

WINTER NEWSLETTER - 2016



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COMMUNITY ACADEMY

BRANSTON STUDENTS' EXAMINATION SUCCESS

Yet again the achievements of our students in public examinations in 2016 has been extraordinary and would not be possible without the dedication of staff and students working together with a common purpose.

When our students give a positive response to questions about the 5-hour challenge they frequently quote parents as the main reason why things have changed and they are now 'putting in the time' in preparation for public examinations. Thank you for helping us create an aspirational and supportive learning culture for your children.

The Department for Education (DfE) analyses of students' achievements in 2016 have just been released. Our students' progress in GCSE courses equates to that in the top 10% of schools nationally.

Those superb outcomes for students includes progress well beyond expectations across the curriculum and across the ability range; including ALL of the EBacc subjects (English, Maths, Science, Languages, History, Geography) and in Art, Computing, DT, Food, PE, RE and Performing Arts.

Students in Y13 made more progress than expected despite the extremely challenging targets at A-level resulting from outstanding GCSE results. Students' achievements are all the stronger given this context and compare very favourably to local providers. We are so proud of them and they now take our very best wishes as they move forwards to the next stage in their lives with exciting prospects even in these demanding times.

"YOUTH IS FULL OF SPORT, AGE'S BREATH IS SHORT" - SHAKESPEARE

I will say nothing about the second half of this quote and move swiftly to 'youth and sport'. At the risk of not giving sufficient credit to all the rest of our students' many excellent sporting achievements I would like to make special mention of the superb performances of our Y9 Netball team and the Y8 Tennis team.

The Y9 netball team (Amber Pickard, Olivia Carter, Katie Christopher, Shania Lacia, Charlotte O'May, Isla Sullivan Alice Tissier, Mia Weaver) are county champions and have progressed through to the regional tournament in January.

The Y8/9 tennis team have added the regional title to their victory in the county championships. The boys (Ross Armstrong, Harry Edenbrow, Alex Armstrong, Beres Kemp and Joe Souter) won the final resoundingly 5-1 and are now midlands champions.

Once again our students were magnificent at the Shakespeare schools' festival. A large, young and very talented cast delivered a memorable performance of 'Comedy of Errors'; it was creative, engaging and very, very funny. The quality of the performances was underpinned by our students clearly 'getting it' and that is in no small part due to the excellent direction of Mrs Davenport and Mrs Ebdon.

*Mr P Beighton
Principal*



National educational policy changes to Computing and ICT provision have built a new vision for our students which is promoting, and providing many more opportunities for, problem solving through programming. Our students are understanding that 'age is no barrier' when it comes to creating algorithms and writing code. Many of the examples we show are of great, and useful, digital ideas that have come from young people, some of which are around the same age as our students. These young people have seized the day, spent time coding and debugging their scripts to create something that others have paid to use. One of our previous students is currently studying Computer Science at Lincoln University and he will be coming in to chat to our students about his course and the exciting possibilities that it is offering him.

We ourselves have recently visited Lincoln University for one of their 'Light Nights' events where our students were able to interact with many different exhibits that highlight how technology is pushing the boundaries in all fields of human endeavour. We were particularly impressed with the digital microscope that researchers are using to look at ancient fabrics to work out how best to protect them for future generations; 3D scanning of some of the terracotta warriors to reproduce and repair; how algorithms are being used to find the optimum temperature to stick lids on vacuum packed foods and last, but by no means least, virtual reality headsets that allow us the experience of being immersed in a game world. I have to confess that this is where we spent the longest time and much fun was had by all!!

*Mrs E Tierney
Computing Dept*

MFL

- Year 10 Intervention group to improve grammatical skills and to help with the preparation for the new demanding GCSE. Students in Years 10 and 11 should be spending at least 40 minutes on active learning and revision per week. The intervention group is run by Mrs Suckling and Miss Irimia and is on every Monday and Thursday in S10.

- Miss Irimia is running the French Exchange to Noyelles Sous Lens (near Lille) this year at Easter. If interested, your child should see Miss Irimia as soon as possible.

- Year 7 spelling bee competition is run by Mrs Suckling and 4 students will be chosen from each French group to compete for their houses. This will take place soon!

- A day trip to Boulogne is organised by Mr Hodges and Mr Sutcliffe and is for Year 8 initially. This is a great cultural and linguistic experience and includes a visit to the sweet factory and bakery where students will have the opportunity to speak French in an authentic environment.

*Mrs P Card
MFL Dept*

GIFTED AND TALENTED

This year we hosted a local democracy day event run by North Kesteven District Council. We hosted three other schools and our students faced a mock election programme in which they had to run a campaign and seek votes from the other teams. Our students worked incredibly hard and presented their campaigns and were inundated with many positive comments about their attitude and diligence. They represented the school brilliantly. Well done to all students and staff involved.

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING UK

It's that time of year again where our top gifted and talented students are preparing for the Future Problem Solving UK competition. We have expanded again this year and are looking to enter 7-8 teams from KS3, KS4 and KS5. This year we will be competing against many other, predominantly private schools from around the country. The National competition runs in February and as ever the prize is a place at the international competition in the USA. Having achieved brilliantly in the past our students are working incredibly hard to go one step further and win this year's competition. Good luck to all involved!

*Mr M Jenkins
Gifted and Talented co-ordinator*

SIXTH FORM 'BIG DRAW' AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

On 2nd November, seven students had the opportunity to attend a 'Big Draw' event celebrating drawing and technology. Hosted by Lincoln University, students were given the rare opportunity to use the University facilities to create a range of large scaled experimental drawings of jet engines. All the students had a real insight into what it is like to study at a University, working with tutors, getting feedback and seeing the campus in action.

These mechanical drawings fit perfectly into their current 'Mechanical and Botanical' projects. We are looking forward to seeing the final results.



*Miss N Reeve
Art Dept*

ARKWRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP 2016

Katie Robinson year 12, has undergone a rigorous examination and interview process and has been selected to be sponsored through A level study as an Arkwright Scholar. Arkwright scholars receive a bursary to study A level DT and Maths, and assists the students in pursuing a career in Engineering. Katie is sponsored throughout the course of her A levels and has lots of opportunities to engage with engineering issues and commercial engineering because of it. Katie is the 7th Arkwright scholar to be sponsored from Branston and we are presently taking applicants for next year from year 11 students.

PROJECT X.

A group of year 8 students from Branston science and Technology gifted and talented students went to RAF Waddington for the day to tests a design for an aircraft that was designed to drop two parcels at given fixed points.

They successfully developed a prototype and the first preliminary runs were very promising, however a technical difficulty to their electrical components meant that they managed a creditable 4th place.

Mr S Turner

MOROCCO

In the summer holiday a group of 10 students (years 10, 11 and 12) had the opportunity to travel to Morocco. In total they spent 10 days in the country, dividing their time between Marrakesh, living with local villagers, hiking in the atlas mountain and their ultimate goal of summiting the mountain Toubkal. With an elevation of 4,167 metres it is the highest peak in the range and all of North Africa, this was an incredible challenge for everyone involved and the students showed great determination and comradery to reach the top. After this we spent some time in a local village helping to build a school and despite the hot conditions and physical work everyone gained a lot of pride from helping the village and its children who had very little. Before travelling home the group had some much deserved R&R at 'Cascades D'ouzoud' where they met some local wildlife and enjoyed the impressive waterfall.

Everyone at BCA is very proud of how the students behaved and embraced all aspects of the trip. The environment, culture and tasks were unlike anything many of them had experienced before and their respectful and positive attitude towards to all these things made the trip truly special and something none of us are likely to forget soon.

Miss Irimia and Miss Bourke



SOCIAL MEDIA @BCA ART

The art department are embracing the social media phenomena and now have a very active and vibrant page on Facebook, Twitter and newly, Instagram, with nearly 400 followers.

Keep up to date with work being produced, competitions, reminders about trips and deadlines amongst other arty quotes and inspiration.

Follow us and join in!

Instagram - @BCAArtDept1
Twitter - @BCAArtDept
Facebook - BranstonArtDept

KS3 ART CLUB

Every Tuesday lunch, room 24 is a hive of creative activity!

We get lots of students that are willing to push themselves and try new techniques and brush up on their art skills.

This year we are working towards an exhibition in Spring named, 'My Branston Selfie'. Students have started by drawing their initial responses but this we will lead onto exploring photography, sculpture, painting and printing.

I am so pleased to see so many fresh and exciting faces from Years 7, 8 and 9 all working together in one mission... to make great Art!

New members are always welcome!

*Miss N Reeve
Art Dept*

Well done to all the BCA Photographers who entered images for the 2016 Branston Community Academy Photography competition! There were over 50 entries and the standard was very high! The winning 25 photos are going up on display throughout the general office area and all winners will receive a certificate. Look out for the winning photos on the Branston Art Department Facebook page too!

*Mrs J Hollingsworth
Art Dept*



HISTORY CLUB

The history club have been investigating 'The Swinging Sixties' this term, with each member taking a different perspective to research. Work has been done on fashion, icons, events and music. A colourful and informative display is the result and the club members should be proud of their efforts as they have taken charge of every part of the project.

The next topic for research is 'The History of Make-up' which should produce some interesting display work! Anyone who would like to join the club should pop into S26 on a Monday lunchtime, bring your lunch and enjoy the fun!

*Mrs K Stevenson
History Dept*



BOYS FOOTBALL

YEAR 7

County Cup

Branston 4-0 NK (C Thomas x 2, G Wallhead, E Sullivan)

League

Branston 3-2 William Farr (C Thomas 2, F Turnbull)

Branston 6-0 QEHS (C Thomas 3, G Wallhead,

To Play

City PA

LSST

R Pattinson

Report

What a fantastic start to their school career the Yr 7's have made. With over 55 attending the initial trials it proved very difficult to whittle it down to a manageable squad. I eventually did and we took on W Farr in our first game. After taking a little while to settle we began to play some excellent attacking football and should have been comfortably ahead. However poor finishing allowed W Farr to be level at 2 apiece before a fine finish by Finlay Turnbull gave us a deserved victory 3-2.

QEHS came next and we simply blew them away with some fantastic football. Led by the excellent Callum Thomas, QEHS could not live with us and to be fair 6 nil flattered them. The team played some lovely stuff behind inventive midfield work from Kyle Kennealey and non-stop work from our wide men Daniel Wilson and George Wallhead.

We then took on NK in the first round of the County Cup. Once again we bossed the game from the start and NK only managed 1 shot of note in the entire game. We must have had nearly 40 but managed to convert 4, including a 25 yard strike from the excellent Euan Sullivan.

I have been really pleased by the attitude and effort of the squad so far. What has been even more pleasing has been the fact that we still have 30+ at training, which is fantastic. Every player knows that they have a chance to play if they train and show they are good enough and every player knows they will be dropped if they do not train. I hope the boys will keep coming as it is great to see so many boys coming on a Monday lunchtime.

Squad

Callum Thomas ©, Ryan Hewitt, George Wallhead, Rhys Firth, Euan Sullivan, Louis Greenwood, Lewis Turnbull, Daniel Wilson, Kyle Kennealey, Harvey Cook, Brogan Woodham, Lucas Johnson, Tom Baker, Finlay Turnbull, Ryan Leithead

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	2	0	0	9	2	6

YEAR 8

County Cup

Round 1

Branston 2 (H Shaw & H Ainslie) St Georges 4

League

Branston 2-0 R Patt (J Hutton & H Ainslie)

Branston 4-1 LSST (T Taylor 2, H Ainslie 2)

Up Coming Fixtures

City PA

William Farr

QEHS

Report

Following a hugely successful first season, league winners and county cup finalists the year 8 lads have set themselves a very high standard to maintain. As tradition a change of captain with Jack Hutton replacing AJ Cook and also a shift from 9 to 11 a side football.

We started away at RP and it was clear to see it would take a little bit of time to adjust to playing together again and playing 11 a side. That said a 2-0 scoreline did not reflect the total domination we showed from start to finish. A stunning Jack Hutton strike and a Harrison Ainslie tap in secured the victory. Our only other league game before the extended 3 month winter break was again away to a potential title challenger in Priory LSST. The first half we were up hill and facing the wind but never looked in danger of conceding. With minutes to go before half time a great finish from outside the area by Tyler Taylor put us 1-0. We totally dominated the second half with 3 further goals from Tyler Taylor and Harrison Ainslie (2). Although it was disappointing to concede right at the end 4-1 was a convincing and well deserved win. Also here special mention to Callum Thomas and Euan Sullivan who came off the bench to make their debuts and were both excellent.

The county cup began and ended for us in November with a Home tie against St Georges. Unfortunately, we gave them a 3-0 head start and despite battling back well to 3-2 with 15 minutes left committing players forward was our downfall and we conceded a 4th with 10 minutes left to end our hopes. However hopefully we will learn from this and when the league season opens again comeback stronger and a little bit wiser.

Squad

Austin Wood, Harrison Ainslie, Jedd Gilbert, Oliver Moorland, Connor Thornley, Jack Hutton ©, A J Cook, Harry Shaw, Tyler Taylor, Nojus Jantis, Eliot King, Rian Williamson, Branson Coates, Jake Lines, Freddie Baker, Euan Sullivan (Y7) Callum Thomas (Y7)

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	2	0	0	6	1	3

YEAR 9

League

Branston 2 - 2 William Farr (L Banner & B Harker)

Branston 0-1 QEHS

Branston 6-2 City PA (J Young, L Priestley, L Banner 4)

Up Coming Fixtures

R.Patt

LSST

Report

A new season, a new captain (Ciaran Taylor), and a new start. I have been really pleased with the Y9 boys attitude and work rate over the 3 games played so far this season. We have tightened up defensively and physically we are now competing with the 'bigger boys'. Maybe this season is a watershed and we will now push on and show and fulfil some of the potential that glimmered in Y7.

Our first league game was at Home to William Farr and despite going 1-0 up inside the first minute through Lewis Banner and then extending our lead just before half time though a Ben Harker tap in it was fair to say the first half was an even affair and we could count ourselves privileged to go in 2-0 to the good. The second half was pretty much one way traffic and despite defending valiantly we conceded twice and in the end were very, very pleased to come away with a 2-2 draw. QEHS were our next visitors and in a tight even game it was always going to come down to fine margins, even a Liam Powell penalty save couldn't prevent our downfall as well taken goal midway through the second half gave QEHS a slender 1-0 victory. Finally we faced City PA in our last fixture before the winter break looking to get our first win and win we did goals from Jack Young, Leo Priestley and Lewis Banner (4) secured a good 6-2 win, worthy mention here to Cael Issac who assisted 5 of the 6 goals.

With two tough games against LSST (Priory) and RP after Christmas the boys have given themselves a good opportunity to push for a top 3 finish.

Squad

Liam Powell, Josh Bellamy, Michael Adeboyega, Ben McKee, Ciaran Taylor © Leo Priestley, Ollie Landry, Kieran Downes, Cael Isaac, Lewis Banner, Ben Harker, Morgan Lewis, Ross Armstrong, Ryan Taddeo, Matthew Meadows, Tyler Taylor (Y8) & Harrison Ainslie (Y8)

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
3	1	1	1	8	5	5

YEAR 10

Results

National Cup

Branston Won W/O

Branston 5-4 Kings School, Grantham C
Hullay x 2, D Lindsey x 2, O Lane
Branston 0-5 Boston Grammar

County Cup

Branston 7-3 Giles Academy

CHullay x 3, D Lindsey x 2, W Jackson, D
Hilton

League

Branston 4-2 R Patt D Lindsey, O Lane, C
Hullay x 2

Branston 0-4 LSST

Report

After last year's fantastic unbeaten league winning run, this year was always going to be difficult to follow. Somewhat like Leicester City we have struggled to maintain that form and have returned to our old inconsistent ways. Starting against R Patt, we only got going in the second half, playing well enough to secure a 4-2 victory that should have been more comfortable than it ended up being.

Having to play away all season was a concern as we do not always show our best away from Branston, where we seem to play above ourselves. Away from home we are often a shadow of that team and that proved the case v LSST. We were woeful throughout, defending poorly, lacking invention and drive in attack and generally looking toothless and listless. It was no surprise that we lost 4 nil. The National Cup followed and we took part in a 9 goal thriller against Kings School, Grantham. 3 up at half time, 4-2 up deep into the second half, we then conceded 2 in the last 5 minutes. Extra time beckoned before Cam Hullay scored a fantastic winner deep into stoppage time. This set up an away trip at Boston Grammar. To be fair we battled really well and did not back down but Boston and a very good team and are simply too big, too strong and too skilful for us. They deserved their 5 nil win.

A similar story seemed to be occurring away at Giles Academy, Boston as we were losing 3-2 in the second half, despite being the better team. However we then exploded into life scoring 5 goals in 7 minutes, including a hat trick from Cameron Hullay, an inventive strike from Will Jackson and a collector's item goal from Drew Hilton. We now await Skegness Academy in the next round.

Squad

L Deaton©, D Lindsey(v/c), B Whitehouse, C Hullay, W Jackson, J Foot, C Bucknell, E Thompson, J Thompson, J Moore, A Meldrum, D Hilton, O Lane, K Pacey

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	1	0	1	4	6	3

GIRLS NETBALL YEAR 7

Results

BCA 14-2 William Farr
BCA 5-12 QEHS

Report

The year 7 girls have started their school netball careers with great enthusiasm. They have been training up to 3 times a week this term in preparation for their league matches. It has been great to see so many girls interested in playing for both the Academy and also just for fun.

Their first match was at home against William Farr School. They were both nervous and excited as they didn't know what to expect, but the calm nature of captain Erin Shasby helped the team to stay focused throughout. We dominated the first 2 quarters of the game and made William Farr look very disorganised. The score was 10-0 at half time. William Farr did however, settle in to the game and restricted our goal scoring in the second 2 quarters. Final score was a very commendable 14-2 win. A very pleasing start to the season.

Two weeks later came, what will probably prove to be our toughest game of the year against Queen Elizabeth Gainsborough. The girls began the match in a very positive way but found retaining possession difficult. Giving the ball away too often led to QE's excellent Goal Attack having too much of the ball and for half of the game they outplayed us. Credit to the Branston team though; they never gave up and fought hard to redeem themselves.

Final score, QE 12 - 5 Branston.

Finally for this term, we entered both an A and a B team into the Lincoln and Gainsborough netball tournament. On a cold and wet November evening, 16 girls took part. 4 minutes per game was not a long time to get into the game but both teams started each game knowing they had to take the lead! An excellent evening of netball finished with the following results:

A team	B team
Branston 2 - 0 NK	Branston 4 - 0 NK
Branston 6 - 0 Witham	Branston 2 - 0 Robert Patt
Branston 3 - 1 City	Branston 1 - 0 LSST
Branston 1 - 0 QEHS	Branston 0 - 0 William Farr
Branston 2 - 0 William Farr	Branston 0 - 1 QEHS
Branston 0 - 1 LSST	
Final : Branston 2 - 5 QEHS	
Overall position: Runners Up	Overall position: Runners up

Squad

Erin Shasby (captain), Isabelle Dixon (vice captain), Naomi Kirkby, Megan Yates, Mckenzie Waby, Emily Hamilton-Smith, Rebecca Allen, Millie Nicholls, Ellie Howard, Kaitlin Martin, Emily Gregory, Lucy Hill, Melissa Fawcett, Hannah Nicholls, Freya Laughton, Mae Banks

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	1	0	1	19	14	2

YEAR 8

Results

BCA 12-3 Priory City
BCA 13-3 Priory LSST
BCA 15-0 R Patt

Report

The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is vital' Joe Paterno. This perfectly summarises the ever-expanding and adapting year 8 netball squad who demonstrate endless commitment towards their training and a clear drive to become unified as a team. The first match of the season saw the girls take a comfortable victory over RP, however, it also saw them beginning to adopt a more mature structure to their game play which was seemingly unchallenged. The girls faced tough competitors in the second match and third match that required them to make greater use of the poise encouraged in training to remain focused throughout the match and take control of the match to secure a victory.

The team entered the National Cup Tournament this year to enable them to experience playing against opposition outside of their local league. The first and second round matches against Barnes Wallis Academy and Skegness Grammar School consecutively saw the girls gain their first experiences of battling for a victory. Both teams pressured Branston with organised and resilient play, but Branston fought back with tactical and dexterous game play, along with an ever increasing competitive spirit to take both victories from both matches by one goal difference. In the third round, the girls faced their toughest opponents yet at Ashbourne Grammar School in Derbyshire. The girls struggled to maintain the structured and calm approach they have shown in recent matches and were outplayed by a strong Ashbourne team, losing 20-12 to head out of the tournament.

The team continue to develop a more united and fluid game play with a strengthening defence from Brianna Atkin-Snell, Abbie Green, Shania Lacia and Freya Atkinson, along with a sharpening attack from Olivia Carter, Leah Bayne, Erin Shasby (Yr 7) and Laura hall.

Squad

Shania Lacia (Cpt), Freya Atkinson (Vice Cpt), Laura Hall, Erin Shasby (Yr 7), Leah Bayne, Ruby Whitworth, Ellie White, Katie Marfleet, Olivia Carter, Libby Tatton, Shania Lacia,

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2	1	0	1	4	6	3

YEAR 9

Results

BCA	16-7	QEHS
BCA	14-1	W Farr

Report

'Champions keep playing until they get it right' Billie Jean King. Last year, this team struggled to develop a sense of unity which had a big impact on their performance in the league. The story this year has been close to that of a fairy tale. The team have adopted an impressive resilience and fight within their game play, and, most importantly, have become in-sync with each other. The girls have worked exceptionally hard in training, practising with great focus and determination, striving for perfection. And it has paid off. With the first two league matches played, the girls demonstrated great composure and dominance on the court to take two comfortable victories.

Confidence was high when the girls headed off to the District Tournament. The girls had a wobbly start but never wavered from the cool-headed and focused demeanour they have all learned to adopt no matter who the opponent or what the score. The girls dominated the tournament, entering the final as favourites and proving why they were with an 11-4 victory to become DISTRICT CHAMPIONS.

A few weeks later, the girls headed off to the County Tournament in Skegness as an unknown entity amongst teams regularly seen at the event. However, it didn't take long for the girls to stamp their mark on the competition. With an amazing snowball effect, the girls could not stop the victories rolling in and, after nine outstanding matches, one draw and eight victories later, the girls were crowned undefeated COUNTY CHAMPIONS. Led by Amber Pickard, a captain with truly unwavering passion and proficiency in the sport, the combination of a solidly organised defence formed by Isla Sullivan, Charlotte O'May, Shania Lacia and Alice Tissier, along with the agile intelligent attacking play from Katie Christopher, Olivia Carter and Mia Weaver has enabled this team's potential to truly shine through.

Squad

Amber Pickard (Cpt), Charlotte O'May (Vice Cpt, Katie Christopher, Mia Weaver, Mia Lewis, Olivia Carter (Yr 8), Alice Tissier, Shania Lacia (Yr 8), Isla Sullivan

YEAR 11

Results

BCA	24-11	William Farr
BCA	23-11	RP
BCA	16-1	Priory City
BCA	23-10	QEHS
BCA	18-23	LSST

Report

The year 11 girls have had a great season. Despite being pulled every which way for intervention classes we were able to get some training in. We started the season well beating William Farr convincingly 24 - 11, followed by RP winning 23 - 11 and City Academy 16 - 1. That left our two arch rivals. Queen Elizabeth's Gainsborough came first. The girls dominated from the first whistle and ran away winners 23 - 10. Our final game of the season was against LSST. The game was really tight and the girls worked really hard. The game swung backwards and forwards, however, unfortunately we lost 18 - 23. The high scoring from both teams reflects just how tight the game was. The league title is still a possibility depending on how the other schools do, so fingers crossed.

It has been a pleasure taking this team through the school and they should be rightly proud of their achievements to date.

Squad

Eve Meadows(C), Charlotte Moore, Megan Stafford, Alice Richardson, Georgia Stow, Hannah McConville (Yr 10), Grace Boden (Yr 10), India Cowling (Yr 10)

YEAR 10

Results

BCA	19-4	R Patt
BCA	28-34	LSST

Report

The year 10 netball team have been training hard this year and the results have been positive. First match of the season was against RP and the girls had a convincing win 19 - 4. Next game was against LSST who have a very strong year 10 team with many county and regional players. In year 9 the girls lost 16 - 1 so we were expecting to really have to battle. And that is exactly what the girls did. After the first quarter we were 4 down, going in to half time we were 1 up. Unfortunately we lost a little of our form in the third quarter and despite drawing the final quarter lost 28 - 34. However the score says it all. A thrilling match in which the girls played really well and gave it their all. A massive improvement from year 9. The remainder of the games will be played after Feb half term.

Squad

Hannah McConville (CPT), Grace Boden, India Cowling, Emma Oliver, Katie Flintham, Abi Bolton, Ashlee McLuckie, Orissa Sansoa-Twell, Limara Wardle

PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVALS

The year 10 GCSE PE students continue to shine as leaders within the primary school sports festivals. They consistently demonstrate reliable organisation skills, impressive empathy and outstanding passion whilst working with much younger students, encouraging them to take part, do well and fully enjoy themselves. The running of a number of events have been passed into the highly capable hands of Grace Boden, Jack Foot, Emma Oliver and Alex Laughton who all took on the role exceptionally well. All students continue to work as extremely positive role models for the young children they work with.

Results

High 5 Netball Winners for Years 5/6: Branston Juniors

6-A-Side Football Winners for Years 5/6: St Johns
Sports Hall Games Winners for Years ¾ Branston Juniors
Sports Hall Games Winners for Years 1/2 Potterhanworth

Upcoming events:

Benchball Tournament Years 3/4 Wednesday 1st February
Tag Rugby Festival Yr 5 & 6 Friday 17th March

YR 8/9 TENNIS

In October I took our already County champion tennis squad to Loughborough University to compete in the Midland Schools Finals. In this we took on the County champions of all the other midland areas. After a very long day we found ourselves in the final against the might of Leicester Grammar school. The boys were superb, losing only one match to secure an emphatic 5-1 victory to become Midland Champions of England.

It is a fantastic achievement for the boys, who have played excellent tennis throughout, starting last summer and showed real fight and determination to pull off a stunning success for a state school from Lincoln. Unfortunately there is no National finals but the boys should be congratulated massively for a monumental victory.

The boys involved were:

Yr 9 Ross Armstrong © ; Harry Edenbrow
Yr 8: Alex Armstrong ; Beres Kemp ; Jo Souter

GCSE RESULTS 2016 - ACHIEVED BY PUPILS AGED 15

Subject	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	Entries
English	2	22	49	41	36	14	5			169
Mathematics	5	20	47	72	10	5	4	5	1	169
Core Science		11	42	54	236	13	1			147
Additional Science	1	15	34	56	13	11				130
Biology	4	8	9	1						22
Chemistry		13	6	3						22
Physics	3	4	12	3						22
French	3	15	24	26						68
German		1	15	3	2					21
Geography	8	204	22	24	19	6	4			107
History	5	14	9	15	12	4	5	3		67
Art	3	12	19	13	17	3				67
Business Studies			14	25	13	7				59
Design & Technology	6	10	12	13	7	1	1	1		51
Food Technology	4	11	8	7	5	1	1			37
English Lit.	2	31	62	30	24	16	2			167
Music	1		2	5	2	1				11
Performing Arts	6	2	3	7	1					19
Physical Education	5	11	10	10	7					43
Religious Education	19	28	32	27	8	9	9		1	133
TOTALS	77	252	431	435	202	91	32	9	2	1531

SUBJECT	DIST*	DIST	MERIT	PASS	LEVEL 1 DIST	LEVEL 1 PASS	U	TOTAL
Vocational Courses								
Health and Social Care	4	4	12	15		3		38
Business Studies			3	14		6		23
Engineering			1	6		3		10
Travel and Tourism			1	11		28		40
iMedia	4	11	21	13	1			50
Hairdressing				10				10
TOTAL	8	15	38	69	1	40		171

'A' LEVEL RESULTS 2016

SUBJECT	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	ENTRIES
Art	1	3	3	1	1			3
Biology		1		2	1			4
Business Studies		2	1	2	6	2		13
Chemistry	1	1						2
Design & Technology		2		3	3			8
English	1	1	1		1			4
Food Technology			2	2	1			5
French			1					1
General Studies		2	5	9	7	6	2	31
Geography			10	7	2			19
History	1	5	2	4	1			13
Mathematics	1	3	1	2	3	1		11
Performance Studies	1		2	1				4
Philosophy and Ethics		1	3		1			5
Physical Education		1	1	1				3
Physics	1		1	1	2	1	1	7
Psychology			1	3	2			6
Sociology		1	3	1				5
TOTALS	7	23	37	39	31	10	3	150

OCR NATIONAL LEVEL 3	DISTINCTION*	DISTINCTION	MERIT	PASS	TOTAL
ICT Certificate	11		1	3	15
ICT Diploma	3		5	5	13
TOTAL	14		6	8	28

BTEC National Subsidiary Diploma	Dist*	Distinction	Merit	Pass	Totals
Business	10	1	2	1	14
Health and Social Care	6	2	3	4	15
Music		1	1		2
Sport	3				3
Science (Forensic)		4	8	1	13
Travel and Tourism	2		2		4
TOTALS	21	8	16	6	51

BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA	DIST* DIST*	DIST* DIST	DIST DIST	DIST MERIT	MERIT MERIT	MERIT PASS	PASS PASS	TOTALS
Business	1				1			2
Health and Social Care	3		1		1			5
Music			1		3	1		4
Sport	5	1		2				8
Travel and Tourism			2	1		1		4
Totals	9	1	4	3	5	1		23

YEAR 13 AS LEVEL RESULTS 2016

SUBJECT	A	B	C	D	E	U	ENTRIES
Biology					1	1	2
Business Studies					1	2	3
Chemistry		1	1	1	1	2	6
DT			1				1
English				1			1
General Studies	1		2	6	14	24	47
Geography	1	1	1		2	2	7
German	1		1				2
History	1			2	1		4
Mathematics	1		1	1	1	4	8
Performance Studies	1	2		1			4
Philosophy and Ethics	2		1				3
Physics					2	1	3
Psychology				1	4	2	7
Sociology			2	2		1	5
TOTALS	8	4	10	16	28	39	105

Vocational AS	Dist*	Dist	Merit	Pass	Totals
ICT		1			1
Travel and Tourism				1	1
TOTALS		1		1	2

EXAMINATION RESULTS SUMMARY

'A' Level (for students aged 16, 17 and 18 taking two or more 'A' levels or A/S equivalent)

Students aged 15 at start of academic year, 1st September, 2015, and on roll January, 2016

Academy 2016 Average Points Score 'A' Level Entry or equivalent

Academy 2016		Average Points Score 'A' Level Entry or equivalent
Branston 2016	Academic	28.03 (C-)
	Vocational	39.76 (Dist+)
National* 2015	Academic	216.1 (C+)
	Vocational	219.5 (Dist-)
Achieving AAB in facilitating subjects	Branston 2016	15%
	National 2015	14.7%

	% achieved English and Maths (Basics)	% achieved EBACC	Attainment 8 Score	Progress 8 Score
BOYS 2016	60%	29%	52.99	0.24
GIRLS 2016	84%	54%	58.81	0.66
ACADEMY TOTAL	62%	28%	49.7	-0.11
2016	75%	43%	55.75	0.44

...FINAL NOTICE

Students return to the academy on Wednesday 4th January 2017

Half term 13th February to 17th February 2017.

Hope you all have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

•Please note there was a change in points awarded in 2016 so direct comparisons cannot be made. The associated grade is included in brackets as a comparison.