



BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

Valuing Everyone, Achieving Excellence

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Welcome to July 2024 Newsletter - HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

We draw to the close of another exceptionally busy term but one that has been punctuated by some real high points. It has been wonderful to see sports fixtures, students representing the school, performances such as Beauty and the Beast and so many visits taking place. In these past two weeks we have hosted our Celebrating Excellence Awards, celebrating excellence across all subject areas, two parent information evenings, Year 6 Transition Event, Sports Awards and our Post 16 Prom and Year 11 Prom. A brilliant way to bring our term to an end and makes me incredibly proud of all our community has achieved and the amazing young people we have within BGLC.

This term also saw us say goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who completed their GCSE and A Level exams in an exemplary fashion. I would like to say a very big thank you to all the staff involved and who supported this process as it ran exceptionally smoothly and students were given the best possible chance. It was wonderful to mark Year 11s time on campus with our leavers event, topped off by ice creams for all. I hope our students felt they got the fitting send-off they deserved and we look forward to welcoming many back into our Post 16 in the new term.

I have been delighted to see students across our campus getting heavily engaged in the PiXL Edge Award and some even achieving their graduate award already, which is a real achievement. We also already have students working towards the Green Edge Award, which will support our Campus Green Pledge and commitment to making our school more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

Our reward first culture has really embedded and we finish the year with a positive to negative ratio of 18:1, having set out to achieve 10:1. We have also seen hundreds of students achieve subject nominations, Headteacher Commendations and students of the lesson and this is making a tangible difference across our campus. It has been a real pleasure presenting our wonderful students these awards in our recent celebration assemblies.

I hope that everyone has a relaxing, safe and enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to seeing your child in the new academic year. When I look back on this year we have achieved so much and I am exceptionally proud of our community and looking forward to what the new year brings.

May I also take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support. It makes a real difference to the success of our students.

Yours sincerely, Will Teece, Headteacher.

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2024 EXAM RESULTS COLLECTION DATES & TIMES:

A Levels /AS / BTEC L3 / CAM TECH Years 12 & 13: **Thursday 15th August** from 9am - 11.30am
(from 8.30am if you are going through clearing)

GCSEs / BTEC L2 /CAM NAT Year 11: **Thursday 22nd August** from 9am - 11.30am

GCSE Statistics Year 10: **Thursday 22nd August** from 10am - 11.30am

Post 16 Registration Day: **Wednesday 28th August** from 9.15am - 12.00pm



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Collecting results:

On results day you will receive a 'Statement of Results'. This is not your final certificate. The statement lists ALL the exams you have taken and any components within the qualification.

All results will be available from 9am until 11.30am from the Brookvale Hall

You will be able to collect your results, enjoy a photo opportunity and be able to see some of your friends and teachers.

If you have ordered a leavers hoodie these will be available for collection.

The Post 16 team will be available if you have any questions as will some of our teachers.

If you are not able to collect your results in person, please contact exams@brookvalegroby.com on how to receive your results.

Post result details: If you have a query about your results, please contact your teacher or the Exams Officer.

Full Post Results information will be on our [website](#)

Exam certificates will be available mid November 2024

Please contact the Exams Team via email: exams@brookvalegroby.com for further information.

CELEBRATING WITH LOCAL WAR VETERAN 'SID'

On the 6th June; the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, some of our students had the honour of visiting 'SID', a local war veteran who served during the D-Day landings. Sid, who lives in Ratby is aged 103! He proudly showcased his memorabilia and told us some stories of his war days. Sid sold his medals and donated the money to LOROS – such a touching thing to do. We have a lot to learn from you Sid, and all who served.

You are a true inspiration, and from all at BGLC, THANK YOU!

#DDAY80



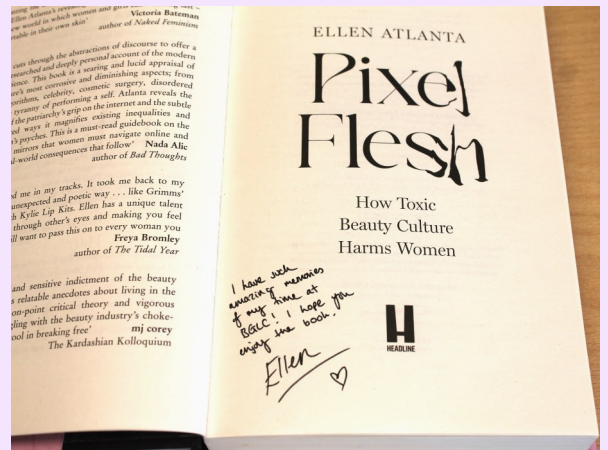
AUTHOR AND EX-STUDENT ELLEN ATLANTA ORMEROD

On Wednesday 5th June we welcomed back ex-student Ellen Atlanta Ormerod, who delivered an amazing inspirational talk to a cross section of Post 16 students, about her career to date and issues raised in her new book **PIXEL FLESH!**

Ellen was amazing, and we have asked her to come back to inspire more of our Post 16 students next year too!

Ellen kindly donated a signed copy of her book for both students and staff to read.

Thank you Ellen, BGLC are so proud of you!

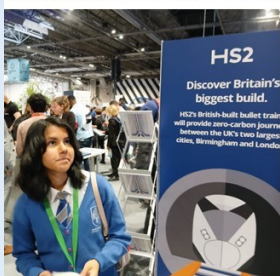


CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 9 STUDENT DULARA JAYAWARDENA



Huge congratulations to Year 9 Dulara Jayawardena who was awarded **RUNNER-UP**, under the Junior Engineer section of this year's Big Bang Competition Awards Ceremony.

WELL DONE Dulara, we are all so very proud of you!



CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

On Thursday 27th June the campus recognised the achievements of 84 students, in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10, at our annual **'Celebration of Excellence Awards'**

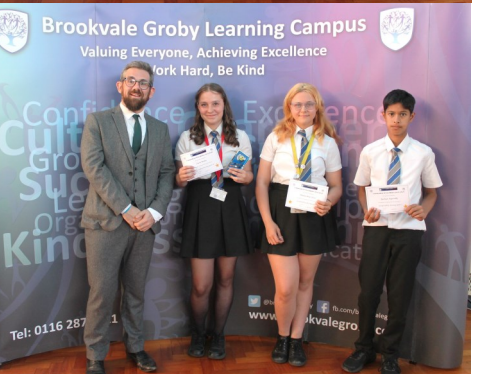
The awards are presented to a single student in each year group for each of the subjects on the curriculum. It is therefore a significant achievement to be nominated for such an award. As well as the year awards, a presentation is also made to the overall school-wide winner in each subject.

As always it was a lovely evening, as parents and family members listened to staff describe the work and attitude that each student had demonstrated which had led to their award. We were also entertained by a wonderful vocal performance from Martha Whittaker, guitar performances from Olly De Rosa and JJ Gillibrand.

The evening is always one of the highlights of the year and, as always, students and the school were well supported by our parents and carers, who attended to pack the hall and share our pride in their children's achievements.

Mr Godwin, Senior Deputy Headteacher.





YEAR 11 LEAVERS' EVENTS

Year 11 leavers' events were brilliantly received by our amazing students. We had 2 ice-cream vans on site on 10.6.24 providing ice-cream to 301 students and staff! On 24.5.24 we had an assembly, awards, shirt signing, balloon arch photo opportunity and a Year 7 guard of honour too!

Here are just a few of the photos .

All photos will be added to the Year 11 leavers' book and a link will be sent out via Arbor shortly.

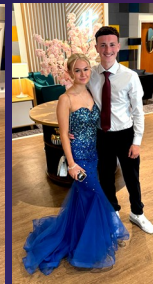
GOOD LUCK YEAR 11s!





YEAR 11 PROM 19 JUNE AT THE HOLIDAY INN, LEICESTER

198 Year 11 students enjoyed their Prom on Wednesday 19th June at the Holiday Inn, Leicester. A great night was had by all! Here are just a few of the photos - all photos will be added to the Year 11 leavers' book and a link will be sent out via Arbor shortly.



YEAR 13 PROM - 21 JUNE AT THE HOLIDAY INN, LEICESTER

90 Year 13 students enjoyed their Prom on Friday 21st June at the Holiday Inn, Leicester. A great night was had by all! Photos will be added to the Year 13 leavers' book and a link will be sent out via Arbor shortly.

GOOD LUCK YEAR 13S! #BGLC_Post16



Year 12 LUCY HADFIELD was awarded DofE GOLD Award at Buckingham Palace!

Congratulations to Lucy who is pictured with her proud Dad outside Buckingham Palace and in the Palace gardens on Monday 13th May 2024. Lucy completed her GOLD Duke of Edinburgh award.

WELL DONE Lucy! BGLC are so very proud of you!

In Lucy's own words:

"I enjoyed the day as it was not too hot (good thing, as my uniform I was wearing was really thick) and while there, I met up with some old friends. My Dad being my Dad had fun talking to people (most of which neither of us knew). There were lots of photo opportunities and UNLIMITED TEA which I enjoyed very much. The Duke of Edinburgh was there in person, but along with most people, I did not get to speak to him directly. There were two brass bands who would play military music as well as well-known songs like 'Don't stop me now' by Queen which my Dad did record.

Despite telling me to bring my Dad, in my Mum's words; "Why don't you take your Dad with you. I won't be upset if you took your him", when I asked her if she wanted to be my plus one, she got a little jealous of us being able to go to the Palace. She did start crying out of joy and pride though.

Including the cadets on duty, in total there were over 50 people from the Sea Cadets including Officers, Instructors and Cadets. I did get blisters from my boots but this was understandable as they were brand new. We got DofE branded reusable coffee cups, I made a new friend, and I had fun.

That night at home, my parents put photos on their Facebook pages which I was tagged in a lot. My cadet unit also added photos onto their Facebook page. We are planning to frame the letter from Prince Edward, the certificate, invites and photo in the near future."

Lucy Hadfield



POST 16 NEWS

Year 12



We are so proud of the Year 12 students and how they handled the mocks. We will now work with our Progress Leader, Mr Taylor-Fox, to support the Year 12s as they move into Year 13.

In Post 16 we report on VESPA characteristics and students who engage the most with the VESPA programme make the most progress at Key Stage 5.



Some important dates for the diary:

- 15th October 2024: Applications for Oxford, Cambridge and most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science should arrive at UCAS by 18:00.
- 18th October 2024: All students are expected to have a personal statement written.
- 20th December 2024: Internal deadline for students to apply for undergraduate courses.
- 29th January 2025: Applications for the majority of undergraduate courses should arrive at UCAS by 18:00.

ENRICHMENT

Students have had some fantastic enrichment opportunities recently with guest speakers from Nottingham Trent talking about exams and revision techniques, and DeMontfort university talking about making the most of the summer holidays.

We were also fortunate to have held our annual Higher Education trip to Lincoln. Students were able to talk to many universities from across the country and they got the opportunity to talk to ambassadors about courses and career paths.

UCAS



YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

This year our Work Experience week for Year 12 is bigger than ever!

70% of our students went on in-person work experience, with some students experiencing opportunities with family members around the country.

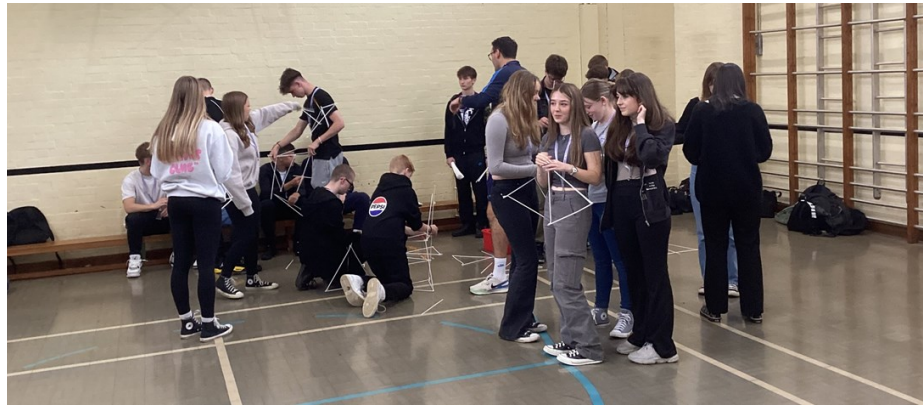
Our remaining students completed virtual work experience with Unifrog, with offerings from the NHS, Tesco, Accounting, Teaching and BBC, as well as volunteering opportunities around campus.



NEW YEAR 12 INDUCTION DAYS

On Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July we held our induction event for students joining Post 16 in September 2024. It was a brilliant two days, with students getting the opportunity to try out lessons in a variety of subjects, followed by a meet the tutor event and team building tasks.

On Tuesday morning we played a game of Bingo with some great prizes...



...followed by building towers from straws to hold a marshmallow! Well done to Mrs Farrer's tutor group who were victorious with a freestanding tower of 1.2m, that was strong enough to hold the marshmallow.

Students have been added to our Google Classroom where two tasks have been set for the summer - our Online Safety Certificate and a Passport to Sixth Form award.



What next?

GCSE results day: Thursday 22nd August 2024

Registry day: Wednesday 28th August 2024:

- 9.15am - 12.00pm in the Groby building.
- You will be greeted by a member of the Post 16 team who will check your GCSE results.
- Please bring evidence of your GCSE results to sign on to your chosen courses.
- If you are placed on a waiting list, for example due to class sizes, we will confirm your place by 2nd September 2024

First day of Year 12: Monday 2nd September 2024 at 8.40am

- Photos: Wednesday 4th September 2024
- Army team building day: Tuesday 10th September 2024



MATHS CHALLENGE

Following the Maths Challenge that some students in Years 7 and 8 sat, two students were invited to do the next round of the challenge because of their high scores. The next round of the challenge had some exceptionally difficult questions.

Pictured on the LHS is Evelyn Coombes, and on the RHS is Leighton Morgans with their certificates.

WELL DONE Evelyn and Leighton!

#BGLC_Maths



SCIENCE STAFF DRESS UP TO PUT A SMILE ON STUDENTS FACES DURING THEIR EXAMS!

Science staff dressed up for the last GCSE science exams! Faculty Leader, Miss Hawke dressed up every morning during exams, to greet students to make them smile, and take away some of the nerves!

#TeamBGLC



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ANNUAL SPORTS PRESENTATION EVENING JULY 2024

On the 3rd July we held our annual Sports Presentation Evening in the Groby Sports Hall. It was great to see so many of our students in attendance supported by family members and friends. Sam Collins, one of our ex-students who currently plays for Nottingham Forest FC, presented the awards on the night and thanks must go to him for giving up his free time to support this event. It was great to have him back on campus and hear about how his football career has progressed.

Every student who has represented the school in extra-curricular sport was recognised with a medal and we awarded player of the year trophies for each team. Our annual awards were also handed out to 7 deserving winners.

Thank you to all those in attendance - without your support we wouldn't be able to run events like this in school.



'Sportswoman of the Year' Year 11 student **Chloe Miller** for 2024

Chloe has been a wonderful asset to our school and PE Department. She loves sport and being competitive. She will always get involved in whatever activity we are doing and never lets you down. She has been an ever-present in the school netball team since Year 7, she has played both football and futsal for the school and she has participated in athletics too. However, it is rugby where she excels. She has been playing rugby outside of school for a number of years, recently gaining County recognition, and has been selected to join the Loughborough Lightning Rugby Academy in September. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to seeing how her rugby progresses.

'Sportsman of the Year' Year 11 **Manav Vadgama** for 2024

Manav is an excellent all-round sportsman. He has been a mainstay in Mr Brownett's football team since Year 7, shoring up the defence at centre back. He is also an excellent badminton player, representing the school in a number of tournaments. Manav has played rugby and participated in athletics to a high standard during his time on campus.



'The Winter Cup' Year 10 **Maddy Dodge** for 2024



Maddy has had another good cross-country season, but it is her performance on the track that has led to her winning this award. The Winter Cup recognises achievement in running and Maddy has recently made the transition from long distance running to sprinting with significant success. At the recent Leicestershire Schools County Finals held at Loughborough University, Maddy won Gold as part of the Hinckley and Bosworth 4 x 100m relay team, running a fantastic 3rd leg, and then took Bronze in the Intermediate girls 200m event.

'Daryl Rimington Award' Year 11 student **Reece Delves** for 2024



Reece won this award because of his involvement in school rugby. PE and Sport are where Reece has flourished during his time at school. He is an excellent rugby player and has played across a number of positions over the past 5 years. He excels with the ball in hand, making charging runs through defenders and he loves the physical nature of the game. He has also captained the team with aplomb, organising teams and getting his peers to play. It's a testament to his captaincy that we had so many players come to Year 11 rugby practice this year who had never played the game before.

'The Katie Lander Award'

Year 7 student **Roman Whitbread** for 2024

This award is awarded to Key Stage 3 students who have participated in a vast number of activities. It usually goes to Year 9 students, but this year Roman has won the award despite being in Year 7. Roman has participated in pretty much every sporting club that we have run this year and has represented the school in a number of sports. He played regularly for both the football and rugby teams in the winter, he swam in the swimming gala, he ran in both the Sports Hall athletics and the track and field athletics in the summer, qualifying for the County finals, and he also played for the cricket team as well as volunteering to help at a Primary School cricket event. It's been great to see him so heavily involved this year.



'The George Fleming Award'

Year 8 student **Tom Dodds** for 2024

This award recognises sporting excellence amongst our KS3 students. It was awarded to Tom because of his excellence across a number of sports. He can turn his hand to pretty much everything. He has been an integral part of the Year 8 football team that made the Team Leicestershire semi-finals and went on a good National Cup run. He was the top try scorer for the Year 8 rugby team, despite having played very little before. He has also been involved in tennis, cricket and basketball during his time on campus.

'The John Hodges Sporting Achievement Trophy'

Year 12 student **Kerry Stretton** for 2024

Kerry was given this award because of her dedication to the PE Department and extra-curricular sport during her time at Brookvale Groby. She has been heavily involved in the netball teams, but has also competed in a number of different sporting events for the school. Kerry goes above and beyond in her willingness to help out - she has umpired a number of netball games for us, helping out at Primary School events, and also volunteered to lead at the Ratby Primary School Sports Day. She thoroughly deserves to win this award as she has been a true asset to the department.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!

Check out our Facebook post, with all of the photos from the evening, for you to view!

Our AMAZING PE Teaching Staff pictured below with guest presenter and ex-student Sam Collins.





SPACE CENTRE VISIT

On 20.6.24 the Maths department took 36 Year 7 pupils to the National Space Centre. There was a NXT Martian Explorer Workshop, programming a space buggy to hit objects on Mars. We looked round the exhibition & had a Planetarium experience on Astronaut training.

#BGLC_Maths



MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING EVENT

On Thursday 27th June, Mrs Hunter's Year 10 Flex Group hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning event as part of their ASDAN qualification. The group planned, advertised and hosted the event, sending out emails and individual invitations across the Campus. On the day they served cakes (that many of them had baked themselves), hot drinks and held a raffle.

The event was incredibly well attended and we have raised in excess of £220 for this very worthy cause. Thank you to everyone that supported us. I could not be prouder of this wonderful group. Mrs Hunter.



Our Vision
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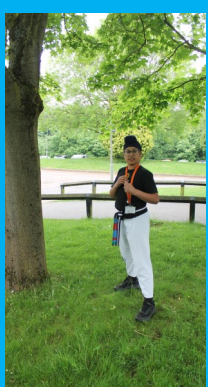
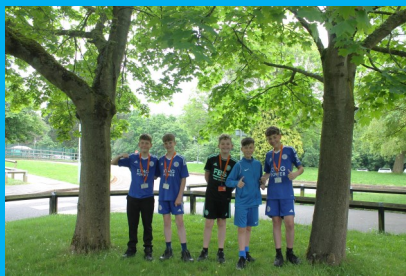
Our Motto
"Work Hard, Be Kind"

Core Values
Community, Aspiration, Resilience, Excellence

BGLC CULTURE DAY 21ST MAY 2024

BGLC Culture Day 2024! What an AMAZING day for both staff and students!

[#TeamBGLC](#) [#WorldCulturalDiversityDay](#)



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 of the child, and the situation and concerns will not be a surprise to the parents. However, parents may not be told that the campus has referred their child to children's social care if it is thought that this might put the child at risk.
- Children's social care tries to carry out its enquiries in a sensitive fashion. It has to gather information and generally it can be open with parents about the steps being taken.
- If you think your child may have been abused, or may be at risk, you should contact the children's social care office. If you think the abuse may have happened on campus, contact the Headteacher or the Designated Senior Person for Child Protection, who is Mr Godwin, Senior Deputy Headteacher. If you think your child has been hurt, arrange to visit your doctor. Comfort and reassure your child.

For parents' enquiries please contact: **Mr Godwin, Senior Deputy Headteacher**

LANYARDS REMINDER

All students will **KEEP** their lanyard and ID card for their new year group in the Autumn Term, **so please ensure they do not get thrown away**. 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
Green	Orange	Yellow	Red	Blue

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Science Summer Stars of the Term



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



Year 7

Kian Ajmeria
Marley Howell
Frederick Causer

Elia Patel
Maida Norton-Platts
Alaqmar Esmail

Leighton Morgans
Charlotte Williams
Ava Dudley

Year 8

Izzy Mynett
Isabella Errington
Noah Phipps
Jamie Hunt

Sam Harrison
Harry Swain
Maxwell Whittaker
Emily Morgan

Leia Hamill
Samuel Bywater
Louis Thurman

Year 9

Luka Frosch
Fin Clarke
Daisy Scott
Summer Sutton

Dylan Lees
Raya Dixon
Keira O'Neill-Fortune

Sophie Prince
Freya Wilson
Freya Norton

Year 10

Harry Baines
TJ Dzikiti
Evie Clayton
Shenton O'Neill
Krystal Sithole
Berka Tezock

George Coupland
Arjun Sangha
Ava Harvey
Aditi Patil
Sophie Canham
Edward Benbow

Violet Willcox
Lily Green
Beau Miller
Alyssa Tapley
Jessica Hull
Tyce Nijika

30 DAY CHALLENGE WINNER

Congratulations to **Louie Jordan in Year 7**, who is the winner of the '30 Day Challenge' attendance competition we have been running at BGLC.

Louie was shocked when he received his £50 Amazon voucher prize saying "I didn't think I'd win".

He is going to put it towards a game for his PS5.

Well done Louie!



LIBRARY NEWS



Introduction

First of all, I would like to introduce myself as the new Librarian to BGLC; my name is Ms Hutty, and I started at the school after Easter. I have been made to feel very welcome by staff and students, and am really enjoying getting to know the students.

BGLC is very lucky that it has such a wonderful space for the library, which is a very well resourced, inviting, and vibrant environment!

Year 7 Booktalking

Year 7 students were very lucky to be involved with Booktalking sessions which were held in the library, and delivered by members of the Creative Learning Services' team. Students were introduced to a variety of genres of books, including fiction and non-fiction. Students interacted very well with the presenters, which made the sessions interesting! They were then given the opportunity to borrow the books and take them home to read at their leisure.



New Books!

We are continually reviewing and updating our stock of books, and have invested in a number of new books which have either been requested by students, or are currently very popular, here are just some of them:

Thank you!

A big thank you to two students who have been helping in the library, working towards their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. The students managed to organise the non-fiction books according to the Dewey Decimal System, which has made the books a lot easier to find!



What is the Dewey Decimal System?

The Dewey Decimal System is used to organise non-fiction books in numerical order, according to their subject, by assigning a number to that subject.



Ex BGLC student India Lily Cooper

Ex BGLC student India Lily Cooper has been filming as a new series Lead "Faith" on BBC's Phoenix Rise for the last 6 months, out on 24th May on BBC iPlayer and 28th May on BBC3.

Trailer <https://youtu.be/FtXtT8cxCjA?feature=shared>

Phoenix Rise is a coming-of-age drama that follows a group of misfits who form an unbreakable bond as they navigate the trials of school life in the Midlands.

After successfully gaining a place at ArtsEd, Mountview, Urdang and Trinity Laban she declined her places and went straight into the acting industry.

WELL DONE India!
#BGLC_PA



YEAR 10 & 12 PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

On the evening of Wednesday 22nd May, Year 10 and 12 students performed in a PA Showcase, giving them a chance to perform to an invited audience of friends and family. It was a lovely evening with a lovely display of wonderful talent.

WELL DONE to all involved.

#BGLC_PA



CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS!

Congratulations to all of our nominees for the Celebration of Success evening. It was difficult to choose our winners from this group of students who have excelled in their English studies this year as everyone was worthy and deserving of praise. All of our nominees have received a certificate and silver star badge presented by their English teachers this week. Our worthy winners of the overall awards are below and we wish everyone great success in their future studies!

All nominees and winners are in yellow:

Year 7	Nominated by	Year 8	Nominated by	Year 9	Nominated by	Year 10	Nominated by
Anaya Lad	EJO	Evelyn Coombes	LVE	Amy Lennox	EKM	Kairo Piper	MTO
Emilia Parker	SHO	Arabella Mehta	SHO	Drew Mistry	EKM	Connor Boyd	EKM
Rahul Vig	EJO	Spencer Preston	LVE	Harry Smith	LVE	Monisa Ali	EKM
Ethan Litwin-Loke	LVE	Sam Harrison	FNO	Josh Bampton	FNO	Harshita Vipulkumar	LVE
						Imogen Shepherd	LVE
						Sophie Canham	CHA
						Rosie Birtwisle	ABE
						Malik Gijinthi	LVE

Winners and their reasons why:

Sophie Canham	10	Media	Sophie is hardworking and always in the right frame of mind for the lesson. She is enthusiastic about Media and her current piece of coursework is a good example of the care and attention she pays to everything she does.
Anaya Lad	7	English	Anaya has shown real talent for English and a determination to do her best in every lesson. She has made exceptional progress with our Reading plus programme, exceeding all expectations by increasing her reading level by 2 academic years. I know that she will do well in all her future studies.
Evelyn Coombes	8	English	Evelyn has a passion for learning and literature that is beautiful! She challenges herself on a daily basis and strives to achieve success. Her poetry is poignant and engaging, and I am sure she will go on to have amazing success in the future.
Amy Lennox	9	English	Always going above and beyond to be helpful, kind and conscientious. Constantly pushing herself to improve and achieve and always enthusiastic.
Rosie Birtwisle	10	English	For excellent progress during yr 10: her growing confidence and steady commitment to English is great to see, and will set her up wonderfully for Year 11 and beyond.

Mrs Jones,
Assistant Faculty Lead of English and Media, KS3



BOOK COMPETITION WINNERS AND ENTRIES

The English department recently ran a competition to win one of two books: An illustrated children's anthology of Shakespeare's works, or "The Hairy Hand." Thank you to all your entries into the English book competition - we loved reading through them and were impressed with the vocabulary and imagination used. They are linked here if you would like to read them: [character.pdfstories.pdf](https://www.character.pdfstories.pdf)

The overall winners are:

100 spooky story: Bradley Walton (year 7)

Shakespeare character: Libby Johnson (year 9)

[winning entries.pdf](https://www.winningentries.pdf)

Congratulations - you have won the new books and also a £5 book token to spend on the book of your choice!

Young Writers: Mission Catastrophe

Also, a huge congratulations to our students who are having their work published in the latest Young Writers anthology of 100 word stories. There were so many exciting and wonderful stories that were chosen to be published that we can't share them all here. However, a copy of the anthology of stories will be available in our very own BGLC library as well as the British Library in London should you wish to read them.

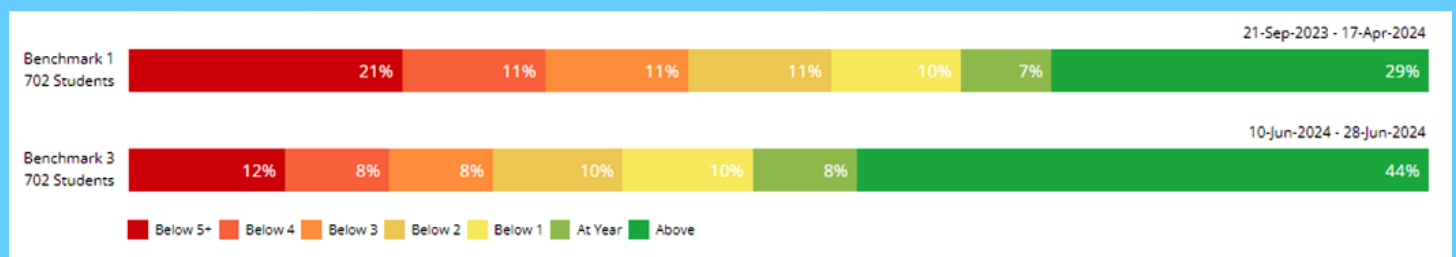
If you are yet to give your child's permission to be included in the anthology, the deadline to give permission to publish is only a week away! Parents/Guardians can give their permission online - their account login details are listed on their Copyright Permission form which were handed to students a few weeks ago. Alternatively, they can post the paperwork back to Young Writers. We are proud of each and every student who entered.

READING UPDATES

Reading Plus

Thank you to all our students, parents, family members, carers, and teachers who have been supporting Reading Plus. This is a new programme we introduced this year within KS3 English lessons, our 20/20/20 reading homework and KS4 flex lessons to help students reach their potential with their reading and vocabulary skills. As a school, we have made excellent progress and together we have read **74,778,228 words!**

Since our first baseline assessment, students have made great progress and gains in their reading. 9% of students have progressed from 5+ years below their reading age level and an additional 16% of students are now reading at or above their reading age level. On average, students have increased their reading speed by 58 wpm and 42% of students are reading at or above their projected progress for the year.



Year 8 student Evie Coombes - Reading Plus Success!

Congratulations to Evelyn Coombes of 8S1 who has completed the Reading Plus programme. Evelyn has read through 5 reading levels (equivalent to 5 academic years) to have now conquered the level M reading level - which is an equivalent reading level to that of a Year 13 student. She has also mastered 180 words in the vocabulary section and read 253,657 words! This special achievement means that Reading Plus will be sending Evelyn a gift package including a book of her choice. Congratulations Evelyn and to everyone who has read well to improve their reading skills over this past year.

Here are the names of some of the other students who have completed the reading section of Reading Plus and are now focusing on their vocabulary building: **Charlie Darker, Banikko Loizou, Amy Lennox and Charlie Drapier-Downing.**

Readathon

The final total is in and our students have raised a total of **£548** for the charity Read for Good. By completing our sponsored read, we have helped bring the magic of books and stories to children in hospital. We have also received a voucher of **£109** to spend on new books for our library. Thank you to all of our students who took part and to everyone who sponsored them. Keep reading and being amazing!

Summer Reading Challenge with Reading Plus



We are taking part in the Reading Plus Summer Challenge!

Reading Solutions UK, the home of Reading Plus, is challenging all students to read for pleasure during the school holidays. The challenge is a great opportunity for your child to enhance their reading skills and confidence and prevent the summer reading dip.

There are three prizes to be won, two are based on Reading Plus data, and the Bonus Challenge is based on using a physical book, magazine, or comic to test children's bingo skills!

The prizes:

A trophy, a £100 National Book Voucher, and a certificate.

For the school with the most average reading lessons (based on Reading Plus data).

A trophy, the choice between a £100 National Book Voucher or a doughnut party for the class, and a certificate.

For the class with the most average reading lessons (based on Reading Plus data).

Bonus Challenge: Home Reading Champion

Students who return their completed [Bingo Resource](#) will be in for a chance to win a £50 National Book Voucher, a trophy, and a certificate.

Children must return their completed worksheets to school before Friday, 13th of September, 2024.

How to get involved

We would love you to encourage your child to read throughout the summer on Reading Plus. As a bonus, or if you are unable to access Reading Plus, an excellent way to engage your child is to take part in the [Reading Plus Summer Challenge Bingo](#). Task your child to tick off all the activities before they return to school to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

Any material they can access at home or their local library will work.

Universals – Success!

German, French, Spanish



In every year group for Key Stage 3 we test the 80 most important words and phrases. The following students went above and beyond in their learning! Well done!

German		Spanish	French
Charlotte Newitt	Lilian Martin	Lucia Bailey	Mia Carter
Izzy Snart	Ekampreet Sangha	Lizzie Brambley	Maisielyn Griffin
Corey Phillips	Anna-Lydia Zolota	Weronika Debiec	Olivia Hindley
Harriet Prior	Ryandeep Bindra	Mollie Griggs	Isla Shipman
Maxwell Whittaker	Theo Whale	Dulara Jayawardena	Szymon Zalewski
Holly Bartlett	Kian Ajmeria	Amy Lennox	Carly Zheng
Charlie Darker	Daniel Hepworth	Heidi Ross	Josh Bampton
Banikko Loizou	Anaya Lad	Millie Rowe	Charlie Drapier-Downing
Isla Morrison	Arjun Mistry	Harry Smith	Ollie Fawson
Sienna Taylor	Bradley Walton	Lily Wells	Georgia Hope
Tiana Williams	Freddie Causer	Luka Frosch	Josh Maan
Leia Hamill	Jaden Mzondiwa	Freya Wilson	Finlay Murday
Ava Smalley	Niva Mistry	Evelyn Coombes	Charlie Rolls
Rhianna Owen	Tyrah Jhutti		



Duolingo – Success!

Year 10 German student, George Coupland has worked exceptionally hard for **NEARLY TWO YEARS** to achieve his 600 day badge this week.

What a streak!

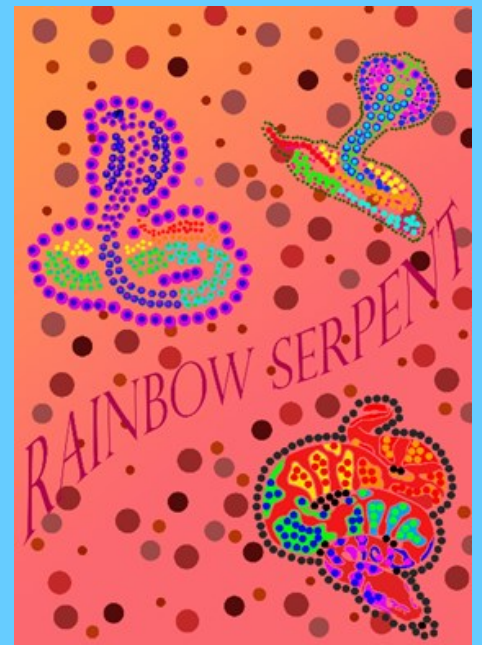
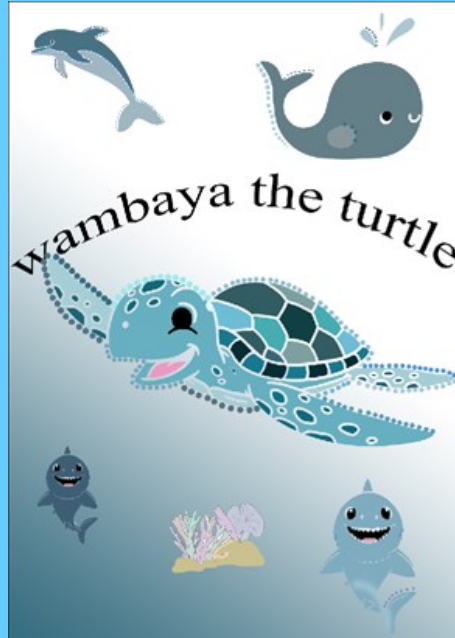
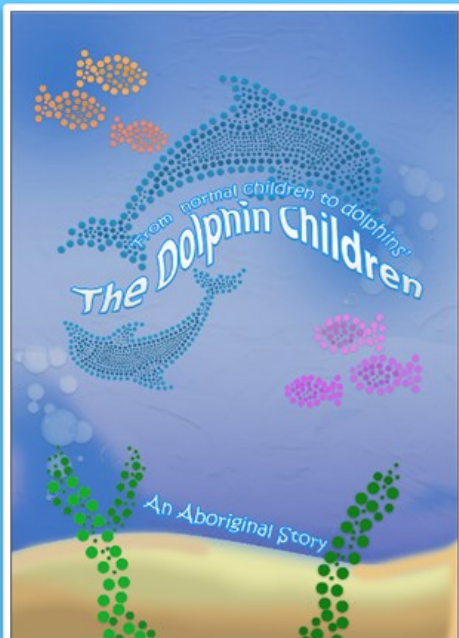
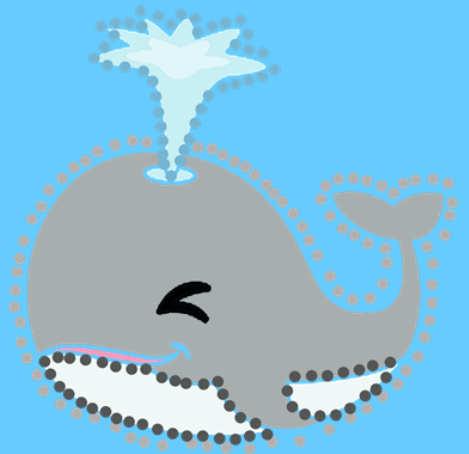
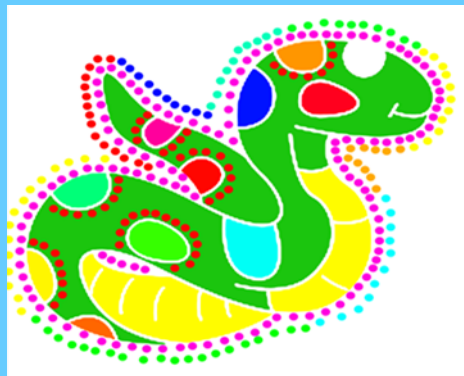
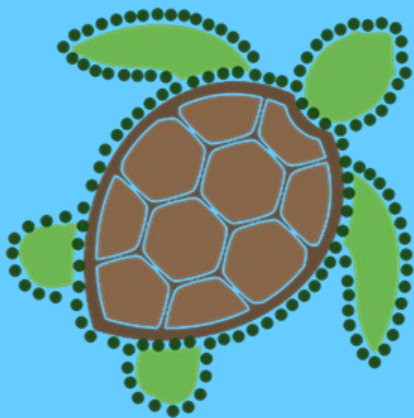
We reported in March that George had achieved 500 days. Dedication and focus has gone into this challenge and we are immensely proud!

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



YEAR 7 GRAPHICS OUTCOMES #BGLC_ADT

Check out these fabulous Year 7 Graphics outcomes from this term!



BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

Work Hard, Be Kind

Mr Will Teece, Headteacher, Brookvale Groby Learning Campus



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Thursday 26th September 2024

5pm - 8pm

For entry into Year 7 from August 2025

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"Post 16 students are highly motivated, mature and set an excellent role model for younger students."

"I was really impressed by how informative the Post 16 Open Evening was.... a real sense of the overall experience of Post 16 and great subject advice."

Parent quotes

For entry into Year 12 from September 2025

Our dedicated Post 16 team ensures that students make the best progress academically and become well-rounded citizens of the future.

Find out more about Post16@BGLC, courses on offer and how to apply:

<https://brookvalegroby.com/post-16-prospectus-course-guide/>



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BCI Heroes - May 2024



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

Josh Bristow

You consistently work hard, answer questions well, offer good ideas and have a great enthusiasm for the subject!

Sophia Moore

Phenomenal creativity in design skills in IT. Creating a professional website from scratch that looks like it should be a real site for a high-end company!

Shenton O'Neil

Your efforts in lessons are always exemplary. You always volunteer answers to questions and show your understanding of topics studied. Keep up the good work :)

Zach Ramsell

Your work in computing has been excellent. You put 100% effort into each task and your confidence in the subject is growing. Well done, and keep it up!

Sandeep George

For your final revision efforts - attending after school sessions and completing extra PPQs! Well done and I am sure your hard work will pay off!

Louie Sharp


Your hard work is really paying off Louie. Well done with excellent assessment results this year.



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Humanities Apr - Jun Half Term Stars

	Geography	History	CaRE				
Year 7	Florence Ward Jasraaj Sangha	Leighton Morgans Madison Joyce-Jones	Alfie Fitches Aoife Steane				
Year 8	Izzy Snart Hughie Ferns	Louan Palmer Neveah Whitmore	Vinny Newby Lily Jahanmiri				
Year 9	Izzy Kent Jai Sidhu	Joe Lillystone Anna-Lydia Zolota	Eleanor Bray Banikko Loizou	Health and Social Care			
Year 10	Stanley Newby Rosie Birtwisle	Jessica Hull Shenton O'Neill	Flo Gupta	Chloe Wong Emi Jennings			
Year 12	Josh Sale	Ines Goncalves		Kyle Solanki	Psychology	Sociology	Criminology
					Ines Goncalves Kerry Stretton	Amelie Gilmore Amelie Smith	Erin Harris Ava Addison



GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

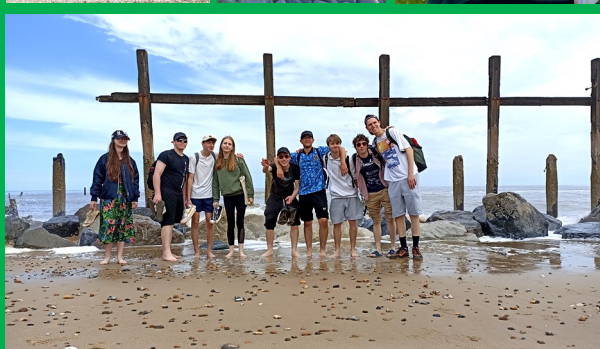
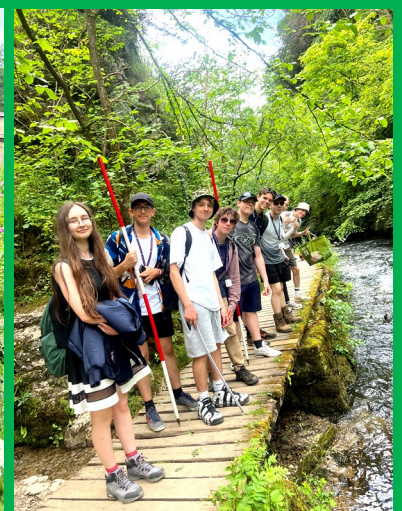
Year 12 A Level Geography students have been busy! We have been to 8 different locations over the last 2 weeks. Year 12 have spent a couple of days on the Norfolk coast collecting data to prepare them for their NEA - Independent investigation. Whilst there, they surveyed people, measured pebble size and analysed the strength of the coastal management strategies.

The second week Year 12 visited the Peak District. They have been investigating the impacts that tourists have on the area as well as sampling the ice creams!

As part of 20% of their A level Geography course the students have to investigate a geographical issue that they feel is important to them. These fieldwork days have allowed students the opportunity to investigate and collect data that for part of their investigation later on. Practice makes perfect!

The students were engaged and entertaining, we had a great time. Thank you

Mrs Gowdridge and Miss Seaton



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PERFORMING ARTS STARS OF MAY & JUNE

STARS OF THE MONTH

MAY

Luka Frosch

Emi Jennings

Luca Pitsillides

Maicie Walsh

Martha Whittaker

Lewis McPartland



Oliver Bradbury

Jaden Mzondiwa



STARS OF THE MONTH

JUNE

Will Harrington

Ivy Macdonald

Polly O'Rourke Harrison

Nathan Cook

Ava Smalley

Izzy Mynett



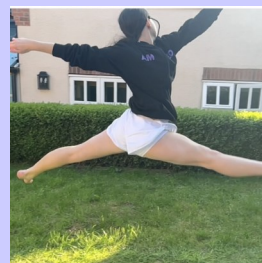
Isabelle Bray

Izzy Chick



YEAR 8 **ARABELLA MEHTA**

Congratulations to Year 8 student Arabella Mehta who has had a busy half term!

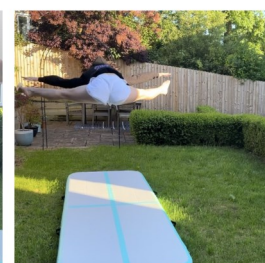
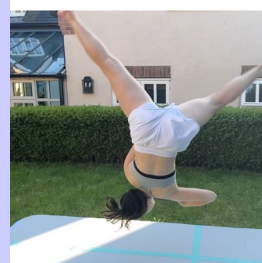


Arabella represented DuPont Dance school at the AED Reginal finals, in Cheltenham during half term, and ended as one of the top 150 tap dancers in England!



WELL DONE Arabella!

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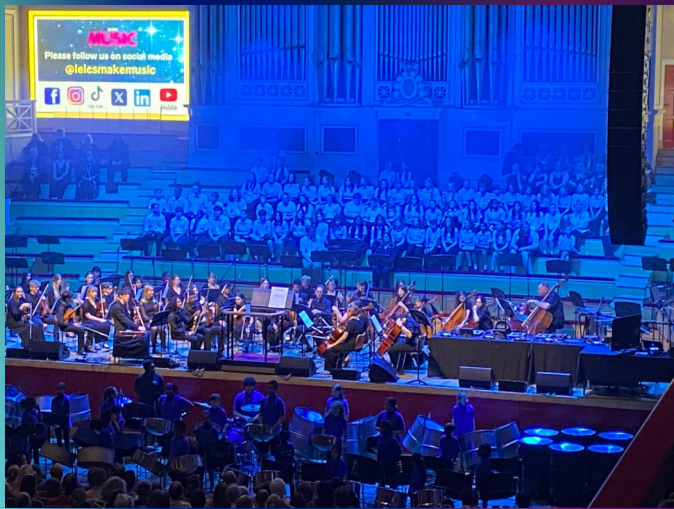


SCRATCH SYMPHONY

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On 25th June we took 30 students to take part in a special concert organised by Leicestershire Music at De Montfort Hall. We formed part of the secondary schools choir. We performed a four part version of 'Space oddity' by ourselves and then took part in the premier of the Scratch Symphony which is a new piece written for orchestra, choir and turntables. It was a brilliant mix of orchestral and electronic sounds and was a brilliant experience for our students. A massive well done to Bertie Duffin and Ed Benbow who were playing in the Leicestershire Schools Symphony Orchestra.



PA KEY DATES FOR

2024/25



October 2024 (date TBC) - Autumn Open Mic Night

4th December 2024 - Christmas Concert

1st-3rd April 2025 - Whole school show

18th June 2025 - Summer Showcase

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SUMMER SHOWCASE

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On June 18th we hosted our annual Summer Showcase. It was a wonderful evening of music and drama with students from year 7 to year 13 getting involved. We had Drama groups performing from across KS3 and 4 as well as our Vocalize choir and Music Ensemble. As ever, we also had many solos and small group performances, including some year 11 and 13 students returning to perform for the final time! A great way to finish the year!



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to the following members of staff this term:



Collette Harding



Joanne Stewart



Ebony Pulling



Elizabeth Brook

- **Jenny Lovell**; Teaching Assistant in the English department, is retiring after 23 years.
- **Helen Smart**; Business Manager is retiring after 21 years here at BGLC.
- **Elaine Freeman**; PA to SLT is going into semi-retirement after 17 years here at BGLC.
- **Collette Harding**; Teacher of English, is leaving after 12 years to take up new post at Ashfield Academy.
- **Joanne Stewart**; Teacher of English for 5 years will be taking up a new post at Hill Farm Primary School.
- **Ebony Pulling**; Teacher of Social Sciences for 2 years will be leaving to take up a new post at Guilsborough Academy.
- **Sharon Swatton**; Science TA for a year is leaving to take up a post at Leicester Grammar.
- **Georgia McManus**; Learning Support Assistant for a year will be leaving to attend Teacher Training.



61 YEARS COMBINED SERVICE! **THANK YOU Jenny, Helen and Elaine!**

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THANK YOU Jenny, Helen and Elaine from everyone, for all of the 58 years between you that you have dedicated to our students here at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus.

HELLOS

We say 'hello' to new staff members at the start of the new term:

- Carolyn Breeze - Teacher of English (Mat Cover)
- Caitlin Depledge - Teacher of ADT
- Andrea Louis - Teacher of English
- Lizzy Pearce - Teacher of Humanities
- Georgina Rimington - Teacher of ADT
- Charlotte Townsend - Teacher of English
- Sarah White - Teacher of Media
- Owain Wilson - Teacher of Languages
- Rebecca Davis - Business Manager
- Sujeeva Dhanaraja - Cover Supervisor
- Ella Flannery - Kitchen Assistant
- Millie Hall - LSA
- Sat Kalsi - Teaching Assistant - English
- Florence Plant - LSA
- Muminah Mahmood - Lead Teacher of Social Sciences

YEAR 8 STUDENT TARA MACKNESS

Massive achievement for Year 8 student Tara Mackness who received the Student Choice Award, at MX Masterclass, her London based group she attends weekly over the weekend.

WELL DONE Tara!

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- Monday 20 January 2025

YEAR 7 ROUNDERS TEAM CROWNED HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH CHAMPIONS

Huge CONGRATULATIONS to our fabulous Year 7 girls rounders team who were crowned **Hinckley and Bosworth champions** on 25.6.24. After going undefeated at the tournament, captain Flo Allsop supported her team to victory - the sweets salad helped apparently!

HOW FANTASTIC!!! WELL DONE GIRLS! #BGLC_PE



LIVINGSTON RELAYS

Huge congratulations to Year 11 Louie Paddison, and Year 12 Joe Matthews, who were part of the Wreake and Soar Valley men's team who won the recent Livingston Relays. They ran superbly through some very wet conditions!

WELL DONE Louie & Joe!

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YEAR 13 CASSIE DODGE

BOSWORTH HALF MARATHON

A huge well done to Year 13 student Cassie Dodge, who completed her first half marathon 19th May, completing the Bosworth Half in a very respectable time of 2:01:12. She enjoyed it so much she has already signed up for the Great Eastern Run, we all wish you good luck in your continued training.

WELL DONE Cassie!

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LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR U13 GIRLS BASKETBALL CROWNED UNDEFEATED EAST MIDLANDS CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to Year 7 students Madison Joyce-Jones and Olivia Hindley, who played for Leicestershire Junior U13 Girls Basketball team over the weekend. They **WON** every game to be crowned undefeated East Midlands Champions!

WELL DONE Madison and Olivia!

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YEAR 9 LIBBY GAMBLE RUGBY SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 9 student Libby Gamble who has been invited to join the North Region for the UR7s National Sevens Academy, for the U16s Girls for the 2024/25 season! This was



following successful trials last month at Broadstreet, Coventry. This will help her skills development, and gain further knowledge to allow her progress within her Rugby future.

WELL DONE Libby!

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YEAR 7 SAM ROBILIARD CRICKET SUCCESS

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Congratulations Year 7 student Sam Robilliard, who has made it into the U12's Leicestershire County Cricket Team!.

WELL DONE Sam!

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YEAR 8 JACK SMITH SWIMMING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 8 student Jack Smith who has been picked to be part of the East Midlands Development programme.

Jack has been working very hard since Christmas trying to qualify for this Summers British and Home Nations meets. The British will take the top 28 ranked in each stroke and then the English Nationals will take the next 28 swimmers after that. Jack managed to qualify for 5 events in the British Nationals and then 1 event in the English. He is chuffed at that, and is hoping to try and make a final in one of the events – GOOD LUCK Jack!

He is currently ranked in the top 20 in Great Britain across a number of strokes, when looking at his year of birth (2010s). He is ranked number 1 in Great Britain, in the 400m IM, if you filter it on School Year alone (Year 8s).

Thank you to Jack's proud parents for letting us know.

WELL DONE Jack! #BGLC_PE

Event Rankings (Last 12 Months)

Open/Male - Long Course - 400m Individual Medley - British - 13 Years Age Group - At 26th August 2024

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Rank	Name	Ranked Club	YoB	Meet Name	Venue	Level	Date	Time	FINA
1	Jack Smith	Co Leicester	10	SE East Midlands Regional LC Championships 2024	Corby	1	21/04/24	4:59.43	531
2	Jacob Bacon	Co Peterboro	10	Swim England East Region LC Championships 2024	Norwich	1	11/05/24	4:59.82	529
3	Archie McGuire	Co Sund'land	11	SE North East Regional Age Group Championships	Leeds	1	28/04/24	5:03.72	508
4	Hayden Sanders	Bromley	11	SE London Region Summer Championships 2024	London	1	04/05/24	5:05.86	498
5	Leon Ginther	Portsmouth N	10	Plymouth Leander March L1 National Qualifier 2024	Plymouth	1	10/03/24	5:10.14	478
6	William Hughes	Basilidon Ph	10	Swim England East Region LC Championships 2024	Norwich	1	11/05/24	5:11.21	473



AREA ATHLETICS



12 students represented BGLC along with Hinckley and Bosworth at the County Athletics Championships that were held at Loughborough University on 20.6.24. The students' behaviour, attitude and enthusiasm were impeccable all day. The girls intermediate 4x100m relay team that consisted of Maddie Dodge, Isla Rose-Hurst, Phoebe Badelek and a student from TMBS, won gold. Cassie Dodge won gold in the senior girls 1500m, Joe Matthews won gold in the boys senior 1,500m, Jayden Sleath won silver in the boys intermediate javelin (even though he is only in Year 9) and Maddie Dodge won her second medal of the day in the intermediate girls 200m.



A HUGE well done to you all!

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POST 16 REGISTRATION DAY: Wednesday 28th August 2024



9.15am - 12.00pm for registration

2024 EXAM RESULTS COLLECTION DATES & TIMES:

A Levels /AS / BTEC L3 / CAM TECH Years 12 & 13: **Thursday 15th August** from 9am - 11.30am
(from 8.30am if you are going through clearing)

GCSEs / BTEC L2 /CAM NAT Year 11: **Thursday 22nd August** from 9am - 11.30am

GCSE Statistics Year 10: **Thursday 22nd August** from 10am - 11.30am

Post 16 Registration Day: **Wednesday 28th August** from 9.15am - 12.00pm

BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

Our main switchboard will be closed over the Summer holiday from **1.00pm on Friday 12th July 2024**

We will be open on Exam results days:

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Post 16 results and admissions enquires please email: Post16@brookvalegroby.com

EXAMS enquires please email: Exams@brookvalegroby.com

I wish all of our BGLC community a restful and well-earned summer break.

Stay safe, have fun and we look forward to welcoming you all back to campus in August.

Will Teece

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