

SUMMER NEWSLETTER - 2017



BRANSTON
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

SCHOOL EXPANSION - NEW BUILD

Work begins later this month on a new building that will house three new classrooms and a 6th form seminar room. This follows consultation around plans to expand the capacity of the 11-16 component of the school by approximately 150 students (from 900 to 1050).

The works are expected to be completed soon after Easter 2018 and will also include the conversion of an existing classroom into a science laboratory in order to enhance specialist facilities.

The number of Year 7 students joining us from September 2017 is at capacity, even with the expansion to the number of young people in a cohort; therefore we look forward to the completion of the project as swiftly as is possible.

The new build will be sited between the Business and Enterprise building and the Careers/ Gardens area.

May I apologise in advance for any inconveniences that may be caused by major works over that extended time period.

*Mr P Beighton
Principal*

NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Yet again BCA has been recognized as one of the highest achieving secondary schools for student progress nationally. In fact the school has received two awards:

- Top 10% of schools for the progress of their students
- Top 20% of schools for the attainment of their students

The Chief Executive of the awarding body (SSAT - schools, students and teachers network), Sue Williamson, stated that, "It's my great pleasure to commend Branston Community Academy on their excellent 2016 performance, and to have the opportunity to highlight and share their great work."



WEBSITE RETIREMENT

After approximately 7 years of long hard service, 150000 unique visitors and 1000000 page views to name just a few big numbers, we feel that our website is due for retirement. It has served our community well, and considering the little known fact that one web year is equivalent to about 10 human years (probably), we believe that a long service medal and a gold watch is well over due. With that said, I am sure that you will be pleased to hear of the younger and more contemporary replacement we have in line to fill its boots.

They say "some creatures can never change their spots", and our website is no different. Although on the face of it our new website may look a little more fresh, crisp, and responsive, as you delve deeper into its pages you should bear witness to a more refined and 'mobile friendly' beast that is willing and able to grow into the boots of its predecessor. An uncommon cliché around these parts is than "not all web pages are created equal", and you may discover that a page you once adored is now 'missing in action'. Please be comforted in the fact we will "leave no one behind", and all pages of significance will join the 'published' ranks in due course, as they pass through our stringent gentrification processes.

Thank you for reading this obituary/salutation, and please do grace us with your comments and suggestions regarding our website using a method of your choice.

*Mr David Holford
(Head of New Technologies)*

GOODBYES

Only one colleague is leaving us at this point in the year; a remarkably stable situation. However, whilst delighted that Ms Burnett has secured a promotion to a senior post as Associate Principal for Mathematics, it is a bittersweet moment because we will all miss her very much indeed. Every day our students benefitted from her potent combination of enthusiasm, talent and absolute dedication. Everyone at BCA thanks her very much indeed for her first class service during her time with us.

*Mr P Beighton
Principal*

COMPUTING DEPARTMENT

The Computing Club very warmly welcomed a previous student who is now at the end of his second year at University studying Computer Science and considering a career in teaching. Callum Donaldson had a very successful school career excelling in Computing and ICT. It has clearly been a passion and a driving force for him and he very kindly gave up some of his time to come and chat to our club students and help us look at ways we could attempt some of the GCSE Computer Science practical tasks.

Despite the fact that we had mainly planned for Callum to help us 'hands on' with tasks, it quickly became evident that our students were very interested in hearing about the elements of his course that he enjoyed, why he had swapped from a Gaming degree to Computer Science, and about University life in general. As a teacher, it was very interesting to hear concerns about the cost of being at University and whether Callum was managing and his views on what he is learning. Very enlightening and good for our students whilst thinking of their own future planning.

This time two years ago, I wrote:

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...exciting times!

Well, the distribution of the Microbits did not go as planned but they are now with us and distributed to our Year 8 students. This was the year group that would have been given them originally and we have started using them in lessons for our last unit of this year - everyone seems mightily impressed! This little piece of kit allows our students to experiment with a range of inputs and outputs and very quickly see the results of their coding efforts.

At the end of term, the Microbit that the Y8 students have been using in class will be theirs to take home - Enjoy!!

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

HEADS OF SCHOOL EVENING/ GIFTED AND TALENTED EVENING

On Tuesday 27th June 2017 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.

Mrs J Woods

MATHS CHALLENGE

Students from Y7-11 have had the opportunity to take part in the UK Maths Challenge at various points during the year. All the participants have an hour to answer some challenging maths problems. Our students did very well and a special mention goes to Lucy Robinson, Isaac Werling, Jay Ritchie, Stacey Kettleborough and Lily Brocklehurst for achieving the 'Best in Year' award. Stacey also went on to compete in the Kangaroo challenge as one of only 9000 students in the UK. Well done to all students who took part.

Miss D Rowe

ART

Twenty-two Year 9, 10 and sixth form Art students took part in a Life Drawing day on Friday 23rd June.

A local professional model joined us and artists explored how to draw the body. This was a challenging task that is usually only undertaken at higher education level. As always our students excelled and produced some fantastic studies.

Mrs J Hollingsworth

FEMALES INTO INDUSTRY CHALLENGE

On the 3rd and 4th of July four Year 8 Branston girls (Shania Lacia, Ruby Whitworth, Rosa Karumazondo, Maisie Harrington) took part in the Siemens "Females into Industry Challenge". The event was massively over subscribed but thanks to strong applications the girls were chosen together with 14 other year 8 students picked from schools all over Lincoln and surrounding areas. Over the two days the girls got a real taste of what a career in engineering might look like. Following training from first year Siemens apprentices they each designed a made a very professional looking desk tidy using a variety of computer aided manufacturing equipment. At the end of the two days they had to give a presentation to staff, teachers and parents about their experiences. Both girls have been invited back for a similar event for year 9 due to take place next year. Well done girls!

Mr M Creasey



YEAR 9 ENTERPRISE DAY 'LEARN TO EARN'

On Thursday 22nd June, the Year 9 Enterprise Day was held by the Year 12 BTEC Business students. The day was prepared and presented by these students, starting with a brief introduction to business, as well as the different career paths they could follow after they leave school. The students were supported by outside business advisors, who were invited to participate as this would give the Year 9 students an opportunity to ask about different career paths. These businesses ranged from HSBC to Branston Holdings.

The objective of the event was to stimulate the entrepreneurial skills of the students to design a new product, that the students could market and make a profit out of. Their designs ranged from a pop-up wooden house to an alien toy, with a large selection of students choosing a solar powered product. The teams were encouraged to use their range of skills in a short period of time and produce a professional presentation, that they delivered on the stage in the Concert Hall.

There was a winning team in both the morning and afternoon with very creative ideas and outstanding skills displayed in their presentations. The winning group in the morning was 'Safelock', which was an innovative app idea for unlocking and locking your doors when you are away from home. In the afternoon, the winning group was 'Portastraw' a portable straw that you can use anywhere. Both teams won for their creative ideas, skills in teamwork, and communication. A special recognition was given to Thomas Peplow, for his outstanding delivery of the presentation for his team's product. This recognition was also given to Lenny Mason for showing these skills, and his team won in the afternoon session. Both winning teams won vouchers for ice cream, which was appreciated for this time of year.

The event was a huge success and congratulations is order for all of the hard work and commitment shown by Year 9 in creating their excellent products.

BTEC Business Year 12



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN ENGINEERING DAY

On Friday 23rd June a team of Year 8 and 9 girls represented the Academy at an event hosted by RAF Waddington. The girls took part in a series of engineering challenges as part of International Women in Engineering Day and even had a go flying a Typhoon jet - in a simulator of course!

The girls won two out of the three challenges set and walked away with some great prizes. To finish the day the girls got to hear a presentation given by a female Typhoon pilot and female engineers from Boeing and the RAF.



YEAR 13 LEAVING ASSEMBLY

The weather was fabulous and so students enjoyed an retro Sports Day on the field. Sack races, assault courses and wheelbarrow races were the key events as students were transported back to their first ever Sports Day. Students then enjoyed a lovely independence themed lunch as they celebrated the end of their time at BCA and the start of the independence road away... Moving speeches by all tutors and tutees rounded off the afternoon as we said goodbye to the oldest pupils in the school.

UNI TASTER MORNING

A great event which allows sixth formers to taste university courses, in the Academy setting. It was a hive of activity as 25 courses were being delivered, with students being able to choose from 3 and then the compulsory finance talk. Subjects included English, Psychology and Geography, as well as Sport therapy and massage - local providers of further and higher education were all present with expert words of advice, energy and enthusiasm. Another fabulous opportunity for our students.

COLOUR DASH

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Colour Dash. It was a great event, with a fabulous atmosphere - everyone fully enjoyed themselves. Lots of money has been raised for Lincs2Nepal, all of which will go to help allow those most marginalised from society, in Nepal, gain access to education. Education is a right and all children, wherever they are in the world, should have access to it.

SIXTH FORM INDUCTION WEEK

New Sixth Formers enjoyed three days of taster sessions, teach activities and an Industry Day. The Industry Day produced a plethora of ideas regarding mental wellbeing. The visiting advisors complimented our students on the way they conducted themselves, as well as for the excitement and enthusiasm they had for the challenging task.

Mrs C Hewerdine

PE

What a year of sport for the school this year. This has been another successful year of sport ever with teams winning leagues across a vast array of sports. We have won more titles than any other school in Lincoln and Gainsborough. The winning roll call is as follows:

League Winners

Netball:	Year 7, 8, 9 and 11
Netball:	Yr 9 Girls County Champions
Tennis:	Yr 8 Boys
Tennis:	Yr 8 Boys Regional Champions
Tennis:	Yr 10 Boys
Rounders:	Yr 7, 8, 9 and 10 Girls
Badminton:	Yr 8 Girls

BOYS

TENNIS

Under 13

Results

'A' team

National Championships

Louth Grammar	Won 6-0
QEGS, Horncastle	Won 4-2
Carres Grammar	Lost 4-2
Priory Ruskin, Grantham	Won 6-0

L&G League

William Farr	TBC
NK	Won 6-0
Gainsborough Academy:	Won Walkover

P	W	D	L
2	2	0	0

'B' team

Louth Grammar	Lost 4-2
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Report

Squad

'A': Joe Souter ©, Alex Armstrong, Beres Kemp, Alfie Challinor (Yr 7)

'B': Nojus Janutis, Daniel Stamford (Yr 7), Finlay Davis (Yr 7), Louis Greenwood (Yr 7)

Another tremendous year for this talented bunch of Tennis players. District champions last year, the team changed as Ross Armstrong moved up to be replaced by a very talented Yr 7 in Alfie Challinor. We knew this year was going to be harder as the opposition had grown stronger as well and this was shown in our first game against a very strong Carres Grammar. It was toe to toe stuff between 2 very talented teams that this time the odd point and piece of luck went Carres's way and they ran out 4-2 winners.

This could have been a hammer blow but the team picked themselves up and played superbly the rest of the year dispatching Priory Ruskin, QEGS Horncastle and Louth Grammar with relative ease. Unfortunately Carres also won their games and therefore we finished second in our group and failed to progress to the County final.

In the local league we were unstoppable and brushed aside William Farr and NK without dropping a match and to be honest many games. Gainsborough forfeited handing us the league once again. We also consistently had a tremendous turn out at training and therefore I tried to arrange 'B' games with all schools. Only Louth Grammar managed this and although we lost the boys gave their best and played well, especially as 3 were Yr 7's playing against Yr 8's.

CRICKET

Under 13

Results

Branston 69-2 Beat Priory LSST 68-1 By 8 Wickets

Branston 48-8 Lost To LCHS 49-2 By 8 Wickets

Branston Beat QEHS - Walkover

P	W	D	L	Position
3	2	0	1	2nd

Report

The season started with a tough opening fixture against last season's league winners LCHS. Preparation for the game was not helped when captain and county cricketer AJ Cook was injured an unable to play. Batting first we made a below par 48-8 from our 12 overs which LCHS chased down for the loss of only 2 wickets in just over 8 overs. Next up were the Priory who batted first and made a solid 68-1 from their 12 overs, our bowling was good, especially from AJ Cook and Cade Chamber Lewis, and as a result gave us a chance of victory. Lewis Townhill and Connor Thorley batted very well to see us with in only a few runs of victory when Lewis fell. That brought Cade Chambers Lewis to the crease who did not mess around hitting the winning runs in double quick time.

With QEHS still to play the season has been a positive one and runners up spot is still there for the taking.

Squad

AJ Cook , C Thorley, C Chambers - Lewis, A Fillingham, H Shaw, H Ainslie, C Pickard, L Townhill, K Starbuck, R Sansoa Twell, A Crisp, A Lockwood, M Irish & T Richmond

CRICKET

Under 15 Results

Branston 83-5 Beat Priory LSST 75-3 By 8 runs
Branston 57-1 Beat LCHS 56-6 By 9 Wickets
Branston V QEHS - TBC

P	W	D	L	Position
2	2	0	0	TBC

Report

I must be honest that I entered this season fearing we were going to get hammered in all of our matches as we do not have many pupils you would call cricketers. In fact we have 2 in the captain and vice-captain, Ben Whitehouse and Callum Turner. I had entered the 'A' league to ensure the other schools fulfilled fixtures but that meant we were playing better teams. Therefore the approach was to enjoy it as much as we could and try not to be slaughtered in the matches. Nets were well attended and I actually began to feel more confident as we suddenly discovered we had some improving bowlers in Jack Moore especially but also Lewis Deaton, Jack Foot, Lewis Crisp, George Ganiford and James Hutchinson. Batting certainly did not make me confident but again improved as both Jack Moore and James Hutchinson showed some positive technique, Jack Foot, Lewis Crisp and Lewis Deaton showed a good eye and Christian Bucknell, Ethan Thompson and Cam Hullah showed endless enthusiasm.

Our first game pitted us against Priory LSST and we posted a decent 83 - 5 behind 25 not out from Ben Whitehouse and sold contributions from Callum Turner, Jack Foot and Lewis Deaton. Did I feel it was enough? NO. However we bowled superbly, reducing our wide count to a minimum and fielding with tremendous enthusiasm and a good level of skill. Our non-cricketers bowled excellently including Jack Foot and Jack Moore in particular and George Ganiford took a stunning catch to claim a real danger man. In doing so we kept LSST behind the scoring rate and held our nerve to claim a famous and initially unlikely win.

Buoyed by this success we approached our next game against LCHS with renewed vigour. We sent LCHS into bat and again bowled and fielded superbly. Behind some quick and hostile bowling from Ben Whitehouse and accuracy from Callum Turner we made early inroads into LCHS batting and then kept it tight through consistent bowling from Lewis Crisp, Jack Moore and Lewis Deaton and endless eventful and edge of your seat fielding from Christian Bucknell and a remarkable run out from Cameron Hullah. Due to this they only managed 56-6. This was certainly achievable and after another excellent 25 not out from Ben Whitehouse and an entertaining innings from the promoted pinch hitter, Ethan Thompson, we cruised to an easy 9 wkt win.

We are trying to arrange our last fixture v QEHS, Gainsborough but this is proving really difficult. However these 2 matches have shown what you can do with a great bunch of lads who work their backsides off, play with 100% effort and a great deal of enjoyment. They showed excellent levels of sportsmanship, supported each other with bat and ball and played to win. Well done to all of you and thank you for your support of the cricket teams over the last 4 years.

Squad:

B Whitehouse ©, C Turner (v/c), M Monnery, J Foot, E Thompson, C Bucknell, L Deaton, J Moore, J Hutchinson, C Hullah, L Crisp, G Ganiford (Yr 9)

Under 15 Results

'A' team

National Championships

Branston 'B'

Minster School	Won 5-1
LSST	Won 6-0
Carres Grammar	Won 6-0
Priory Ruskin, Grantham	Lost 6-0

L&G League

William Farr:

TBC

NK:

Won 6-0

Gainsborough Academy:

Won Walkover

P	W	D	L
2	2	0	0

'B' team

National Championships

Branston 'A'

Minster School	Lost 4-3
LSST	Won 6-0
Carres Grammar	Won 5-1
Priory Ruskin, Grantham	Lost 5-1

Report

Another successful year for our U15 squad. Due to the quality and numbers at training, I entered 2 teams into the National tournament. Both did us proud and played very competitively and enthusiastically in all matches. The 'A' team won 4 and lost 1 against a very strong Priory Ruskin team, to finish second. The 'B' team won very well against Carres Grammar and were unlucky against Minster, to eventually finish 4th.

In the local league the 'A' team played alone and were dominant in despatching both William Farr and NK with ease. Gainsborough forfeited to hand us yet another Tennis title locally and entrenching our position as the strongest Tennis school in the Lincoln and Gainsborough Sportzone.

Squad

'A': Ross Armstrong, Joel Thompson, Jack Foot and Matt Andrews

'B': Harry Edenbrow, Jacob Jones, Ben Harker and Jay Ritchie

ROUNDERS

UNDER 12 - CHAMPIONS

Results

NK	Won	26-7
LSST	Won	19-12
Witham	Won	Walkover
Robert Patt	Won	8-5
Priory City	Won	Walkover

Squad

Goda Janutyte (captain), Naomi Kirkby (vice-captain), Bella Pollard, Erin Shasby, Millie Nicholls, Melissa Fawcett, Isabelle Dixon, Hannah Elkington, Mae Banks, Emily Hamilton-Smith, Maddie Gavin, Freya Laughton, Ellie Howard, Kelsie Anderson, Abi Cross, Sophie McKechnie

Year 7 rounders club began at the start of the summer term and the girls were full of enthusiasm. 18 girls have regularly attended rounders club so some difficult decisions had to be made when selecting for matches. Our league consisted of Branston, Priory Witham, NK and RPA. To date, we have played 3 matches and still have 1 left to play.

Our first match was against Witham Academy. The girls were quite excited and there were many players who had not represented The Academy before so this was a great experience for them. We were first in to bat and the girls set a very high target to chase. Their batting performance was excellent, far better than in our practice sessions! I was also very pleased with the way they carried out our fielding tactics; a vitally important part of the game. For a year 7 team, they showed great composure when under pressure. Final result, Branston 25 - 17 Witham. A great start.

Our squad of players has been rotated so that many students have had the opportunity to play for the Academy. The next 2 games proved to be much closer. These games were against NK and RPA. The girls were very focused and determined to score when they came in to bat; so much so that they were playing in a risky way and getting out rather than securing rounders! However, on both occasions their fielding kept them in the game with a strong link up between Goda, Naomi and Erin playing in key positions. Final scores, Branston 11 ½ - 9 NK and Branston 13 ½ - 9 RPA.

Our final match against Priory City was unfortunately cancelled due to poor weather; this seems to have been the theme for the term! It is also a great shame that City were not able to find a date for this fixture to be rearranged. This does however, mean that we have won all of our games and therefore have won the league. This is another fantastic achievement for our year 7 girls and I congratulate them on their success. Hard work and commitment really does pay off and I hope they take this great attitude with them into year 8. Well done girls. I'm very proud of you

UNDER 13 - CHAMPIONS

Results

League

NK	WON	12-4
R Patt	WON	12-7
Priory Witham	WON	23-6
Priory City	WON	9-7

Squad

Laura Hall (Team Captain), Freya Atkinson, Olivia Carter, Shania Lacia, Amelia Mattison, Sophie Lindsey, Katie Marfleet, Ruby Whitworth, Robyn Barber, Tia Kaszics, Merry Davies, Charlotte Walker, Lilly Hennell, Blythe Hilton, Bethany Cannon, Scarlett Johnson, Hollie Myers-Hemmingway, Lauren Foster

From the very first training session, the turnout for year nine rounders this year has been excellent, leading to the development of a 17 player squad. The players 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 matches of the season saw the girls take confident victories against NK and RP.

The match against Priory Witham saw the girls smashing the ball around the field to secure an excellent win. However, the girls faced a greater challenge during their match against Priory City. The girls struggled to make good contact with the ball when batting, due to some exceptional bowling from their opposition. However, in true Branson style they were not going to go down easy. When needed most, the girls pulled together to provide highly efficient fielding to reduce the scoring of the opposition and narrowly take the victory. With the last ball bowled, the girls were finally able to celebrate another season undefeated and a second LGSSZ title.

UNDER 14 CHAMPIONS

Results

NK	WON	17-6
R Patt	WON	16-5
Priory Witham	Walkover	
Priory City	Walkover	

Squad

Charlotte O'May (Team Captain), Amber Pickard, Lucy Dempsey, Isla Sullivan, Katie Christopher, Alice Tissier, Emily Edenbrow, Mia Weaver, Heather Johnson, Lucy Casey, Olivia Carter

The girls have shown great commitment this year and have worked hard to 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.

Up against NK and RP, the girls demonstrated the extremely strong tactical and systematic edge they have developed, taking two comfortable victories, only batting once against RP to secure the win. This season has seen some incredible batting from Charlotte O'May, who regularly sends the ball soaring passed the fielders.

It has also seen highly efficient fielding with an almost a telepathic quality between Charlotte, Katie Christopher, Isla Sullivan at second base and Amber Pickard as backstop. Combined with Alice Tissier, newbie Heather Johnson, Mia Weaver and Lucy Casey helping to control the game as close fielders and Lucy Dempsey with her precision bowling, this team are verging on unstoppable.

This is now their third straight title and they are now unbeaten in 3 years. In fact they have never lost a game of Rounders since joining Branston.

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UNDER 15 - CHAMPIONS

Results

R Patt	Won 9-5
NK	Won 13-8
Priory City	Won 15-9
Priory Witham	Won Walkover

Squad:

Emma Oliver (captain & back stop), Katie Flintham (First/second base), Hannah McConville (Bowler), Abi Bolton (Deep field), Emma Shaw (Deep field), Grace Boden (Deep field), Ashley McLuckie (Deep field), Limara Wardle (Deep field), Orissa Sansoa-Twell (Deep field), Charlotte O'May (Deep field)

Once again the year 10 girls rounder team have performed when they needed to despite my initial worries after training. First two games were played as a triangular fixture against NK and RP. NK first. A little slow with our batting but secured a healthy 6 ½ rounders to put the pressure on. They batted well and our fielding left a little to be desired, NK scored 5. However second innings the girls were on it. Batted well again and finished on a total of 13 rounders. Our fielding improved significantly with some very consistent bowling from Hannah and we kept them down to 2 ½ rounders. We finished overall winners by 13 - 7.

Buoyed by the win we took on RP. Again batted first and kept the momentum going from the first game gaining 9 rounders. There was some excellent hitting from Grace, Emma and Katie. We took to the field. Emma at back stop and Katie at first/second base were outstanding and we got the whole team out with balls to spare limiting them to 1 rounder. As they hadn't reached anywhere near our total RP batted again and once again the girls were outstanding in the field. They didn't reach our first innings score, so we won 9 - 4 ½ with an innings to spare.

We then took on City school who usually put up a good fight with some big hitters. We went in to field first and once again Emma and Katie were awesome. With a confident performance from Charlotte O'May who we had to draft in from year 9 due to injury. They limited City to 2 ½ rounders. What followed next was a batting display from Charlotte and Emma that would rival any team. We scored 10 rounders. City went into bat again and we kept them to 3 so again we won with an innings to spare. The girls had a couple of bats each and were given the task of trying to alter their hitting area so being out of their comfort zone. We scored an additional 5. Thus the score finished 15 - 5 ½

NETBALL

Year 7 Netball Team - Champions!

It was reported in the Easter newsletter that the year 7 netball team had a final results scorecard of won 3, lost 1. I anticipated that this would mean 2nd place in the league for us, but I am pleased to report that I was wrong! As always, Branston teams fulfilled their fixtures, but this could not be said for other local schools. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that the Year 7 girls won the Lincoln and Gainsborough Netball League. Huge congratulations to all the girls concerned.

PRIMARY FESTIVALS

It has been another fantastic series of Primary Sports Festivals at Branston. The most recent athletics festival was a great success, with Washingborough taking the top spot with over 3000 points gained by their years 3-6 students. This has followed on from very successful and well attended festivals at High 5, Football and Tag Rugby. We have also hosted Sports Hall Athletics and Swimming galas across KS1 and 2. Primary schools that have attended include Branston Juniors, Potterhanworth, Millfield, Washingborough, Nocton, Dunston and Metheringham.

Again these events have been ran and supported by primarily our Yr 10 GCSE leaders. They help organise and administer the events as well as supporting the Swimming lessons after school with Herons.

The leaders from Branston continue to act as outstanding role models for the young students. Not only do they work with a clear drive to help the children improve their sporting prowess but they also work hard to ensure the children enjoy every minute of doing so. These leaders volunteer their free time to prepare, organise and run these festivals, without them, these sporting opportunities would not exist for the primary schools.

HOUSE SPORT

Another great year of House Sport has seen a tremendously close competition with the lead hanging from event to event. Hundreds of pupils have taken part and all have showed 100% effort, a fantastic attitude and all seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Spartans came strong in the summer and are victorious again and it is now up to the other Houses to show the same passion, commitment and fight as Spartans to try and take the crown of them.

Results this term have been as follows:

Rounders:

Yr 7:	Spartans, Titans & Trojans
Yr 8:	Spartans & Titans
Yr 9:	Titans
Yr 10:	Spartans
Overall:	Spartans

Tennis:

Yr 7:	Spartans
Yr 8:	Spartans
Yr 9:	Spartans
Yr 10:	Spartans
Overall:	Spartans

Kwik Cricket:

Yr 7:	Trojans
Yr 8:	Titans
Yr 9:	Titans
Yr 10:	Titans
Overall:	Titans

Athletics:

Yr 7:	Spartans
Yr 8:	Titans
Yr 9:	Spartans
Yr 10:	Titans
Overall:	Titans and Spartans

1st:	Spartans	1390 pts
2nd:	Titans	1345 pts
3rd:	Trojans	1325 pts

YEAR 10 - WORK EXPERIENCE 13TH-17TH MARCH

Year 10 students had a taste of the working world during their week of Work Experience. This proved to be a valuable week with students making the most of the opportunities available to them. Students are encouraged to find their own placement, in an area of their choice to allow for the most fulfilling experience. We had several students taking part in a residential Army Insight Course. For many students, work experience has helped to confirm their future career plans.

YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE 26TH-30TH JUNE

Work experience for our Year 12 students is very much centred around their future career ideas, which has proved invaluable for our students. Gaining hands on experience in their chosen career sector and for some, important links are made with employers. A few of our students this year have found opportunities outside of Lincolnshire, with one student travelling to Laval in France to undertake her work experience in a school. Work Experience gives students a head start when completing applications for apprenticeships, employment or writing personal statements during the university application process.



YOUNG DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

We have had 3 students; Jess Marsden, Martika Gaul and Mary Parkes, get through to the final of the Lincs Young designer of the year competition, where their work was exhibited during the weekend of the 30th June - 2nd July. Whilst they did not gain the ultimate accolade of Young Designer of the year the judges were acclaimed their work as being of special merit.

The work submitted is included as an attachment

Jess Marsden - multi- functional coffee table laptop work station

Martika Gaul - Self-righting Sake bottle and point of sale/packaging

Mary Parkes - retro record player and storage unit



CLADDING SAFETY

Cladding panels used on the Concert Hall and Nursery extension are NOT the same type as those involved in the tragic fire at the Grenfell Tower fire in London.

Panels made from aluminium composite materials, together with associated insulation, have been blamed for the speed at which that fire spread. This has prompted a nationwide alert to check cladding on buildings including schools. We did this independently, but a survey has also been carried out by a contractor on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council which involved photographing all cladding to ensure it was correctly identified and any appropriate action taken.

A fire safety questionnaire issued by the Government to schools identifies that Branston Community Academy is at low risk (eg the cladding is on a one-storey building) and that fire safety measures are in place. Please be assured that we will be keeping up to date with the national situation and reviewing what we do and our buildings in order to keep everyone who uses the Academy premises safe.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 20th July - LAST DAY OF TERM

Thursday 17th - A Level Results Day

Thursday 24th - GCSE Results Day

Tuesday 5th September - FIRST DAY OF TERM
(Year 7 and Sixth Form only)

Wednesday 6th September - FIRST DAY OF TERM
(Rest of the school)

Thursday 7th September - Presentation Evening

Tuesday 12th September - Open Evening 6-8pm

Half Term: Monday 23/10/17 to Friday 27/10/17

Tuesday 19th December - LAST DAY OF TERM

Tuesday 4th January 2018 - FIRST DAY OF TERM