 7 student Cohen Trinder and his football team; Aylestone Park 94 U12's, who <u>WON</u> the Midlands Junior Premier League out of 71 teams on Saturday 27th April! FANTASTIC news boys!

Cohen plays for Aylestone Park 94 U12's in Division 1, which is the highest level he can play.

WELL DONE Cohen! #BGLC_PE





YEAR 7 ARRYA BATSON SILVER MEDALLIST!

Congratulations to Year 7 student Arrya Batson who boxed in the National Championship Finals on the weekend; 11th – 12th May. After stopping her opponent in one round in the Semi Final on Saturday, she then fought again on Sunday, losing to a close split decision on points. She is now ranked number 2 best in the country!

> WELL DONE Arrya! #BGLC PE



Contact MARK LORD, to sponsor a team kit: mlord@brookvalegroby.com

TEAM SPONSORS WANTED

In the last newsletter we asked for help from local companies to enable us to purchase new football and rugby kits for our Key Stage 4 and 5 extra-curricular teams. Two companies have come forward to sponsor us. The picture on the right shows our new football kit sponsored by local estate agents Anderson Briggs and provided by LissSport. We look forward to seeing our students wearing this in the new academic year.

If you are interested in supporting extracurricular school sport at Brookvale Groby please contact Mark Lord, Head of PE, at mlord@brookvalegroby.com to discuss further.



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GROBY GLADIATORS U13'S WON THEIIR LEAGUE!

Congratulations to the Groby Gladiators U13's, won their league on Tuesday 14th May. Half the players are Year 8 boys here at BGLC and they won 5-3!

WELL DONE Groby Gladiators! #BGLC_PE



BOYS RUGBY

The boys rugby teams have also had a term of friendly fixtures against Hinckley and Bosworth Schools. The Year 7 team lost to Ibstock 35 points to 40 in their first game of rugby together and then combined with the Year 8's for their remaining fixtures. A combined Year 7/8 team lost 40 points to 50 against Redmoor and 25 points to 45 against South Charnwood. Despite the losses, great to see so many students take their first steps in the game. The Year 9's have had an unbeaten run beating South Charnwood 45 points to 15, combining with the Year 8's to beat Ibstock 20 points to 15 and then with the Year 10's to beat Redmoor 45 points to 15. We have also had a combined Year 10 and 11 team play two fixtures, beating Ibstock 34-0 and losing heavily to Bosworth Academy. Unfortunately, school rugby is really struggling in the state sector, so we had a number of cancelled fixtures due to other schools not being able to raise teams across all year groups.

> WELL DONE boys! #BGLC_PE





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YEAR 8/9 GIRLS FUTSAL

Our Year 8/9 girls futsal team qualified for the County Final at Crown Hills and made it all the way through to the semi-finals after an unbeaten group stage. We beat Babington 5-0, John Fearnley 2-0 and Woodbrook Vale 5-1, while drawing with Gartree 1-1. Unfortunately, an error by the match officials submitting the results meant that we went into the semi-finals playing the other group winners, rather than the runner's up, where we lost 2-0 to a strong lbstock side who were the eventual winners. A great achievement, nonetheless, to finish 3rd in the County. They were crowned Hinckley and Bosworth Champions earlier this year, beating a strong Market Bosworth 2-1 in the final.

WELL DONE girls! #BGLC_PE



BADMINTON

Both our girls badminton teams reached the Team Leicestershire County Finals held at Babington. The KS3 girls ended up finishing 7th in the County, which is a fantastic achievement. The KS4 made it all the way through to the finals, finishing 2nd to a strong Gartree by the narrowest of margins.



WELL DONE girls! #BGLC_PE

SWIMMING

We had some great results at the Hinckley and Bosworth swimming gala in February. Our Year 7 team finished 2nd, with the KS3 team finishing as area winners and going through to the County Finals. The KS4 team finished a respectable 4th. The KS3 team performed fantastically well at the County Finals despite missing out on the medals.





GIRLS FOOTBALL

We have had a number of friendly fixtures against other Hinckley and Bosworth Schools over the course of the last term. Unfortunately, a number of schools dropped out, so we haven't been able to play as many as we would have hoped. The Year 7's have fared well, beating South Charnwood 2-1 and St Martin's 5-0 alongside a 3-1 loss to Redmoor. The Year 8/9 girls have only had one friendly fixture, drawing 3-3 with Redmoor - hopefully they will play a rearranged fixture against St Martin's in the not-too-distant future.

WELL DONE girls! #BGLC_PE





BOYS FOOTBALL

The Year 8 boys football team missed out on a place in the Team Leicestershire final at Leicester City's training ground in Seagrave after losing away at Kibworth Mead in the semi-finals. They qualified for the semis with a comprehensive 10-2 victory in the quarter finals.

WELL DONE boys! #BGLC_PE



TABLE TENNIS

Mr Leonard's PE class have been practicing their table tennis skills.

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EX-STUDENT DANIEL MAYE'S FOOTBALL CAREER



BGLC would like to thank ex-student Daniel Maye, who has kindly shared his football career CV with us, to inspire our students to follow their dreams too.

EDUCATION

UEFA A License, FA England April 2014

FA Advanced Youth Award, FA England October 2016

Bachelor's Degree (Hons), University of Bath, England Coach Education & Sports Development September 2005 - July 2007

HND, University of Bath, England Coach Education and Sports Performance September 2003 - July 2005

WORK EXPERIENCE

B-Team Individual Player Coach

March 2023 - Present Implementing the Individual Development plans and supporting the Game Coach to transition players into the 1st Team.

Southampton FC: Pre-scholar phase Game Coach

June 2022 - March 2023 Leading the U16 program. This includes managing the Individual coach and leading the Multi-Disciplinary Team to prepare players for Scholarships.

Southampton FC: Lead Youth Phase Coach

June 2015 - June 2022 Leading the Youth Development Phase program, including the Multi-Disciplinary Team. Coaching all age groups from U12's - U18's. Planning and Delivering CPD.

Southampton FC (Bath): Lead Coach

Dec 2012 - May 2015 Leading the Southampton (Bath) coaching program, including the Multi-Disciplinary Team. Coaching all age groups from U8's - U18's. Planning and Delivering CPD.

St. Gregory's Catholic College: Cover Supervisor and Teacher Sept 2007 - Dec 2012

Covering all subjects from Year 7 - Year 11. Working closely with the behavioral department.

Bristol Rover FC: Youth Phase Coach

Aug 2006 - Dec 2012 Coaching age groups from U12's - U16's. Supporting CPD delivery.

Port Vale FC and Southend United FC: Professional Football Player June 1998 - Dec 2003

Completing a scholarship and moving into a professional capacity. Played for U18's - First Team.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- ECAS (Elite Coaches Accreditation Scheme) Ongoing
- DBS checked
- FA Emergency Aid
- Clean Driving License FA Safeguarding

FA Talent ID

I began as a young player at Leicester City before becoming a professional at Port Vale and Southend United. After leaving the professional game, I completed a degree in Coach Education. I believe my range of experiences helped to shape my skillset.

I am a UEFA A Licensed coach with 17 years' experience working in an Academy, over 10 years in a Category 1 Club.

I currently work at Southampton FC as the B Team Individual Player Coach.

Since joining Southampton FC, we have consistently rated highly for productivity of Academy players to the first team. I am also encouraged that a lot of players have continued a professional football career since leaving Southampton. It is my opinion that coaching is about building belief and resourcefulness. Everyone can improve and the environment must support that. As coaches we should try to develop every player to fulfil their potential. Progression is non-linear, therefore this is the best way to ensure success. I have a strong understanding of all disciplines within the Academy and have helped to fully integrate our MDT into the program. I have also developed holistic Individual Development plans with proven success.

Daniel Maye #BGLC PE



AFTER SCHOOL

3:15-4:15pm



CRICKET

Field

IBN

TABLE TENNIS

Brookvale Hall

Mr Hall

ATHLETICS

Field

LWL/AMC/MLO

		MLO				
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	These activities will run until the end of term. There are various tournaments coming up in athletics, rounders, tennis and cricket that we					
9	will select teams for. Information will be sent out nearer the time to those students selected.					

ROUNDERS

Field

LWL/AMC/MRI

TENNIS

Tennis Courts

JLE

SOFTBALL Field

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AUTUMN TERM (76 school days)

JLE

STAFF

MEETINGS

August Bank Holiday	Monday 26 August 2024
Open	Thursday 29 August 2024
Mid-Term Break	Monday 21 to Friday 25 October 2024
Training Day	Friday 6 December 2024
Close	Friday 20 December 2024

SPRING TERM (64 school days)

Open	Monday 6 January 2025
Training Day	Monday 20 December 2025
Mid-Term Break	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2025
Close	Friday 11 March 2025

SUMMER TERM (50 school days)

Open	Monday 28 April 2025
May Day	Monday 5 May 2025
Mid-Term Break	Monday 26 to Friday 30 May 2025
Close	Friday 11 July 2025

TRAINING DAYS

Flexible days when staff are required to be in Campus but students are not:
Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 August 2024, Friday 6 December and Monday 20 January 2025.



STAFF SPORT

SUMMER TERM KEY DIARY DATES

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
Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 April 🔸	Year 11 Geography Field trip - Leicester City
Thursday 25 April •	Year 8 Progress Evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
Tuesday 30 April and Friday 3 May $ullet$	Year 7 Places of Worship day trip
Monday 6 May 🔸	MAY DAY - Bank Holiday - Campus is closed
Thursday 9 May 🔸	Year 10 Drama Nottingham Theatre trip
Thursday 9 May 🔸	Year 9 Work Experience trip to the National Space Centre
Friday 24 May ●	Campus closes at 3.10pm
MONDAY 27 MAY - FRIDAY 31 MAY	MID TERM BREAK
Monday 3 June •	Campus Open
Thursday 6 June •	Year 7 Progress Evening 3.45pm - 7.15pm
Thursday 6 June ●	Year 12 UCAS Discovery Event at Lincoln University
Monday 10 - Friday 21 June •	Year 10 mock exams fortnight
Friday 14 June ●	Higher Education/Apprenticeship Event
Wednesday 19 June •	Year 11 Prom
Wednesday 19 - Thursday 20 June •	Year 12 Geography field trip to Sandringham
Thursday 20 June ●	Year 7 Maths trip to the National Space Centre
Friday 21 June ●	Year 13 Prom
w/c Monday 24 June ●	Years 7, 8 & 9 interim reports issued
Monday 24 June ●	Years 10 & 12 Drayton Manor trip
Tuesday 25 June ●	Years 7 - 10 Celebration of Excellence Awards 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 27 June ●	Year 12 Geography field trip to the Peak District
Monday 1 July ●	Year 6 Parent Welcome Evening 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Monday 1 July ●	Year 8 Science trip to the National Space Centre
Monday 1 - Friday 5 July ●	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Monday 1 - Tuesday 2 July ●	Year 12 Induction Days
Wednesday 3 - Thursday 4 July •	Year 6 Induction Days
Sunday 7 - Wednesday 10 July ●	Youth Theatre Trip to North Yorkshire YHA
Tuesday 9 July ●	Sports Day - weather depending
Wednesday 10 July ●	Year 12 Safer Driver Event
Friday 12 July ●	Campus closes at 1pm

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