

WINTER NEWSLETTER—2018



The last year seems to have flown by and it is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. There has been quite a lot going on over that time and hopefully your child has taken the opportunity to get involved with some of the new developments going on around the school. Our new subject ambassadors have been busy contributing to the life of their nominated department, over 50 students have been involved with the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, House competitions continue to involve lots of students, particularly with sport, staff and students from across the school have been running new and existing lunchtime activities and our 100 Year commemorations for the end of World War One were a huge success.

Our new RE and Social Sciences block finally opened in September 2018. In true 'Grand Designs' style there were a few hiccups along the way, mainly due to sections of our original drainage system from 1955 when the school was built for around 500 students. With currently over 1100 Branston students, it is no surprise that upgrading the system would be needed to manage this expansion, plus any future developments.



Interestingly, the school is built on extremely hard bedrock, which meant that progress was very slow with laying the new drainage – the contractor said that he had not ever worked with such a hard substance and more powerful machinery had to be brought in to complete the works. The new classrooms have been a great success – not only providing excellent facilities but a wonderful view of the Wolds too. New toilets, wash basins and drinking fountains have been welcomed by the students. The patience shown by the staff, parents and local residents has been much appreciated by both ourselves and the contractor. In addition, we have added to our student spaces around the site – a new area for Years 7 and 8 plus two covered outdoor areas, all with new picnic benches.



We were particularly pleased with our GCSE results this year, with 81% of our students achieving a grade 4 or above in both English and Mathematics (equivalent to the old C grade at GCSE). Our A Level results were also strong, with 98.5% pass rate. So congratulations are well deserved for both of these year groups.

As we head into the festive season I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and look forward to continuing working with you in the New Year.

Mrs J Turner

Design & Technology

As part of their course Year 10 Engineering students attended a Construction Fair at the Lincolnshire Showground where they got a chance to try their hand at a variety of different trades and other activities. This included surveying, crane operating (using a simulator) Architecture, and their favourite - JCB driving!



Sixth form Geography Visit to Sheffield

The Geography department took our sixthform groups to Sheffield to collect primary data for their fieldwork. The students looked at four areas of rebranding in the city centre - collecting data on pedestrian counts, landuse and environmental quality. The afternoon was spent in warmer conditions in Meadowhall Shopping centre where students were able to investigate the success of Meadowhall and question shoppers about their reasons for visiting the centre. The data will be collated and analysed as preparation for the AS fieldwork paper or used by the Y13 students in their coursework.

WW1 Commemoration Event – 9th November 2018

We hosted a thought-provoking and memorable event in remembrance of those lost in The Great War. The event was a collaboration of the work of the three Branston schools, as well as the two nurseries in the village. Invited guests were taking on a journey through the war years, from the outbreak of conflict in 1914 to the ultimate Armistice Day in 1918. The concept of remembrance and sacrifice was portrayed in various different ways, including singing, dance, drama and poetry. At one stage children and students from across four establishments formed one large choir, singing 'All Together Now' in unison. Refreshments involved an afternoon tea, served by students from the Academy, and the audience were able to enjoy a community sing-a-long to celebrate the end of the war.

The event offered a sensitive understanding and portrayal of life during the war years and it didn't shy away from the horrors, whilst also recognising the sense of community spirit which resonated throughout this period of time.

It was a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives for our freedoms. It had been over 9 months in the planning, with lots of hard work from many individuals. Guests were able to look at the many displays which formed part of the commemoration. Students from across all schools have had the opportunity to discover more about the impact of WW1, both in terms of sacrifice and community spirit; the knowledge now gained will ensure that those killed for 'our today' will never be forgotten.



Shakespeare School Festival

Branston Community Academy wowed their audience at the Drill Hall in Lincoln yesterday evening with a dark and gothic themed performance of William Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. The performance opened with a spirited battle between the warring brothers Oliver and Orlando as the ensemble fought to the eerie sounds of Visage, 'Fade to Grey.'

Wrestling, banishment and disguises took the cast to the Forest of Arden where the remaining action took place.

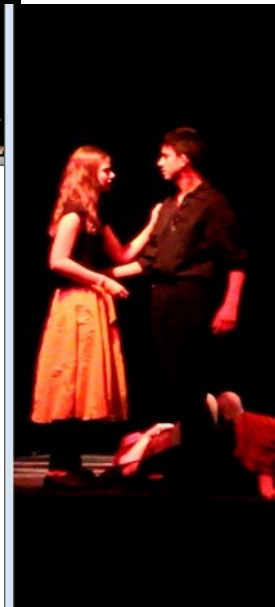
Superb performances by Vincent Shaw as the love-struck Orlando and Amber Pickard as his disguised Rosalind, cleverly wove their way through the forest; a forest that took on a life of its own when confronted with love notes, fallen food and weary travellers.



Louie Bryant stood out as elderly Adam donating most of his life savings to his young master, Orlando and Charlie Cannon's depiction of ancient Corin, once loved but now only moved by money created a comedy moment appreciated by the audience.

Courting in Arden continued as the artless and unsophisticated Audrey, played beautifully by Katie Bexon, managed to catch the eye of Adam Hutchinson's exotic, cultured fool Touchstone.

Alex Laughton as evil Oliver became a changed



man when rescued by his once hated brother, falling in love with Aliena/ Celia played with assurance and control by Ellie-Mia Kazics. Adding to the comedy were confident performances from poor deluded Silvius (Isaac Lanes) as he chased his beloved Phoebe (Heather Johnson) through the forest to the tune of 'I Wanna be your Boyfriend', by the Ramones.

The forest ensemble evolved seamlessly into the fierce lioness, slayed by Orlando.

Other notable performances were given by Jack Read as the melancholy Jaques, bemoaning his life, lack of love and the world in general: Matthew Tonge as the banished Duke Senior, enjoying the simple life in the forest, complete with hotdogs and burgers, and the menacing Duke Frederick who, like Oliver began to see the error in his wicked ways as he turned to the cloth.

The joyous finale saw four weddings and Duke Senior reclaiming his crown as the cast celebrated in style.

A memorable performance by a very young talented cast to an unusual and imaginative soundtrack.

Mrs J Davenport



History Club

This term members of the History Club have been extra busy. With the centenary of the end of World War One, they were involved in the celebrations held at the academy. Several of the students already knew a great deal about the war and it was decided to create a display to demonstrate that knowledge. Students researched the development of the tank, manufactured here in Lincoln, and worked tirelessly to assemble a model. Mrs Stevenson was amazed at how many pieces were required. The group had endless patience and it was finally completed.

In addition, members of the group created a diorama of a World War One 'dog fight' using more models. Both the tank and the aeroplanes were on display during the celebration. Other items included various books and pictures and some model improvised grenades created by the students who first had to research how these were used by troops in the trenches. Students investigated the meaning of the poppy as used by the British Legion as a symbol of the peace that followed the war.

As well as the display work that they did, the students were tasked with showing people where their tables were in the concert hall and then helped to serve food and drinks to the invited guests. Everyone involved agreed that they were a credit to the school.

The centenary celebration was a big event for the students and they worked well together to produce a mini exhibition in the gallery. Now they are turning their skills to a new project and each one is researching something that is of personal interest to them. This will be turned into a wall display in the History corridor. We are hoping to be able to have a couple of trips out in the near future to investigate what is available in the area to the eager historian.



Food Department

In the late Summer on 17th July 2018 the Food Department attended a Field to Fork careers conference held at Riseholme showground. At the event 46 now year 10 and 11 Food students had the opportunity to visit interactive exhibitions, speak to guest speakers and attend workshops on all aspects of Food Provenance and find out about careers in Food. An enjoyable and useful day was had by staff and students alike.

Mrs Woods and Mrs Anderson
Joint Head of Food



Policies

The updated Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and the Special Educational Needs and Disability policy can be found on our website.

PE News

Boys Football

Year 7

'A' Team

Friendly

Branston 5-0 Lincoln Castle

National Cup

Branston 3-2 De Aston

Branston 0-1 William Farr

County Cup

Branston 0-3 Caistor Grammar School

League

Branston 3-4 William Farr

Tournament – 5-a-side @ BCA

BCA 3-0 RP

BCA 1-1 QEHS

BCA 5-0 LCHS

BCA 2-0 Pembroke

Semi Final: BCA 3-0 LSST

Final: BCA 0-1 Lincoln Academy

To Play

LSST, Lincoln Academy, NK, QEHS, Gainsborough

Report

The Year 7 boys team has had a mixture of fortune this term, as a newly formed team, players have alternated but a core group is starting to emerge. We started off strongly with a good friendly win against Lincoln Castle and formed a strong spine for our team with quality, experienced footballers moving the ball around well. Another strong start in our first league match was unfortunately thrown away in the second half losing to William Farr in a game that we led 3-1. It could have gone either way but with the start the boys had we should not have lost this one. This was followed by another extremely close and tense game in the National Cup against the new enemy of William Farr, again our Year 7 team just came up short losing 1-0 but the boys threw everything at them but couldn't find the back of the net. Defensively tight but limited up front. Next came the long journey north for the County Cup fixture against Caistor Grammar, which started off well and we were on top for long periods but lacked the firepower to convert our chances and this came back to haunt us with a few alterations in attack Caistor tore us apart with speed and the long ball over the top in the second half. This was another game where all the hard work wasn't represented in the final score line.

Then came our final test of the term, a 5-a-side tournament at home, 9 other sides arrived with some very strong teams but our Year 7 boys looked confident winning their first game emphatically 3-0. We continued in the same fashion in the group stages dispatching some very good sides and emerged top of the group and through to the semi-finals where we destroyed LSST 3-0 to go into the finals against what was commonly regarded as the best team in the tournament Lincoln Academy. After an incredibly close game, where we displayed some amazing passing moves, excellent goalkeeping and some generally fantastic football, we were undone by a fortunate goal in the final 30 seconds and lost 1-0, heart breaking but some positivity to take into the new year.

The only disappointment has been the relatively low numbers at training. This has been the lowest in KS3 and has led to us being unable to run a 'B' team this year. This has been a disappointment as I know there are footballers who do not come training. These boys need to show more mental toughness and come to training to try to battle into the 'A' team. Hopefully this will occur after Xmas

Squad

B Lines ©, C Doble, W Gimenez-Codd, B Whitworth, S Shephard, A Taylor, J Middleton, E Jenkinson, C Therabon, H Ingamells, E Noorpuri, C Moore, A Garner, G Hudson, R Turnbull

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	0	0	1	2	3	0

YEAR 8 'A' Team	YEAR 8 'B' Team
County Cup Round 1 Branston 4-3 Bourne Grammar School	Friendlies: To Play: Carres Grammar LCHS Pembroke Academy
National Cup Round 1 – Bye Round 2 – Branston 4-2 Priory Ruskin Round 3 – Branston 4-5	
League Branston 11-1 Lincoln Academy Branston 5-0 North Kesteven	
To Play: QEHS, William Farr, LSST (Friendly) and Spalding Academy (County Cup)	

Report

Overall the Yr 8 team have had a very positive start to the season, displaying far more mental toughness and maturity than in Yr 7. In the league we have so far played 2 games against Lincoln Academy and NK. Both have been relatively straightforward, with the Lincoln Academy game being called early as we had taken an 8-goal lead. However, despite the relative weakness of the opposition we played some good attacking football, but more importantly looked much stronger at the back. This had been an issue last year, where we had conceded silly goals

We have also entered both the National and County cup this year. In the National a bye was followed by a cracking 4-2 victory over a strong Priory Ruskin team. We were the better team but Ruskin kept coming at us, before a Dylan Hearn hat-trick secured the victory. We then travelled to Nottingham to take on Fellows. This was an incredibly even game, but I always felt we had the more ability and class and led 4-3 with 10 minutes to go, thanks again to a Dylan Hearn hat-trick. However, we then committed football suicide, throwing the game away with 2 defensive errors. This was desperately disappointing as we were the better team and the boys should have won.

The County cup has brought more success as we have reached Round 2 with a hard fought 4-3 away win over Bourne Grammar school. It was a very good game and we led 2 nil and 3-2 before being pegged back with 10 minutes to go. Fortunately Dylan Hearn popped up again to complete yet another hat-trick to secure victory and a trip to Spalding in January

The numbers at training have continued to be excellent, leading to me continuing the 'B' team. We have 3 fixtures coming up, a welcome reward for the dedication of the boys who may not have made the 'A' squad but continue to train weekly.

Overall the boys have progressed well from last year and are beginning to mature as a team, becoming more tactically aware and tougher to play against. We have found a goal scorer in Dylan Hearn, who is on course to score more goals in a season than any other pupil in my 20 years at the school. However their future success will depend on them growing as a team, improving their game management and becoming both mentally and physically tougher as an unit.

Squad

'A' squad

Will Day ©, Joe Hammerton (v/c), Jack Carlisle, Charlie Foster, Ben Foot, Will Davies, Dylan Hearn, Jack Adeboyega, Harry Somers-Wells, Luke McGill, Sam Ritchie, Ellis Starbuck, Tom Whitehead, Alex Taylor (Yr 7), Charles Doble (Yr 7)

B' squad

Josh McGowan, Harry Everington, Harry Stothard, Seb O'May, Lewis Hyde, Kieran Lloyd, Harry Donner, Fraser McCrory, Oli Aiken, Cole Marshall, Cam Metcalfe, Travis Dunwell, Bowen Jones, Jenson Hughes, Tyler Newman, Brooklyn Lines (Yr 7)

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	2	0	0	16	1	6

Year 9

Results

Branston 7-0 William Farr

Branston 0-3 LSST

County Cup

Branston 0 – 3 QEHS

Report

After the second, so near but yet so far, end to the season where we lost both the League again in our last game, the Yr 9's came into this league season with something to prove. Our first league game was at home against William Farr and we played very well, moving the ball quickly and working hard in attack and defence. Goals came freely and we cruised to a 7 nil victory. Next up were the league winners from 2 year ago in LSST, whom we had beaten 4-2 last year. This was always going to be the crunch game but we were very poor, being easily beaten by 3 goals to nil. Skill wise we were as good but we froze and the boys massively underperformed. A disappointing performance, but Louis Greenwood, Ryan Hewitt and Will Day from Yr 8, giving very credible performances. We also entered the County Cup and we were handed a very tough draw against QEHS, last year's league champions. In this game we worked very hard but once again were slightly bullied and could not capitalise

We also entered the County Cup and we were handed a very tough draw against QEHS, last year's league champions. In this game we worked very hard but once again we underperformed and could not capitalise on the chances we created. Unfortunately for us, QEHS, did and they deserved a 3 nil win.

Going forward this is clearly a talented team. We need to be mentally stronger and willing to fight fire with fire. The boys love to 'talk the talk' but after Xmas it is time 'to walk the walk'

Perhaps best of all has been seeing over 25 boys continue come to training every week. This has pleased me so much that I managed to get a 'B' team fixture against Carres Grammar as a reward to their excellent attendance. Unfortunately, Carres fielded 5 of their 'A' team and it was a mismatch against our genuine 'B' team and we lost 8 nil. This was a great shame as the boys had been really looking forward to it. Carres have apologised for this. I am still trying to organise some more games after Xmas but it is proving very difficult, with most other schools struggling to get a genuine 'B' team out to play us. I will continue to try to reward the boys for their excellent commitment .

Squad

'A'

Callum Thomas ©, Ryan Hewitt, George Wallhead, Rhys Firth, Euan Sullivan,

Louis Greenwood, Lewis Townhill, Daniel Wilson , Kyle Kennealey, Harvey Cook,

Tom Baker, Finlay Davis, Reilly Sugden, Charlie Whitehill, Ed Footitt, Will Day (Yr 8)

'B'

Jovi Staines ©, Callum Pickard, Connor Barlow, Daniel Stamford, Tom Richmond, Ben Stafford, Reuben Sansoa-Twells, Owen Batchelor, George Bridge, George Maginess, Freddie Spander, Lucas Johnson, Kallum Starbuck, James Barr, Zak Bellamy, Henry Crust, Josh Driver,

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	1	0	1	7	3	3

Year 10

County Cup

Branston 1-5 The Deepings School

League

Branston 1-1 Lincoln Academy

To Play

QEHS, Gainsborough

William Farr

LSST

Report

The Year 10 team have had a slow start to the year with two of the three league fixtures rearranged for March, however the first and only league game played by the boys was a great example of determination and skill. After having previously lost heavily to Lincoln Academy last season, the Year 10 team were expecting a tough game but went out to play hard and with a resolution to show a true reflection of their ability. The game was difficult, individual battles raged all over the pitch but we were coming out on top, winning the 50/50 balls and dominating the midfield. We maintained possession and moved the ball around with poise and flair. A solid centre back partnership of Harrison Ainslie and Jedd Gilbert quickly removed any danger posed by the strong and fast attacking players of Lincoln Academy. Alex Cook, Nojus Janutis and Jake Lines played threatening balls through their defenders and continuously rained down crosses on to the goalkeeper, keeping the pressure firmly in the oppositions half. Eventually the boys took a thoroughly deserved 1-0 lead and maintained the performance throughout the 2nd half. Unfortunately Lincoln Academy didn't give up and showed their quality which defeated us previously. They turned on the style, which had until this point been nullified, in the 94th minute and gained a corner, whipped in a vicious cross which evaded Alex Fillingham in goal and the whole team who came back to defend and was connected with by the smallest player on the pitch at the back post. But it wasn't over immediately from the kick-off we attacked, flew up the pitch and rifled a ball at the goal, the net rippled but only the side netting, what could have been an amazing victory, tasted like bitter defeat, but a draw keeps a league win alive.

A trip to Deepings School, Peterborough, followed in the County Cup. We started brightly and were holding a strong Deepings team to only 1 nil behind. Unfortunately, a lack of self confidence that can haunt this team reared its ugly head and we collapsed. We missed a penalty and struggled to defend, crumbling to a 5-1 defeat

Much more to come from this team when the football fixtures resumes, if they can toughen up a bit and mature and display the teamwork and guts needed to win this league, then they have a genuine chance.

Squad

H Ainslie ©, A Fillingham, E Sullivan, J Gilbert, O Morland, H Mason, H Shaw, A Cook, J, Hutton, J Lines, N Janutis, C Thorley, T Baker, M Green

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	1	0	0	1	1	1

Year 11

Results

Branston 4 – 0 William Farr

Branston 1 – 2 NK

Branston 4 – 1 LSST

Branston 1 – 0 Lincoln Academy (Cancelled – L Academy forfeit)

To Play:

QEHS

Report

The season began away at the league winners for the last two seasons. Despite hints of storm Ali affecting the game, we certainly dealt with the conditions better than William Farr.

After dominating the opening exchanges, we went ahead through a composed George Whelpton strike. Just before half time Captain Leo Priestley doubled the lead with a stunning strike from the edge of the box. In the second half, going uphill and against the wind we continued to dominate and two strikes from Cael Isaac secured victory and a great start to the season. NK were up next on a blustery evening. Despite taking an early lead through Luke Garner we never really got going and despite no complaints with effort or work rate the quality was lacking. NK equalised early in the second half and with literally the last kick of the match won it with a finish following a goalmouth scramble. Did we deserve to win, in my opinion no, but we certainly did enough to get something out the game. Disappointed. Priory LSST, away was our next encounter and despite being the better team in the first half we went in at half time goalless. LSST started the second half better and took a deserved lead, this seemed to spring us back into life and when Michael Adeboyega headed home a Luke Garner corner we were back on terms. George Whelpton put us 2-1 up with a close-range finish following a good save from a Leo Priestley shot, before substitute Kieran Downes superbly finished Cael Isaac's cross for 3-1. With LSST now a beaten side Ben McKee hoofed the ball forward and the unfortunate LSST defender looped the ball into his own net for 4-1. Once again, the work rate of the side was excellent, this coupled with the returning quality of Zak Brown to the 11, the future is starting to look brighter after the NK result. The final game this term before the winter break should have seen us take on City PA, but the game was cancelled, and we were awarded a 1-0 victory. We will now finish the league season in 3rd place at worst. With QEHS left to play (and following their 2-1 victory over NK) the equation is now simple. Victory over QEHS in March and we will win the league any other result will see QEHS crowned league champions and we finish 2nd or 3rd, depending on other result. What a game to finish 5 years of school football!

Squad

Liam Powell, Lewis Banner, Oliver Landry, Michael Adeboyega, Ben McKee, Ciaran Taylor, Ben Harker, Leo Priestley ©, Cael Isaac, George Whelpton, Luke Garner, Zak Brown, William Footitt, Josh Bellamy & Kieran Downes

P	W	D	L	F	A
4	3	0	1	10	3

Year 12/13

Results

[Branston 0 – 5 Kings School, Grantham](#)

Branston 0 – 3 William Farr National Cup

Branston 5 – 0 Carres Grammar

Branston 1 – 5 LSST

To Play:

Lincoln Academy

Report

For the first time in 15 years we have run a Yr 12/13 team. This has been a friendly team, really aimed at rewarding a great bunch of lads for their service to the PE department over their previous 5 years at Branston. We have so far played 4 games and the boys have battled hard, never giving anything less than 100%. A great win at Carres Grammar has been the highlight, where we played some really attractive football. However in the other 3 games so far, we have struggled to find a cutting edge , often being out fought and, if I am honest, out classed. However, it has been great fun and I believe, even in defeat the boys have enjoyed continuing to play school football. We have one more game to play after Xmas and hopefully this will be the start of a Yr 12/13 football revival at Branston.

Squad

Rob Clarke ©, Dan Hill, Dan Lindsey, Ethan Thompson, Brendon Bourne, Lewis Deaton, Kyle Broughton, Jack Moore, Daniel Bennison-Lewis, Alex Meldrum, Seb Oles, Ben Marfleet, Drew Hilton, James Wood

Girls

Netball

Year 7

Results:

Branston 14 – 0 William Farr

Branston 8 – 6 LSST

To Play:

QEHS, Gainsborough

Lincoln Academy

It is always lovely to report on a great start for the year 7 netball team. Not only do we have one team like most schools do, but we have managed to create 3 teams. Lots of girls usually sign up for trials, and this year was no exception, but it is wonderful to report that we still have over 20 girls coming along to club every week. So, with this, 3 teams were entered into a local tournament so that all the girls could represent the Academy, Unfortunately, the tournament was postponed until the New Year, but we will be ready to go when a new date is found.

The A team have played 2 matches so far in the Lincoln and Gainsborough league. A committed start to training 3 times a week always ensures that we are ahead of our opponents in terms of organisation, so we were raring to go. The first game against William Farr began well with the team working hard together and keeping possession of the ball well. Shooters too, were on form, and we were 9-0 up at half time. William Farr got their act together a bit more in the 2nd half but not enough to threaten us as we surged ahead to win 14-0. The defence were never tested, but this was sure to change in our next match against Priory LSST. This was an interesting game. In terms of skill and ability, we were by far the better team, but they seemed to unnerve us and spoil our game by making us rush and give the ball away too often. Lots of calls of, 'slow down', 'spread out' and 'take your time' were shouted from the side lines which eventually they managed to do! A well deserved 8-6 victory in the end. A win is a win as they say, but I feel we could have won by more. More work to do in the New Year but with this bunch of girls, commitment and motivation is no problem! Well done!

A team squad:

Evie Scigala ©, Evie Lount (v-c), Georgia Broughton, Lucy Jenner, Stacie Grint, Elizabeth Moss, Erin Maxwell, Evie Openshaw, Seren Cranston, Ellie Mattison, Chloe Stoppard, Gemma Harrison, Maddy Lamb

B team squad:

Shannon Wardle, Emily Kane, Caitlin Curt, Hannah Bean, Amelia Martin, Chloe Cook, Molly Kilroy, Portia Briggs, Lily Taylor, Lucy Spandler

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	2	0	0	22	6	6

Year 8 Netball

Result

Branston 15 – 0 Lincoln Academy

Branston 15 - 0 NK

To Play:

QEHS, Gainsborough

William Farr

LSST

The girls have started this season the same way they finished the last, strong and full of potential. Their game play has shown increasing creativity and the girls have proven to be highly skilful and proficient across all areas of the court. The first match of the league saw the team arrive with their usual infectious team spirit and desire to win. With excellent attacking play through the centre court and a strengthening tactical link between shooters, the points very quickly started to add up in favour of Branston. Outstanding defensive work made sure the opposition found it hard to break through into their attacking goal circle.

The second match of the season saw the girls dominate with even more force and proving to be too efficient at goal scoring for the opposition to handle. The team has demonstrated outstanding dedication towards their training and great drive to continue to improve, and it is clearly paying off. This squad is brimming with talent and potential, with a special mention to centre court player Leah Kennealey and shooter Libby Christopher who earned a place on the County netball squad this season.

Squad

Leah Kennealey (C), Charlotte Barr, Shannon Alexander, Lucy Adams, Lily Keenan, Emma Green, Freya Byers, Katie Wood, Libby Christopher, Eleanor Applewhite, Evie Scigala (Yr 7)

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	2	0	0	30	0	6

Year 9 NETBALL

Results:

Branston 20 - 11 Will Farr

Branston 13 - 17 LSST

District Netball Tournament Semi-Finalists

To Play:

Lincoln Academy

QEHS, Gainsborough

With the addition of new players and an excellent degree of dedication to training from the entire squad, the girls started the season with high spirits and a strong desire to win. The first match saw the team play with composure against a strong Will Farr side, with the girls demonstrating the more skilful and creative play they are capable of, allowing them to secure the first victory of the season. However, it was the second match that was the biggest concern for the squad, facing LSST, who had knocked the team out in the semi-final of the district tournament. The girls played hard against an extremely talented team. As a team, they had worked hard on their defensive play and kept the scores close, competing hard against strong opposition, losing out in the last few minutes. Although they did not win, the girls demonstrated their amazing ability to stay motivated and focused and continued to show great developments within their tactical play. With outstandingly competitive play through the centre court, coupled with a strong defence, added to ever-improving shooting proficiency, the team are really proving to be a strong united force within the game. This team has a great amount of potential, they are a determined and motivated squad who continue to develop both skilfully and tactically.

Squad:

Isobel Dixon (C), Erin Shasby, Emily Hamilton-Smith, Freya Loughton, Naomi Kirkby,

Kaitlin Martin, Summer Paling, Emily Gregory, Leah Kennealey (Yr 8), Lucy Adams (Yr 8) Eleanor Applewhite (Yr 8), Libby Christopher (Yr 8)

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	2	0	0	1	1	6

Year 10

Results:

Branston 24-10 Lincoln Academy

Branston 15-0 NK

To Play:

QEHS, William Farr, LSST

The year 10 netball team started the season with a great win over Lincoln Academy 24 - 10. Despite the score it was a tough game but our superior play won through. The following game was very easy win with a 15 - 0 win over NK. The game was called after the first 10 mins as we had already reached the 15 goal difference. The girls' next 3 games will be played between February half term and Easter.

Squad:

Olivia Carter, Laura Hall, Shaira Lacia, Freya Atkinson, Ruby Whitworth, Leah Baynes, Brianna Atkins-Snell, Issy Dixon, Naomi Kirkby,

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	2	0	0	39	10	6

Year 11

Results

Branston 20-23 William Farr

Branston 18-3 LCHS

Branston W/O LSST (LSST forfeited)

Branston 16-1 Robert Pattinson

To Play:

QEHS, Gainsborough

The years 11 girls unfortunately started the season with a defeat to Will Farr, going down 23-20. It was a close fought game but unfortunately their excellent shooting was the decisive factor.

The second game proved far easier and the girls beat LCHS 18 -3, with the game being called at half time as we had achieved the 15 goal differential. The third game against LSST was cancelled by LSST and they forfeited the game. Their fourth game against RP was an easy win 17 - 1 after the first 10 mins. Again, the game was called at this point and the girls switched positions and played a further 2 quarters. The final game against QEGS is scheduled for March so I hope to report a final win in the Easter newsletter.

The team also took part in the District Netball Tournament, where they reached the final. Sadly the vastly improved William Farr team beat them again to become District champions.

Squad:

Katie Christopher, Amber Pickard, Charlotte O'May, Isla Sullivan, Alice Tissier, Laura Hall, Shania Lacia, Freya Atkinson

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
4	3	0	1	57	27	9

YEAR 7 GIRLS ESFA INDOOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

An excited and high-spirited team of girls entered the sports hall ready to work hard and enjoy themselves. Throughout the tournament the girls played with great energy and a clear drive to play to the full extent of their potential. Facing an array of opposition, some teams proving to be strong competitive forces, the girls entered their last match needing a win to secure second place. Taking full advantage of an early opportunity the girls took the lead 1-0. However, their opposition came back at them with full force to even the score, and continued to dominate the last few minutes of the match. The girls lost their last game by 1 nil to LSST and finished fifth overall in an extremely close tournament. If they had won it, they would have finished 2nd. A special mention to the girls' year 11 coach Joel Pollard who has worked hard to keep the girls focused and maintain their positive energy throughout both in training every week and at the tournament.

Squad

Rosa Mendes (Cpt.), Olivia Chamberlain, Amelia Martin, Evie Openshaw, Erin Maxwell, Caitlin Curt, Ellie Poole, Gracie Winn

Badminton

The Badminton season has started with us entering 8 teams across 5 leagues. I will report on these in the Easter newsletter as circumstances have led to a few games being cancelled and the high majority of the season will occur after Xmas

PRIMARY FESTIVALS

Within PE at Branston, we have been running a sports volunteering programme in order to provide students with the opportunity to develop their team work, communication and organisational skills. Since September, Branston Yr 10 & 9 students have been involved in the successful running of a High-5 netball tournament and two sports hall games events, along with assisting with coaching swimming lessons at Herons fitness, as part of this programme. The Branston students continue to be a true credit to the Academy, demonstrating the ability to adapt to working empathetically with much younger children in a variety of settings. Without the hard work and dedication of all the students involved, these sporting opportunities would not exist for the primary schools.

Results

Primary High-5 Netball Tournament Years 5/6 Winners:	Branston Juniors
Primary Sports Hall Games Years 1/2:	St Johns

PE Department

TERM DATES

TERM 3

Tuesday 08/01/19 to Friday 15/02/19

Half Term: Monday 18/02/19 to Friday 22/02/19

TERM 4

Monday 25/02/19 to Friday 05/04/19

Bank Holiday: Friday 19/04/19 and Monday 22/04/19

Easter Break: Monday 08/04/19 to Monday 22/04/19

TERM 5

Tuesday 23/04/19 to Friday 24/05/19

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019

Half Term: Monday 27/05/19 to Friday 31/05/19

TERM 6

Monday 03/06/19 to Friday 19/07/19

Friday 05/07/19- STAFF ONLY



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