

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

2018



BRANSTON
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

This term has been a chance to see some of the changes being made come to life. Around fifty students have signed up for the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and have made a successful start. Approximately two hundred subject ambassadors were identified to represent subject areas for the next year. Over a hundred students have attended one of my Principal's Celebration Breakfasts for

students with the very highest effort grades. These have all run alongside the established events and enrichment activities like Heads of School, Art/DT exhibition, debating and public speaking, drama and music performances, subject based clubs and the vast array of sporting teams and practices.

Undoubtedly the GCSE and A Level examinations have featured highly this term. This year saw lots of GCSE papers being sat for the first time. Students in Year 11 impressed us greatly both over the year, in the run up and then during the actual examinations. Students put everything into their preparation, helped by additional opportunities like the 5 hour challenge, holiday revision sessions and a comprehensive revision programme during the examination period. We hope that the hard work of the students and staff, both in Year 11 and 13, along with important support from home, will lead to a successful summer. The end of the examination period was celebrated with the Y11 and 13 proms, with each being well attended and enjoyed by all.



Providing additional shelter for Lower School students has become a priority, so a dining area is going to be constructed for Y7 and 8 students to use at breaks and lunchtimes. This will be completed early in the Autumn term. There will be a couple of new canopies provided too, including one for the Sixth Form block

The weather has been a real challenge since Christmas. Snow! Rain! Sun! Each of them in abundance! In May half term a significant downpour caused major flood damage to the Concert Hall floor. The insurers informed us that a month's worth of rain fell in half an hour!

We are really proud to say that we are full for September 2018 as we move to our increased pupil admittance number. This will tie in with the opening of our new building, due for completion over the summer break. An additional Science laboratory, refreshed boys' toilets and a whole new block will be ready for our September start.



We say goodbye to a few staff this summer. In Music, Mr Amey, the man who brought Djembe to Branston, is heading off to a new job in Norfolk. Mrs Keeling is leaving our Hairdressing department, Mr Favel from History whilst Mrs Shaw and Mrs McDonald also leave us from our support staff. We wish them well and thank them for their contribution to life at Branston.

As always the academic year has whizzed by and the Summer break is just waiting to start. I would like to wish you all a restful holiday and look forward to working with you in September.

Mrs J Turner

ART & DT EXHIBITION

June 14th saw a coming together of the splendid work completed by our students from the Art and Design Technology departments. The work was displayed through the gallery and the concert hall, making a very professional looking exhibition. In excess of 200 parents, relatives and friends visited the exhibition in a two hour slot. Much of the work on exhibit was examination work, and we look forward to some very pleasing results in the summer.

If you missed it this year, watch this space, as we have some very exciting new ideas for the exhibiting of our students' work for next summer.

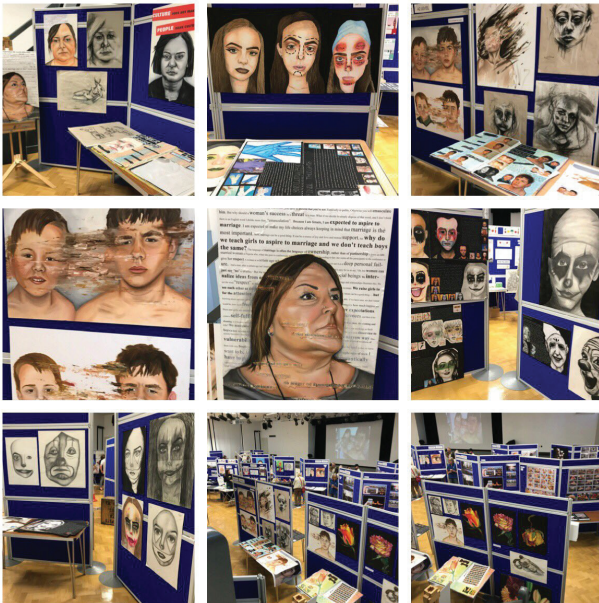
Mrs Baker and Mr Turner



ART:

Life drawing Workshop from The Royal Academy

On Tuesday 17th July, the art department were visited by tutors and a life model from the Royal Academy of Art in London. The tutors spent a whole day with our students, sharing their expertise and teaching them the art of figure drawing. We were incredibly lucky to have such an opportunity, and the work the students produced was of a superb quality. Having the chance to work with a tutor from the Royal Academy was such an exciting opportunity for all students taking part.



YEAR 11 PROM

The year 11 prom was held on Friday 22nd June at Jocasters.

The event was a thoroughly enjoyable event with 146 students attending.

Naill Carlsen was named Prom King and Stacey Kettleborough Prom Queen Having said that every single one of the class of 2018 look superb on an evening that was without doubt a fitting way to end 5 years together at Branston. The evening included some interesting and unusual dancing before concluding with an excellent firework display.



SIXTH FORM PROM

On a sunny evening in June at Charlotte House our year 13 students gathered for their prom: this included an array of smartly dressed young men and beautifully attired young ladies. The atmosphere was relaxed and happy. Both students and staff had fun chatting, eating and in some cases dancing! Thanks to all those who attended and we wish all our year 13's the very best for their future.

The pictures below are a snap shot of the many photos that were taken, which can be seen on the BCA Facebook page.



HISTORY CLUB

The History club have begun with a focus on World War I as the 100th anniversary of the end is coming up in November. Members have produced computer games and information sheets on aspects of the War. Following on from this, we have begun to prepare for the Community-wide celebration that the Academy will be leading in November and have been making models of a tank, aeroplanes and soldiers so that we can make a diorama of the time. Progress has been slow but steady, as we have limited time, but members have all enjoyed taking part.

KNITTING CLUB

Members have progressed well learning to knit and our aim is to be able to display items such as were knitted and sent to troops during World War I at the celebration in November. We were grateful for the donation of blanket squares to boost our production. We're always on the lookout for new members and especially those who might already be able to knit and/or crochet so that we are able to 'yarn bomb' the school for the date in November when people will be visiting for the various planned events. Pop into S26 any lunchtime!

Mrs K Stevenson

BRANSTON NURSERY

We have had an amazing summer term with lots of exciting activities including our "Summer family event" Where the children and Parents/Grandparents took part in a dance workshop, a craft workshop and a drama one too!

It end in a picnic and a "sharing" cake stall that was fabulous, as parents and staff produced a huge variety of delicious treats. We also wish all the preschool a fantastic time at there new schoolsand we are be having a "class of 18" party at Holly tree farm

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BRANSTON
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

OPEN EVENING
Tuesday 11th September 2018, 6.00pm - 8.00pm
OFSTED 'Outstanding'

Branston Community Academy is proud to be recognised as one of the best performing schools in the country.

However, we are even prouder of the friendly and supportive ethos of the school and the personal skills and attributes of our students. Please come and experience this for yourselves at our Open Evening. We look forward to welcoming you.



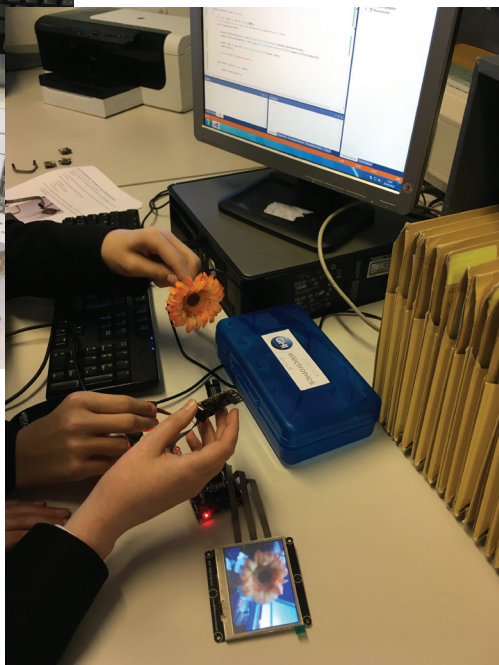
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COMPUTING

This time last year, I wrote that 'we were welcoming a previous student who was at the end of his second year at University studying Computer Science and considering a career in teaching'. This year, since spending time with us at school for his work experience, Callum Donaldson has decided to pursue a teaching career and designed his third year dissertation study accordingly. He produced a unit of teaching using Gadgeteer (similar kit to a Raspberry Pi and Microbit). Our Gifted, Talented and Able group were invited to work on Callum's project to stress test the tutorial material he had designed and produced. The object of the exercise was that students could complete a few projects as independently as possible and experience using a programming language that we wouldn't ordinarily teach. Our students loved the experience and one particularly popular activity was to create a simple camera, programming using C++ to enable a button to be clicked and the image displayed on a small screen.

From a student at the end of his tertiary educational career to our Y12s who have recently been on work experience - many of whom were very fortunate to have been able to work within our field of interest such as software development and engineering (using CAD etc). We extend our heartfelt thanks to all organisations who have offered our young people such opportunities. It also leads to great discussions about what is 'out there' in the world of work and for students to see how what we teach and learn at school has relevance for their futures, whichever direction they choose.



"We are pleased to welcome to the profession our trainee teacher Mr Bailey. He has been a great addition to our Department for the last year and I am sure your children would agree he has done a great job this year. We wish him well in his NQT year."

YEAR 7 - LEpra

In April the year 7 students had a representative from LEpra in their assembly to speak about their work in under developed countries. All of year 7 then got involved in raising funds for this charity through events like cake sales, sponsored workout, sponsored silences and even speaking Spanish for a day. In total they managed to raise an amazing £1,479.33. We have been presented again with a plaque for the money raised, for the sixth year in a row. Well done year 7.

Mrs Woods



HEADS OF SCHOOL EVENING 2018

On Tuesday 26th June 2018 the Heads of School Evening took place to celebrate the success of our students. Over 80 students and their parents attended the Evening to watch the presentations and enjoy musical performances. The students were nominated by their tutors based on the number of credits/purple slips obtained and their involvement in extracurricular activities. In addition a number of our Gifted and talented students also collected awards. The evening concluded with refreshments provided by Taylor Shaw (Academy's Catering Company) and the Food department.

Mrs Woods



ENGINEERING EDUCATION SCHEME

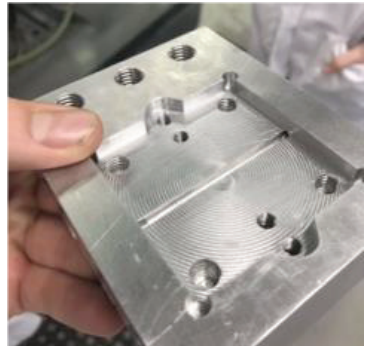
One day we may find ourselves flying in a new generation of aircraft which contain components which were tested on a BCA designed heat sink.

This was another successful year for a team of Y12 students who successfully completed the prestigious Engineering Education Scheme. The six month EES programme links teams of Year 12 students with a local company to work on real, scientific, engineering and technological problems. This also entitled the team to receive Gold Crest Awards and to qualify as Industrial Cadets.

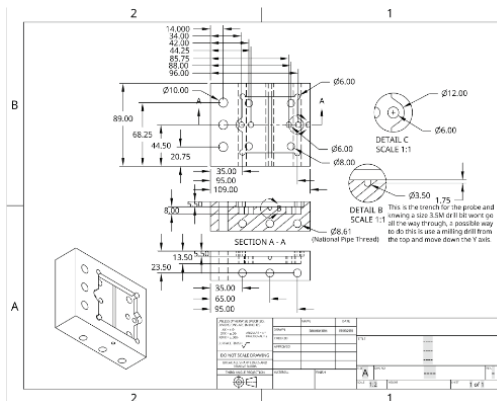
This year the Branston Academy team partnered with Dynex Semiconductor, Lincoln. Dynex is an international manufacturer of specialist power semiconductor components, and the students were asked to develop a system which will be used to conduct long term power-cycling tests of newly developed component range. These components are part of a large potential contract with a major aerospace manufacturer, designed for the next generation of passenger aircraft. The team developed a design for a water-cooled heat sink which has been used successfully within the Dynex testing facility.

The team have been meeting regularly, in their own time, and in January we spent 2 days at Loughborough University utilising the facilities within the School of Engineering to develop our prototype. In April the team travelled to Solihull where the prototypes were displayed and a formal engineering report was successfully presented to a panel of expert judges.

During their six-month project phase, Lily Brocklehurst, Seb Oles, James Yates and Elliott Vinter have shown industrial enterprise, creativity and innovation whilst gaining extensive experience of problem-solving, team-working and project management. Key life skills have been developed within the context of the world of work.



Mr Halliwell.



FRENCH TRIP

On 25th May, we took 70 Year 7 and 8 students for a day trip to Northern France. Our visit there included a trip to a snail farm and a biscuit factory, and some of us even managed to snatch a quick half-hour on the beach in Le Touquet!

On the way back, we called in to the “Cite” shopping centre before boarding the ferry for our return journey.

Tout le monde a passé un tres bonne visite (we all had a great visit) and we are now looking forward to a similar event next year!

Mr K Hodges



STRETCH AND CHALLENGE ZONE

The MFL department now has lots of extra resources where you can improve your language skills and earn certificates. We also have a Linguascope subscription

To access this go on:

Learning Web, Languages, Stretch and Challenge zone

If you go on the ‘Certificates List’ you can see what certificates you can earn and what you have to do to achieve one. Click on the other folders to access the resources.

When you’ve completed the work for a particular certificate, bring it to Mr.Sutcliffe who will issue you with a certificate.

*Good Luck
A.Sutcliffe*

PERFORMING ARTS

Talented BCA students took part in the 'Picnic in the Park' at Heighington on Saturday 16th June delighting the crowds with their dancing, drama and singing performances.

A comedy drama 'Fourteen' was performed by Jack Read and Louie Bryant.

Two dance groups, choreographed by Katie Hutton, performed For Forever (Year 7-9) and Better When I'm Dancing (Year 7).

Vocal entertainment was provided by the talented Vincent Shaw and Tom Kirby who sang a selection of songs for the occasion.

The Unorthodox dance troupe performance was dramatic and atmospheric as they danced to Attack the Block.

The event was well supported by local people who enjoyed the diversity of acts on offer.

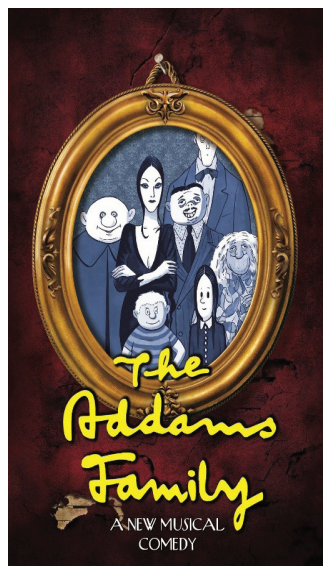


The rehearsals for this year's Shakespeare Schools Festival performance of As You Like It are underway and students are working toward their big day at the Lincoln Drill Hall on Monday 5th November. A date to remember remember!



Exciting news!

Next year's school show will be The Addams Family. Principle characters are preparing for their auditions next week and rehearsals for this fabulous show will commence in September. Show week begins 11th February 2019.



WW1 COMMEMORATION EVENT

The Academy is working with Branston Infants, Branston Juniors and the nursery in order to prepare a commemoration event for Friday 9th November 2018. There is a lot of work going on within school, including building replica fighter equipment, creating poppies and preparing drama / music for the occasion. The Art department are also working on a big project for the event. Watch our Facebook page for more information.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Three of our talented young girls were invited to take part in a Public Speaking Competition, which was hosted by the local MP, Dr Caroline Johnson. Eleanor Taylor (Year 9), Rosa Karamuzondo (Year 9) and Masie Boyce- White (Year 8) all had the opportunity to speak for 3 minutes and the starting line was... 'If I were Prime Minister I would...'. All three came up with some fabulous ideas and spoke on the following topics respectively; Eleanor - how gender stereotyping of toys was having a negative impact on the future career choices of today's young women; Rosa - the need to ban the active pursuit of airbrushing of women in magazines as it creates a false and unrealistic idealised version of women which young girls can never achieve; Maisie - the importance of the local MP in being an active part of school communities so as to ensure an participation in politics by young people. It was a really exciting and interested event which was held to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Votes for Women. Copies of the girls' speeches are available to read online.



Fabulous results! Eleanor came 1st and won a trip to the Houses of Parliament and a meeting with the Prime Minister. As well as this great result, Rosa also came 3rd and received a book, detailing the freedoms of women, which was signed by the Prime Minister, Theresa May. Eleanor enjoyed a truly unforgettable day in London, where she met the PM, say PMQs and was interviewed by Look North. Enjoy her own write up detailing the events of the day.

MATHS CHALLENGE

Approximately 60 students from Year 9 and Year 10 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge earlier this year. They answered a selection of questions on some challenging problem solving tasks. There were some good performances with 6 students receiving a silver certificate and 8 receiving a bronze certificate. Ben Maskell was the top Year 10 student and Shania Lacia the best in Year 9. Shania also won the title of best in school and went on to compete in the Kangaroo Challenge.

Following on from the Intermediate Challenge around 60 Year 8 students took part in the Junior Maths Challenge. Again there were some great performances with three students achieving a silver award and 15 students achieving the bronze award. The highest scoring student was Jake Taylor.

Well done to all of the students involved for their hard work.

Mrs Pepper

PE NEWSLETTER (SUMMER 2018)

What a year of sport again for the school this year. This has been another incredibly successful year of sport with teams winning leagues across a vast array of sports. We have won more titles than any other school in Lincoln and Gainsborough for the third year running. This year we won 13 out of 25 leagues entered across 7 sports. We finished second in 9 others. We are now the number one sporting school in Lincoln & Gainsborough. The winning roll call is as follows:

Lincoln & Gainsborough League Winners: -

Netball:	Yr 7, 9, 10 and 11
Football:	Yr 11 Boys & Yr 7/8 Girls
Tennis:	Yr 7/8 & 9/10 Boys
Tennis:	Yr 10'B': Aegon Lincoln 'B' Champions
Rounders:	Yr 9 and 10 Girls
Badminton:	Yr 7 & 9 Boys
Cricket:	Yr 7/8 and 9/10

BOYS TENNIS UNDER 13

We entered this year group knowing that we did not have our strongest team and in fact that most of the team were not tennis players but just really keen lads who played tennis for fun. However, the boys have had a fantastic season, playing superbly and improving immeasurably as the season progressed. We entered both the National and Local leagues. In the National leagues, we started against Bourne Grammar in really tough match. It was neck and neck and went to a sudden death tie-break, but Ben Foot and Dan Stamford held their nerve and came through to win.

Next up was Minster School in another tight affair. Again, the match was touch and go but we pulled through by 4 games to 2. Our final group game was at Kings School, Grantham, with the winners going through to the regional finals. It was a scorching day and some great tennis was played. Unfortunately, Kings School had a little more class on the day and won the key points when it mattered, resulting in a 5-1 win. Overall, we finished second in the group, a tremendous effort for this team

In the local league we won easily against William Farr, playing some really good tennis before Minster gained some revenge for their defeat in the Aegon match with a 4-2 victory. Two disappointing walkovers over NK and LCHS, secured us a league title, which was nice but would have been better had we actually played and beaten NK and LCHS.

Squad:

Yr 7: Ben Foot and Will Day

Yr 8: Dan Stamford, Finlay Davis & Louis Greenwood

Results

Aegon National Championships

Bourne Grammar	Won 4-3 (Sudden Death Tie-break)
Minster	Won 4-2
Kings School	Lost 5-1

L&G League

William Farr	Won 5-1
NK	Won 6-0
Minster	Lost 4-2
LCHS	Won 6-0

P	W	D	L
4	3	0	1

BOYS TENNIS UNDER 15

Another hugely successful year for our U15 squad. Due to the quality of the squad we had at Year 9 and 10, I entered 2 teams into the National and local tournaments. Both did us proud and played very competitively and enthusiastically in all matches. The 'A' team won 3 and lost 1 against a very strong Carres Grammar team, to finish second. The 'B' team won very well against both William Farr and Minster school to claim the Central 'B' league and await the winners of the North section in a play-off for the area title.

In the local league we entered the teams as Year 9 and 10 and were dominant as a pair of teams. Both teams defeated William Farr and Minster with ease and NK forfeited the game. The Yr 9 team dispatched LCHS 6 nil to remain undefeated and secured the league by defeating our own Yr 10 team to win the league undefeated. The Yr 10's then beat LCHS to secure second place.

Overall the boys have been superb and played some superb tennis, never giving less than 100% at any point. The Yr 9 boys are an excellent team who will be strong again next year. The Yr 10 boys have been great servants to the school at tennis and I thank all 4 of them for their efforts over the last 4 years.

Squad

'A': Ross Armstrong, Joe Souter, Alex Armstrong and Beres Kemp

'B': Harry Edenbrow, Jacob Jones, Ben Harker and Nojus Janutis

Yr 9: Joe Souter, Alex Armstrong, Beres Kemp and Nojus Janutis



Left: Y9 and Y10 Tennis Team

Under 15 Results

'A' team

National Championships	
Louth Grammar	Won 4-2
QEGS, Horncastle	Won 6-0
Carres Grammar	Lost 5-1
Priory Ruskin, Grantham	Won 6-0
Finished 2nd	

'B' team

National Championships	
Minster School	Won 6-0
Priory Ruskin, Grantham	Won 6-0
Finished 1st	

L&G League

Yr 10	
William Farr:	Won 6-0
Minster:	Won 6-0
NK:	Won 6-0
Branston - Yr 9	Lost 6-0
LCHS:	Won 5-1

P	W	D	L	POS
5	4	0	1	2ND

L&G League

Yr 9	
William Farr:	Won 6-0
Minster:	Won 6-0
NK:	Won 6-0
Branston Yr 10	Won 6-0
LCHS:	Won 6-0

P	W	D	L	POS
5	5	0	0	1ST

Yr 10: Harry Edenbrow, Jacob Jones, Ben Harker and Ross Armstrong

CRICKET - UNDER 13

Results

Branston 83-5 Beat QEHS 80-5 By 5 Wickets

Branston 70-2 Lost To LCHS 72-1 By 2 runs

Branston 99-4 Beat LSST 53-2 By 46 runs

Branston 56-0 Beat R Pattinson 55-3 by 10 wkts

P	W	D	L	Pos
4	3	0	1	1st

Report

We started this year with more hope than expectation in a team dominated by Yr 7 players. Although we had some talent, we lacked any real match experience as many of the team has never played a competitive match. A first game against league favourites QEHS, Gainsborough was hardly the easiest way to start as they boasted a team full of Nottingham, Lincolnshire and District players. Bowling first we stuck to our task very well, bowling straight and forcing the QEHS batsmen to work hard for their runs. Accurate bowling from Charlie Whitehill, Ben Foot, Will Davies, Lewis Townhill and Kallum Starbuck restricted them to 80-5. In reply we started poorly, losing our best batsmen, Will Davies for 0 and were soon 2 down. However, an excellent partnership from Seb O' May and Lewis Townhill brought us back into the game before 3 quick wickets set up a tense finish. However, some mature batting from Ben Foot and 2 massive 6's from Kallum Starbuck led us to a remarkable win.

Next up were LCHS, another strong team. Again bowling first, we did well restricting a strong LCHS top 4 and giving away very few extras. However 72, was still a tough total. We were in the hunt throughout after an excellent 50 run second wicket partnership between Will Davies and Lewis Townhill. However, the LCHS boys bowled exceptionally well at the end of the innings and we went down agonisingly by 2 runs.

We then took on LSST in a friendly that allowed me to give all of the squad a game. We batted first and played very well, amassing an excellent 99-4, with Will Davies retiring on 15 and supported by good knocks from Ben Foot 12 (retired) and Josh McGowan 9 not out. In reply LSST struggled and were never in the hunt, finishing on 53 for 2. What was great was that every member of the team bowled in an accurate display.

The final game saw us take on Robert Pattinson. They batted first and after some accurate opening bowling, 8 of the team bowled tightly and we fielded well on a very small boundary. RP eventually scored 55-3. We came out strong and knocked off the runs in only 6 overs to secure a resounding 10 wicket win. Will Davies retired on 20 and Seb O'May scoring 16 .

Overall it has been a great season. At the time of the newsletter we await the result of LCHS v QEHS to see if we share the league of finish second. Whatever happens all involved in the squad have worked very hard in nets and this has led to some strong performances, that bodes well for future years.

Squad

Yr 7: Will Davies © Ben Foot (v/c) Seb O'May Will Day Ben Hutchinson

Jake Shepherd Tom Whitehead Fflyr Davies Oli Aiken Beatrice Crust Elliot Rogers

Yr 8: Lewis Townhill Charlie Whithill Kallum Starbuck

Reuben Sansoa-Twells

CRICKET - UNDER 15

Results

Branston 87-8 beat QEHS 86-7 By 1 run

Branston 57-4 beat LCHS 56 all out by 6 wkts

P	W	D	L	Pos
2	2	0	0	1st

Report

I must be honest that I entered this season fearing we were going to struggle in all of our matches as we did not have many Y10 cricketers. In fact, only 2 of the squad were actually from Yr 10, with the majority coming from Yr 9. I even had to pick players from the U13 team to supplement the players as we had very few who played regular cricket. These younger players showed their worth in the first game against a far superior team on paper, in QEHS, Gainsborough. Batting first AJ Cook held the innings together, retiring on 25. Supported by some solid contributions by Will Davies (11) and Connor Thorley (12), we eventually totalled 87 for 8. It was a good total but against an excellent QEHS batting line up, probably 20 runs too little. However, both Yr 7's, Ben Foot and Will Davies were excellent, bowling fast and accurately. Supported by captain, AJ Cook and some superb death bowling by Jack Hennell, we remarkably held QEHS to 86-7 to win by 1 run. An unbelievable win.

Unfortunately, the league was poorly entered and we only had one more match against LCHS after Robert Pattinson pulled out. LCH batted first and started well. However, some excellent bowling from Will Davies who took 3 wickets for 2 runs in 2 overs, backed up by a couple of wickets from Charlie Whitehill, led to LCHS being bowled out for 56 runs. This was never going to be enough and after AJ Cook retired on 23, Charlie Whitehill brought us to victory with a well-made 13 not out and we won by 6 wickets with 4 overs to spare.

Overall a great effort from the boys who played above themselves to secure a league title in unlikely circumstances. Well done to everyone who played.

Squad:

Yr 10: Jack Hennell Joe Horner

Yr 9: AJ Cook , Connor Thorley, Cade Chambers - Lewis, , Harry Shaw, Isaac Holden, Mackenzie Greene, Jason Thripp

Yr 8: Lewis Townhill Charlie Whitehill

Yr 7: Ben Foot Will Davies



SAVE THE DATE

GCSE AND A LEVEL PRESENTATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER 2018



*Looking forward to seeing you
Mrs J Turner*

ROUNDERS - YEAR 7 - RUNNERS UP

Year 7 rounders club began at the start of the summer term where 15 girls put themselves forward for trials. By the end of the season, 25 girls were regularly coming to practice which is a fantastic turn out. We had plenty of matches to fit in this year as our league consisted of Branston, QE Gainsborough, Gainsborough Academy, City, LCHS, Castle Academy, Pembroke Academy and William Farr.

Our first match was against Pembroke Academy. The girls were quite excited and there were a few players who had not represented the Academy before, so this was a great experience for them. We had a great start, showing Pembroke what we were able to do both with the bat and when fielding. The girls were calm but never really came under any pressure and secured an easy victory, winning 21 ½ - 3 1/2. 2 days later, we had a trip out to Gainsborough to play our matches against the 2 Gainsborough teams; QEHS and Gainsborough Academy. The first, against Gainsborough Academy was like a warm up game, as again, the girls made it look easy, winning 25 - 3. The difficult match was saved till last against QEHS. We had watched them practise their batting and realised that they had a few big hitters that needed stopping. Both sides batted quite evenly, but unfortunately, they were slightly calmer than us with their fielding and we made some mistakes that cost us a couple of rounders, so we went down by a close 7 - 10 rounders; our first loss.

Our next triangular fixture was against Priory City and LCHS. We played a 1 innings match against City in which we were not pushed particularly hard and cruised to a 13 - 4 ½ victory. The second match against LCHS was much closer. Both teams batted well, but our bowler, backstop and 2nd base combination was beginning to come together so some tight fielding won us the game; a close 16 ½ - 13 rounders.

So, with 2 games left to play we were starting to look like a team who were working well together and practicing hard. Lincoln Castle Academy came to play just after the half term break. The girls really did prove that when you put the effort in to training you get a lot out of it. Our fielding was superb on that evening and we were able to put great pressure on LCA when we went in to bat, forcing many ½ rounders with every hit of the ball. A very efficient win;

22 ½ - 6. The final game was against William Farr. Traditionally they have big hitters, so we knew that our fielding needed to be effective. Both teams fielded brilliantly which kept the score down, but we couldn't quite hit well enough to break down their fielding, so unfortunately we lost our final game of the season 8 ½ - 12 ½ rounders. However, at the time of going to print we have finished 2nd in the league; a remarkable achievement and thoroughly deserved.

Well done to all the girls who have attended training sessions throughout the summer term. We have had the most girls EVER outside during lunchtimes, improving their skills and enjoying sport. I am very proud of what they have achieved this year and look forward to seeing their success continue next year.

BCA	9-13	W Farr
BCA	23-3	Pembroke Academy
BCA	17-13	LCHS
BCA	13-5	Priory City
BCA	25-5	Gainsborough Academy
BCA	7-10	QEHS
BCA	23-6	LCA
BCA	W/O	RP

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
8	6	0	2	114	52.5	18

Squad

Lucy Adams (captain), Charlotte Barr (vice-captain), Eleanor Applewhite, Fflyr Davies, Libby Christopher, Rosie Taylor, Emma Green, Amelia Horbury, Beatrice Crust, Leah Kennealey, Hannah Plant, Erin Ulllyatt, Ruby Saunders, Libby Johnson, Lilimae Flower

ROUNDERS - YEAR 8 - RUNNERS UP

Results

BCA	9 - 9 ½	QEHS
BCA	10 - 7 ½	PRIORY CITY
BCA	25 - 5	LCA
BCA	7½ - 6 ½	RP (BCA batting once)
BCA	6 - 5	WILL FARR
BCA	25-11	LCHS

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
6	5	0	1	83.5	44.5	15

The girls have shown great dedication towards their training this season, and with that has come a steady and pleasing improvement in their performance. They have come together as a team, becoming a much stronger unit, with all players showing great spirit and positive attitude at every match. The team have worked hard on their fielding, which has become increasingly more organised and efficient, with each player showing greater understanding of their role, along with establishing much better communication during more intense moments. Gracie Meldrum, especially, has proven to be unpassable as a fielder in many matches. Batting has taken a little longer to improve, however, the girls have shown perseverance and, towards the end of the season, were placing the ball into the field with power to boost their score.

However, a little shout out to the left-handed secret weapon that is Goda, who smashed the ball 'out of the park' on numerous occasions. This team has finished their season on a high, demonstrating the potential they have going forward into year 9. I am so proud of the team, I have witnessed so much confidence develops amongst the players, and I cannot wait for summer 2019.

Squad

Naomi Kirkby (Cpt.), Goda Jautyte, Millie Nicholls, Millie Cave, Ellie Wilds, Isabella Pollard, Emily Gregory, Summer Paling, Gracie Meldrum, Freya Laughton, Amy Dixon, Kelsie Anderson, Libby Christopher



Year 7 Rounders Team

ROUNDERS - YEAR 9 - CHAMPIONS

Results

BCA	11 - 7	QEHS
BCA	15½ - 9	LCHS
BCA	9 - 6½	PRIORY CITY
BCA	19 - 14	WILL FARR
BCA	20 - 11	RP

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
5	5	0	0	74.5	47.5	15

Squad

Olivia Carter (Cpt.), Laura Hall, Ruby Whitworth, Katie Marfleet, Shania Lacia, Lily Hennell, Blythe Hilton, Amelia Mattison, Freya Parsons, Hollie Myers-Hemmingway, Sophie Lindsey, Bethany Cannon, Tia Kaszics, Charlotte Walker, Lauren Foster, Merry Davies, Robyn Barber

Work hard, play hard. This sums up the year 9 rounders season this year. The girls have shown an impressive degree of commitment towards training, dedicating hours of hard work to improving their performance. And it has paid off! Their unity as a team, their support of each other and their overall proficiency as players has been outstanding to watch in every single match. The fielding of this team is highly efficient, at times it appears the girls have almost a telepathic connection, with actions happening before a word is spoken. The link between Laura as back stop and Shania as a main base player desperately needs a special mention as it is a link that has torn apart the plans of their opposition on numerous occasions. It has also been so pleasing to see the girls develop their batting techniques, sending the ball all over the pitch, again, with many showing a growth in confidence that has enabled them to really show what they can do when they step into that batting box. LEAGUE CHAMPIONS.... UNDEFEATED... FOR THREE SEASONS! As a coach I could not be prouder, not only of the great number of girls who turn up week in week out, but their amazing attitude and spirit that has enabled them to evolve into a truly cohesive force.

ROUNDERS - YEAR 10 - CHAMPIONS

Results:

BCA	8 - 3½	W Farr
BCA	9 - 3	RP - Batting Once
BCA	15 - 14	Priory City - Batting Once
BCA	11½ - 8½	QEHS

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
4	4	0	0	43.5	29	12

Squad: Charlotte O'May (C), Lucy Dempsey, Isla Sullivan, Amber Pickard, Alice Tissier, Katie Christopher, Emily Edenbrow, Shania Lacia (Yr9), Olivia Carter (Yr 9), Laura Hall (Yr 9)

Rounders is always an interesting league and we are never quite sure what we will come up against. In our first triangular match we started well with an easy win over City 15-14, while only batting once, followed by a harder but equally convincing win over Queen Elizabeth Grammar school 11 ½ - 8 ½. We then took on RP beating them 9 - 3 but didn't have a second innings as in their two innings they didn't reach our first score. Our fielding and bowling was superb in this match and they scored no runs at all in their second innings. William Farr proved to be our last game and again we were dominant in both batting and fielding. We won 8 - 3 ½ and again didn't have to bat for a second innings as they didn't reach our score in their two innings. Again, the girls have worked really hard attending training sessions both during the lunch hour and after school with Miss Southall. Charlotte led the team exceptionally well and was always moving and adjusting the field and encouraging the girls. I would also like to mention Lucy Dempsey our bowler who was so consistent and only gave away ½ rounder in all the matches that we played. Quite extraordinary to have such composure.

NETBALL - YEAR 10 - CHAMPIONS

Results:

BCA	20 - 5	W Farr
BCA	16 - 1	LCA
BCA	18 - 3	LSST
BCA	19 - 4	QEHS
BCA	16 - 1	LCHS

The year 10 girls have had a fantastic season in both netball and rounders.

In netball we started with an easy win over Castle Academy 15 - 0 at half time. The game was called, and our girls carried on but out of position. This was followed up with a convincing win against LSST 18 - 3. The remainder of your games were after Feb half term hence the reason for the write up in this newsletter and not earlier. We played 3 further matches against William Farr, Christ Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Grammar school in Gainsborough. The girls were absolutely dominant and won 20 - 5, 16 - 1 and 19 - 4 respectively. The girls are an outstanding team and have worked really hard over the past 4 years (with Mrs Foot in year 7 and Miss Southall in years 8 & 9) led exceptionally well by Katie Christopher. Their improvement is evident by the fact that in year 7 they came third in the league, year 8 came second and year 9 and 10 have absolutely left their opposition behind. I look forward to the District tournament next year and have high hopes that we will progress through to the regional finals.

Squad: Katie Christopher (C), Amber Pickard, Alice Tissier, Isla Sullivan, Charlotte O'May, Olivia Carter, Laura Hall, Shania Lacia

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
5	5	0	0	89	14	15



Year 10 Rounders Team



Year 10 Netball Team

ATHLETICS

In June we took part in the Lincoln and Gainsborough Athletic Championships. This involves all the schools in the area. Normally we do well but do not have the power of the strongest Athletic schools, such as LSST, William Farr, QEHS and NK. However, this year was different. Our pupils were outstanding, running, throwing and jumping superbly to take us to a remarkable third overall, only just behind William Farr in second.

We had a fantastic individual winners and all the teams placed well as below shows:

Individual Winners:

Yr 7:

Ruby Saunders: 100m and Long Jump

Ben Foot: Javelin

Jack Carlisle: Shot Putt

Lucy Adams: Shot Putt

Libby Christopher: High Jump

Lewis Hyde: Long Jump

Yr 8:

Rhys Firth Javelin & 300m

Tom McCartney 200m & Shot Putt

Yr 9:

Alex Fillingham Javelin

Yr 10:

George Whelpton Triple Jump

Overall Results

Yr 7: Boys: 3rd

Girls: 2nd

Overall: 2nd

Yr 8: Boys: 2nd

Girls: 7th

Overall: 4th

Yr 9: Boys: 4th

Girls: 4th

Overall: 4th

Yr 10: Boys: 4th

Girls: 3rd

Overall: 3rd

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. Titans led at Easter but Spartans came strong in the summer. Final results will be announced in the summer assembly.

Results this term have been as follows:

Rounders:

Yr 7: Spartans

Yr 8: Spartans

Yr 9: Spartans

Yr 10: Spartans

Overall: Spartans

Tennis:

Yr 7: Spartans

Yr 8: Titans

Yr 9: Spartans

Yr 10: Spartans

Overall: Spartans

Kwik Cricket:

Yr 7: Trojans

Yr 8: Titans, Spartans & Trojans

Yr 9: Spartans

Yr 10: Trojans

Overall: Trojans

Athletics:

Yr 7: Trojans

Yr 8: Spartans

Yr 9: Titans

Yr 10: Titans

Overall: Spartans

NB:

As from next year Trojans House will be run by Mr Coward (New Head of Upper School), who replaces Mr Inman. I would like to thank Mr Inman for all his hard work as Head of Spitfire originally and more recently Trojans. I am sure all past and present Spitfire and Trojans would like to do the same



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TERM 1

Monday 03/09/18 STAFF ONLY

Tuesday 04/09/18 to Friday 19/10/18
****(Tuesday 4th Sept - Year 7 and Sixth Form only)****

First day for Years 8 -11 Wednesday 05/09/18

Half Term: Monday 22/10/18 to Friday 26/10/18

TERM 2

Monday 29/10/18 to Friday 21/12/18

Christmas Break: Monday 24/12/18 to Monday 07/01/19

N.B Monday 07/01/19 - STAFF ONLY

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