

Summer Newsletter - 2015



TEACHING STAFF GOODBYES

Mr Franck officially retires this term after a staggering 24 years of dedicated service to thousands of our students. Those that know him best will agree that retirement is probably not the most appropriate description for the 'force of nature' that is Mr Franck and he takes our every good wish to the next phase of his life.

Mrs Evans has excelled here as our Assistant Head of Maths and previously as a Student Support Officer and Teaching Assistant. Our loss is Norfolk's gain as her family re-locates to a very beautiful part of the country.

Ex-students regularly ask after "Mr D" and the academy is losing a very popular Assistant Head of Science as Mr Dawson moves on to pastures new after 14 years of distinguished work.

We lose another loyal servant of the Science department, Mrs Cooper, after 10 years and we will all miss the creativity, integrity and commitment that has characterised her work for all of that time.

In addition to serving our students so well as an Art teacher for 10 years, Mr McLeavey has been involved in numerous academic pursuits and leaves us to concentrate on those full time after gaining a prestigious place at Brunel University (MSc in Evolutionary Psychology).

We have to say goodbye to Mrs Peterson from the Business Studies team. Sadly for education Mrs Peterson's extensive gifts as a communicator will be lost as she begins a new business venture - our best wishes to her with that.

Finally, following her maternity leave Mrs Scarborough has decided that she wants to be with her family full time. We are very grateful to her and to all of these colleagues for their first class service to our community.

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The academy was recognized as one of the highest achieving secondary schools for student progress nationally and our award was presented earlier this term by Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of the Schools' Network (SSAT).



COMMUNITY NEWS

We are delighted that as part of our major premises extension in 2014 (see below) we were able to expand and refurbish our Nursery. The Nursery provides a magnificent service to our local community and partly as a consequence of that has been 'full' for years. The extended building allows the team to work with 25% more little ones so that more and more families can benefit from that great work.

It is just over a year Heron's gym and swim opened and it now has more than 400 members. In a rural county, access to services and amenities can be challenging and it is important to have an excellent local gym, led by Kareem and the team. Herons also enables a number of our older students to work as gym and swim assistants with all of the benefits that provides. Many are considering future careers in the leisure industry and working for Herons is a first class opportunity in helping them achieve that goal.

Branston Parish council have responded with vigour to the disappointing news about Library services in the county. It is wonderful news for the village that a group of volunteers have stepped forward to staff a community library and BPC will look to appoint a person who coordinates the work of that volunteer group. Governors at the academy will allow the existing library space to be used by the community group and there is a good chance, therefore, that a library service will continue to operate in Branston.



PREMISES AWARD AND FUTURE PLANS

The project extending and modernising the Concert Hall, Nursery, Gallery, Music and Drama areas is now an 'award winning' project. It won the district 'best educational building' award and has been shortlisted for the East Midlands regional final (the Designer and project manager, James Toyne is pictured with Carrie Osborne, our Business Manager).

James has also designed and will project manage our next major improvement to school premises. In the summer we will be reconfiguring and resurfacing hard landscaped areas at the front of the site, including the bus bay area and front gates. This will have implications for ease of entrance and exit to the site during the summer break and our apologies in advance for any inconvenience that may cause.

Mr P Beighton

HEADS OF SCHOOL EVENING/ GIFTED AND TALENTED EVENING

On Tuesday 30th June 2015 the Heads of School/ Gifted and Talented Evening took place. Over 80 students and their parents, from Year 7 to Year 12 attended a special evening presentation to celebrate their success at the Academy.

They received a framed certificate presented by Mr Beighton and enjoyed a number of musical performances provided by the Music department.

Refreshments were provided by Gadsby's
Mrs J Woods

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

A group of twenty one young linguists from Year 8 and 9 were involved in the French Exchange during May half term. Twenty three French students were hosted by the English families.

The Exchange was a great opportunity for the English students to practise their French and gain confidence in speaking a foreign language and for our guests to be immersed in the British culture and language.

During their stay we visited the London sites as well as the National Gallery and we had a cruise on the Thames. We also visited York as well as Lincoln Castle, the Cathedral and the city centre.

The student's behaviour was exemplary; once more they reminded us why we chose to be teachers and we could not have been prouder.

Miss M Irimia/ Mrs P Card



BRANSTON PARENT SURVEY

Thank you very much for taking the time and effort to complete the 2015 survey.

We are thrilled that the responses from our parents are so overwhelmingly positive. I always say that reading this is infuriating if your experience as a parent has not been good to date and we hope that we can do our best to change that perception in time.

You will also know that we have very strong views about the importance of having questionnaires that compare the views of our parents to answers given to the same questions by parents across the country. The feedback we receive is therefore meaningful, credible summaries of our parents' views.

The responses given by our parents across all the issues in the survey are placed into the Ofsted categories (outstanding, good, requires improvement, inadequate) according to how those parental views differ from national averages.

You rated every whole school aspect in the survey at either good or outstanding and the overall rating is well into the 'outstanding' category.

Other features that did particularly well are: school discipline, school communication, celebrating student achievement, quality of teaching, academy management, developing confidence, academy uniform and the school's image in the local community.

We continue to work hard to get better at the service we provide for our students. Thank you for your on-going support.

Mr P Beighton



COMPUTING DEPARTMENT

Many many congratulations go to Jasmine Butler in Year 10 who won the Heron's Fitness animation competition - the judge was very impressed by its elegance. The competition was for students to create a short animation for the Heron's fitness website (www.heronfitness.co.uk). Look out for it appearing on the site very soon.

Our recent trip to Bletchley Park was a big success. Students were able to experience some of the sights and sounds that wartime code breakers had to endure (as well as eating our lunch in one of the huts!). Our guide was very knowledgeable and gave us a whistle stop tour of the main points of interest - he clearly held the place, and the people who had worked there, in very high regard. It was extraordinary to see the machines the Code Breakers built to help them crack the codes they intercepted. It is not easy to hold a conversation above the din of the whirring cogs and gears as Alan Turing's Bombe processes information. You also have to wait a very long time for the answer to appear! Students had the opportunity to see how far computing has come and that we hold more processing power and speed in the palm of our hands nowadays - amazing!

From the massive Bombe to the tiny BBC Micro bit! From this Autumn, all Year 7s will be given a BBC Micro bit which 'aims to give children an exciting and engaging introduction to coding...building on the legacy of the BBC Micro, which was put into the majority of schools in the 1980s'. We look forward to exploring all its capabilities and plan to use them in extended homework activities...exciting times! Come along to computing club on Monday lunchtimes in S22.

www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/mediapacks/makeitdigital/micro-bit

Mrs E Tierney

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 18TH - 22ND MARCH

Our Year 10 students had a very successful week with their work experience employers.

Students are encouraged to find their own choice of placement to fit in with their individual interests and ideas. The aim of the week is to give students a flavour of the world of work at first hand, and to learn more about the skills and qualities they will need for employment. For many of them it helps to clarify their future career ideas. This year a number of our students were asked to take part in putting together a short DVD, on behalf of the Education Business Partnership, the aim of which is to promote work experience in schools and to give students an idea of the diversity of placements available to them.

YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE 22ND - 26TH JUNE

An invaluable opportunity for Year 12 students to gain vocational work experience. The aim of Year 12 work experience is for students to acquire knowledge and experience in their chosen, future career area.

This type of work experience is vital to applications made for university, other training providers or employment.

Students are encouraged to find their own choice of placement and they have done so this year with great enthusiasm and ambition. Two students gained placements at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, where they will have the opportunity to sit in on debates as well as seeing the various different departments. Several more students have gained placements with companies/organisations outside of Lincoln, for example City of Nottingham Tennis Club and Peterborough Hospital.

Overall a very successful week for all of our Year 12 students.

Mrs J Thompson

ART

This academic year has seen a return of the Branston Community Academy House Art competition. The Art department have been imply amazed at the stunning work our students have entered! Well done to all artists who entered. Your fantastic pieces have been on display in the Reception area, as well as the canteen screens and on the Branston Community Academy Art department Facebook page.

Mrs J Hollingsworth



MATHEMATICS

MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESS 2015

Pupils at Branston Community Academy achieved three silvers and five bronzes in this year's UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge (Years 9 and 10) and seven silvers and seventeen bronzes in the Junior Mathematical Challenge (Years 7 and 8). Over 200,000 pupils from across the UK sat both respective Maths challenges with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.

The top achievers from Branston Community Academy this year were: Year 7 - George Ganiford, Year 8 - Stacey Kettlebrough, Year 9 - Tom Rounsley, Year 10 - James Tonge

Congratulations to these students and well done to all those who participated.

The UK Mathematics Trust is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in Mathematics. It organises national Mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for UK secondary school pupils. Further information about the trust and its activities is available at www.ukmt.org.uk

Mrs S Evans

BRANSTON PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

Thirty-two Year 5 and Year 6 students from our feeder primary schools came to the Academy to complete a maths challenge. We were very impressed with their superb mathematics skills and their enthusiasm for the subject. The students also showed high levels of determination and perseverance even when the questions were very difficult. It was a battle to the end and the eventual winners were Washingborough Primary Academy.

Ms D Rowe

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This year again the school took part in the Siemens Females into Industry event. This was aimed at inspiring some of our Year 8 students into the world of possibilities in Engineering. A number of students applied for this two day course. Two students were eventually selected by Siemens to take part. The lucky students were Mansi Xavier and Hannah Fussey. On the 1st and 2nd of July the students worked at Siemens to create a product using Computer Aided Design and Manufacturing. At the end on the evening of Tuesday 2nd July parents were invited to see the work of the students and see the group presentations. Hopefully next year these students will again take part in the Year 9 activity and sow the seeds of a potential career in Engineering. As usual the reports from the Siemens staff was very positive. I was reliably informed that Mansi on a number of occasions corrected the apprentice engineers who were helping out!

Our thanks must go of course to Siemens for putting on this activity for young students.

Mr J Franck

GIFTED AND TALENTED

It has been another successful term for many of our Gifted and Talented students! The Gifted and Talented awards have been given out at another fantastic awards evening on Tuesday 30th June. These awards were given for high achievement and real talents shown in the specific subject areas. I look forward to seeing the future achievements of these extremely talented individuals. Well done to all concerned! All students who are identified as being Gifted and Talented can now access information from the Academy learning web, informing them as to what they can do both inside and outside of school to further develop their skills and abilities. 21 of our KS3 students are taking part in a 'Cultural enrichment programme' which is designed to develop their skills from the classroom and broaden their horizons. This has involved a trip to the Magna Carta which has led to a further investigation into the importance of the document within the life of Lincolnshire and also the country as a whole. We have plans to help the students with the event planning and the author/poetry talk areas of the programme which will complement their own personal experiences outside of school.

Mr M Jenkins

QUESTION TIME

A fabulous event! Engaging young people in politics is essential to ensuring the democracy of our country and what better way to do that than having a political debate in our very own Academy. Candidates from the local areas were invited in, to take part in the debate, and two students were actually part of the panel, as well as Mr Beighton. Topics ranged from tuition fees, to green energy and immigration, with students having a clear idea as to where their views fell. The three main parties dominated polling although there was evidence to suggest the Green party were gaining some ground. It was an exciting way to ensure all students have a clear grounding in the political debates of our time - decisions made now will impact on them!

APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

The second Apprenticeship fair was held at the end of March and it was a huge success. Over 20 companies were represented, with students having the opportunity to discuss post 18 options. We were joined by a number of schools from the local area, all of whom were keen to explore the options available to young people. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and we very much hope the event will run again next year.

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE 2015

We have been successful in coming second in the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire round of University Challenge and now proceed through to the National Final in September. Students Emily McLean, Joshua Werling, Liam Horsley and Rebecca Ellis had their knowledge, on a range of topics, tested. The competition was predominantly from the selective sector so another win for comprehensive education! Lots of preparation now before the finals. Well done guys!

T FOR 3

After the success of 2 years ago, the Sixth Form decided to run the event again. The Teenage Cancer Trust is an organisation which supports the needs of teenagers suffering from cancer. The 3K Fun Run took place on Sat 4th July, in soaring temperatures. Almost 100 runners took to the field in aid of this fabulous cause, including Mr Beighton himself. There was a general party atmosphere, with the music, commentary and stalls; everyone had the same goals in mind, raise money and actually complete the course. The amount raised is, as yet unknown but it is looking like we will have broken the £2,000 mark already. The Sixth Form have sold an enormous amount of cakes this year and the total was already standing at £1400, even before T for 3.

DEBATING

The Debating Group were asked to run a morning workshop at Washingborough Academy and it was a huge success. Our team were great in engaging Year 4 and 5 students in the art of arguing (I am not sure their parents would agree with this though!). Students learnt about the format of debating, together with the rules and some techniques on being successful. Students played games to encourage participation and the whole morning ended with students taking part in an actual debate about the pros and cons of school trips! Hopefully some future BCA debaters were hooked!

*Ms C Hewerdine
Head of Sixth Form*

FOOD DEPARTMENT

The AS/A2 students had a great year this year in Food Technology, we took a trip to the Holbeach Food Manufacturing Centre, part of Lincoln university, looking at the routes for food students in to jobs and further education and look at commercial taste testing and the role of a food technologist. Food Technology coursework at AS for Edexcel was one of the best in the country and they have done a marvellous job. The standard of preparing, cooking and presenting was to a high standard as was the written work alongside it.

Mrs D Anderson



BRANSTON COMMUNITY ACADEMY COOKING CLUB

The Cooking club was launched in the Spring term with over thirty pupils joining for the weekly after school sessions. The club has been a resounding success and students have thoroughly embraced every aspect of the club; from pancake flipping to the Bake off themed week!

A special thank you to Mrs Longney for helping out with the club every week. Well done to all members, you have all been fantastic!

Miss L Luscombe



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

BOYS -TENNIS

UNDER 13

Results

Branston 6-0 William Farr
Branston 6-0 Priory - LSST
Branston 6-0 NK
Branston 6-0 Minster

P	W	D	L	F	A
4	4	0	0	24	0

Up Coming Fixture

Branston - LCHS

Report

The under 13 boys have made excellent progress this year beating everyone in their way and at the time of writing have the league title in their own hands. The addition of the very talented number one seed Ross Armstrong to the side has added an extra bit of class. Joel Thompson and Jack Foot continue to go from strength to strength at seeds 2 and 3 where all three are ably supported with the enthusiasm of Drew Hilton at 4. Callum Turner and Ben Harker have both deputised ably at seed 4 this season when required. Providing they continue to play the way they know they can all these boys will become very competent performers and hopefully have a very positive impact on the Academy Tennis scene in the future.

Squad

Joel Thompson, Ross Armstrong, Jack Foot, Drew Hilton, Ben Harker & Callum Turner

UNDER 15

Results

Branston 0-6 William Farr
Branston 1-5 Priory - LSST
Branston 0-6 NK
Branston 5-1 Minster

P	W	D	L	F	A
4	1	0	3	6	18

Up Coming Fixture

Branston - LCHS

Report

To say this season has proved a challenge would be an understatement. Despite endless enthusiasm and wonderful commitment no victory came our way in the first three attempts. However a fantastic team performance against Minster saw us register our first Victory of the season in our penultimate game.

I do not believe that any side we have played this season has left thinking they won easily (despite some of the score lines).

I guarantee that the next Andy Murray will not be found in this team but all five lads have thoroughly enjoyed themselves this summer and improved as performers, in the end isn't that what participation in school level sport is all about?

Squad

Will Gadd, James Tonge, Ryan Lucas, James Hugo & Joe Conville

CRICKET

UNDER 13

Results

Branston 6-0 LCHS	
Won by 8 wkts	League
Branston 6-0 QEHS	
Lost by 3 wkts	League
Branston 6-0 W Farr	
Lost by 8 wkts	League
Branston 6-0 LSST	
Won by 35 runs	League
Branston v NK	
Won by 10 wkts	Friendly

P	W	D	L
5	3	0	2

Squad

C Turner ©, B Whitehouse (v/c), M Monnery, J Foot, J Thompson, L Crisp, E Thompson, D Lindsey, C Bucknell, L Deaton, J Moore, A Laughton, G Ganiford (Yr 7) & J Ritchie (Yr 7)

It was always going to be a tough year for this squad as we entered the 'A' league against some powerhouse cricket schools, filled with County cricket players. In spite of the tough opposition the boys have done tremendously well, coming away in the league with 2 wins and 2 defeats. Victories over LCHS and LSST were comprehensive and we put up credible displays in defeat versus QEHS and William Farr, both of whom had very strong teams.

The team was led very well by Callum Turner, supported by Ben Whitehouse. Along with Matt Monnery these were our only 3 regular cricketers and they played well all year in all sides of the game. The rest of the boys have all improved tremendously over the year, gaining in confidence and all showing their improving skill levels, especially with the ball (batting is a work in progress).

What has pleased me most is that the boys have all really enjoyed themselves, have given 110% in all areas of the game and showed tremendous sportsmanship to each other and the opposition throughout. Well done lads.

GIRLS

NETBALL

After an outstanding season the year 9 netball team have won the LGSSZ League. The girls have performed amazingly throughout the entire season.

Squad

Charlotte Moore (C) (Manager's Player of the Season), Alice Richardson (WA) (Players' Player of the Season), Megan Stafford (GA) Eve Meadows (GD), Georgia Stow (WD), India Cowling (WD), Grace Boden (GK), Hannah McConville (GS)

ROUNDERS

UNDER 12

Results

NK	Won	9-1
Will Farr	Won	10- 4
LCHS	Won	12-5
QEHS	Lost	11-14.5
LSST	Lost	12 - 13

Squad

A Pickard, I Sullivan, K Holmes, C O'May, K Christopher, A Smith, M Weaver, A Tissier, A Collinson, L Casey, E Edenbrow, L Dempsey

Y7 Rounders got off to a cracking start this term against Will Far and NK. They were significantly better in terms of their knowledge of the game and ability to perform the skills very effectively, meaning that we beat both teams comfortably! This was helped by excellent fielding by Katie Christopher and Ashley Smith with some super hits from Isla Sullivan, Charlotte O' May and Amber Pickard. This continued against Christ Hospital School where the girls again won very easily.

Unfortunately this was not to be the case against QEHS and LSST. QEHS is always a tough one as the girls saw with the netball season. Despite the overall loss, the girl determination and commitment to each other meant they played the best they ever had. This was similar against LSST where our poor first innings was quickly rectified by the girls in the second innings. Determined to give it everything they had the girls came back from trailing 3-6 to a final result of 12-13 to LSST. An incredibly close game, but some fantastic hits that scored 9 Rounders in the second innings was a great improvement and success!

Overall a great first season with the girls displaying great potential for the future.

UNDER 13

Results

NK	Won 6-1
William Farr	Lost 7- 6
LSST	Won 20-15
QEHS	Won 9-7

Squad

Emma Oliver ©, Hannah McConville, Katie Flintham, Grace Boden, Limara Wardle, Hannah Wilson, Abigail Bolton, Suzanna Page, Emma Shaw, Ashlee Mcluckie, Orissa Sanasoa-Twell, Lily Neill

Player's Player of the season: Emma Oliver & Katie Flintham

The Rounders squad this year have demonstrated unrelenting dedication to improving their techniques and tactical understanding both in training and during competition. The progress the team have made this year has been pleasing to watch not only on an individual level but also seeing the team mould into one supportive unit. The first match of the season saw the girls enter the A league with a secure victory over NK. The match against Priory LSST saw the girls nervously await to face a tough opponent, nerves that soon disappeared as the girls grew in confidence throughout the duration of the match. Emma Oliver could not stop backhanding her hits passed the fielders, whilst Suzanna Page and new player Ashlee Mcluckie smashed the ball around the field to help the team take a big win.

However, the nerves soon returned as the girls were to face QEHS. The girls struggled to make good contact with the ball when batting, which left them a mountain to climb when fielding. However, in true Branson style they were not going to go down easy. With QEHS needing only 1 and ½ rounders in their second innings, Branston snubbed the pressure they were facing. Emma Oliver and Katie Flintham worked with what only can be describe as telepathic effectiveness between back stop and first and second base and with focused and efficient fielding from every fielder got the entire QEHS team out in 15 balls. Unfortunately, this was not enough to take victory, however, it demonstrated perfectly the threat this team will be within the league next year.

UNDER 14

Results

William Farr	Won 27-8
QEHS	Lost 14-7
LCHS	Won 26-6

Manager's Player of the Season: Eve Meadows

Squad

Eve Meadows © , Charlotte Moore, Sofie Moss, Elizabeth Catlow, Alice Richardson, Georgia Stow, Kiera Sanders, Melissa Suddaby, Megan Hugill, Kathryn Valleley, Lucy Russon, Amy Turner, Harriet Johnson, Zoe Hudson, Chloe Horsley, Sian Parker

From the very first training session, the turnout for year nine rounders this year has been excellent, leading to the development of a 16 player squad. The commitment and dedication to training by every single player has been outstanding and all have shown great progress, not only in their skills within the game, but also in their ability to work as a team and support each other. The first few matches of the season highlighted perfectly the finely tuned organisation of the team and the confidence they have grown as a unit. Solid victories over Will Farr and LCHS helped the girls to feel more comfortable in the new A league surroundings.

The match against QEHS introduced the girls firmly to the new level they were now competing against, and, although they played in the highly systematic and skilful way now expected, QEHS had the greater tactical edge and the girls faced their first ever defeat. This season has seen some incredible batting, with Sofie Moss regularly hitting the ball far over the fielders, and Eve Meadows proving to be a tricky lefty to face.

It has also seen some efficient fielding from the entire squad with Charlotte Moore and Katy Valleley dominating the outer field, Georgia Stow making some excellent stops on second base, Lizzie Catlow and Megan Hugill showing great strength as back stops and Alice Richardson, Millie Suddaby and Kiera Sanders helping to control the game as close fielders. Another great season with a fantastic squad.

UNDER 15

Results

NK	Lost 5-4
William Farr	Won 17 - 8
QEHS	Lost 16 - 8
LCHS	N/R

Squad:

Katie Robinson ©, Mia Coucom , Sharia Lacia , Lucy Evans, Jade McConville, Elesha Reay, Natasha Hill , Molly Judd, Anna Grist, Arden Bosworth, Charlotte Moor (Yr9), Georgia Hayes-Cowley, Natasha Hill, Eleshea Reay, Molly Judd

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The squad:

Katy Robinson (Captain)
Mia Coucom
Shaira Lacia
Jade McConville
Anna Grist
Lucy Evans
Georgia Hayes-Cowley
Arden Bosworth
Molly Judd
Elesah Reay
Charlotte Moore (Year 9)
Natasha Hill

Mrs C Moore

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PLEASE NOTE - SUMMER HOLIDAYS OPENING TIMES

During the school summer holidays the gym's opening hours will be between 7am - 8.30pm, gym and swim. Weekends remain the same.

BRANSTON COMMUNITY DAY NURSERY

The Nursery will be holding their Family Fun day on Friday 17th July. There will be a street party with games, music and dance!

BRANSTON COMMUNITY THEATRE/TRIPS CLUB

Our May visit to London coincided with the rehearsal for Trooping of the Colour (so there was plenty of spectacle to watch in The Mall) and also The Victorian Embankment Summer Market (at which there was a wonderful mixture of live music, dancing, craft stalls and the opportunity to sample food from all corners of the globe).

Some people took the opportunity to meet up with friends or family, others to sightsee - including ascending The Shard or viewing the city from The London Eye. Small groups took in a theatre performance such as Miss Saigon or The Lion King.

Next we are looking forward to our annual Scarborough visit on August 1st (fully booked). There will be a London visit in November.....why not come along? Join us at Branston Community Academy or at a pick up point on Newark Road or North Hykeham and alight in Regent Street, right in the centre of London, handy for shopping, sightseeing or, if you choose, West End theatres. There's no struggling back to King's Cross as you will be picked up centrally and safely transported in an executive coach back to Branston. It couldn't be easier!

For information of our outings please contact: Jacqui and Steve Spalding c/o Branston Community Academy email: branstontheatre@lycos.com Tel. 01522 876955.

Mrs Jacqui Spalding

ELECTION OF PARENT/GOVERNOR

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent/Governor. All parents of children who are registered at the Academy are eligible to stand for the position. If more than one candidate is nominated, a postal election would be held and all parents would have a vote.

The Governing Body comprises of 16 members, of whom 5 are Parents Governors, 2 are Partnership Governors, 4 are Community Governors, 1 is nominated by the Local Authority, 3 are staff Governors (two teaching and one non-teaching member of staff) plus the Principal.

The "normal" minimum time commitment for a member of the Governing Body is around 10 meetings per year (rising to around 20 depending on whether the Governor is an office holder, for example a Committee Chair). Committee meetings are normally at 5.15 pm on Mondays and Full Governing Body meetings at 7.00 pm on Wednesdays.

The term of office is 4 years. Parent Governors can complete their full term of office, even if their child reaches leaving age within the next four years.

If you wish to stand for election, please contact the Academy at enquiries@branstonca.lincs.sch.uk or 01522 880400 for a nomination form.

*Mr P Beighton
Principal*

TERM 1

Tuesday 01/09/15 STAFF ONLY
Wednesday 02/09/15 to Friday 23/10/15
****(Wednesday 2nd Sept - Year 7 and Sixth Form only)****
First day for Years 8 - 11 Thursday 03/09/15
Half Term: Monday 26/10/15 to Friday 30/10/15

TERM 2

Monday 02/11/15 to Friday 18/12/15
Christmas Break: Monday 21/12/15 to Monday 04/01/16
N.B Monday 04/01/16 - STAFF ONLY

TERM 3

Tuesday 05/01/16 to Friday 12/02/16
Half Term: Monday 15/02/16 to Friday 19/02/16

TERM 4

Monday 22/02/16 to Thursday 24/03/16
Bank Holiday: Friday 25/03/16 and Monday 28/03/16
Easter Break: Friday 25/03/16 to Friday 08/04/16

TERM 5

Monday 11/04/16 to Friday 27/05/16
Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2016
Half Term: Monday 30/05/16 to Friday 03/06/16

TERM 6

Monday 06/06/16 to Friday 15/07/16
Monday 18/07/16 - STAFF ONLY