

# SPRING NEWSLETTER - 2018



**BRANSTON**  
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

## TIME FLIES

Another busy term has come to an end and it is incredible how quickly time passes each year. We feel like Mr Beighton had a great send off as he entered retirement. The many secret meetings and rehearsals all culminated in a spectacular Christmas assembly, where staff and students were given the opportunity to thank Mr Beighton for his tireless contribution to the Academy. We wish him well in his retirement.

The defining feature of this term has to be the weather! Either the rain that comes just before a break or lunchtime or the 'Beast from the East'. It is over seven years since we had three 'snow days', so many of our students were very young when they last saw 'proper snow'. Each school was issued a multi-agency warning about the road conditions, so closure was inevitable this time. It has caused some issues, particularly for our Year 11 students who were due to take core subject mock examinations. These have now been squeezed in and the final run-in can really begin. The Year 11 students seem to have taken the disruption in their stride, approaching the arrangements with maturity. Initial results look very promising, so I would like to thank the students for their patience and congratulate those that are progressing well.

We have been developing our communication methods for some letters and the results are noticeable already. Our emails to you regarding parents' evenings may be linked to the record numbers attending these important consultation evenings, plus a reduction in both paper and postage costs. We already had very strong attendance rates at parents' evenings, so any improvement on these is really fantastic.

I have been very lucky to go out and visit many of our feeder Primary schools over the past term and this has been a very enjoyable experience. The excellent grounding that our students receive before joining us really struck me as I visited each school; we are all very lucky to be in this situation. Greater transition work is planned for the future to strengthen those bonds even further and ensure a smooth transition for Branston's next generation of students.

The new build continues to progress and the completion date is still the end of the summer term, in readiness for the new academic year in September. We will also have an additional Science laboratory by then too. This will allow us to manage the extra students that will join us in Year 7 in September. We are delighted that we are full for September, with a waiting list of students wanting to join our Academy. We look forward to meeting our new students, and their parents and guardians, in the Summer term for their induction day and evening. In the meantime, I would like to wish everyone a restful Easter break.

*Mrs J Turner*



## TERM DATES

### TERM 5

Monday 16/04/18 to Friday 25/05/18  
Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May 2018  
Half Term: Monday 28/05/18 to Friday 01/06/18

### TERM 6

Monday 04/06/18 to Friday 20/07/18  
Wednesday 04/07/18- STAFF ONLY

Disney

# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

ON STAGE!

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## HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

What a fabulous performance of High School Musical this year from our wonderful cast. Over 60 students from year's 7 to 13 were involved both on and off stage in this memorable performance. We have been working for 6 months on all aspects of the show and students should be commended on their enthusiasm and commitment throughout the rehearsal period not to mention their energy during show week when they performed a matinee to local junior schools and then 4 evening performances. Our truly talented students raised the roof with classic High School Musical songs such as, We're all in this Together, Status Quo and Breaking Free. Well done to all students and staff involved on and off stage.

Mrs A Hackett  
Head of Performing Arts



"Well done Branston Community Academy for an amazing performance of High School Musical. It was magical, entertaining and humorous. We particularly enjoyed all of the songs, the choreography and we felt the actors/ actresses in the chorus were also fantastic. We were very impressed by Amelia's performance- her singing was great, as well as Vincent and Tom's eye catching performance. We were all also very impressed with the performance of the actor playing the coach who really caught our eye. A huge well done to all pupils and staff involved."

**Branston Junior Academy**



I would just like to let you know how much my husband and myself enjoyed the High School musical last night. Once again a highly professional musical with some brilliant acting by your students the school must be very proud of them.

**D Norton, Max Respect**







*Being part of High School Musical has been amazing! I have really enjoyed being part of the show this year. But overall it has put my confidence level so much higher!*  
**Brainiac**



*For my first show, High School Musical has been the best. It's given me confidence from being on stage, and it's got the most cheerful atmosphere and I have really enjoyed it.*  
**Martha**



*I have been doing the school shows for 3 years now and this is the first time I have got a main part. Despite the part you have, whether it is a lead role or chorus, you are treated with the same respect and this makes for a close and loving atmosphere. The past 6 months have been the best and I look forward to next year.*  
**Amelia (Gabriella)**



*What a show! Everyone worked so hard this year with rehearsals and during show week, but it has definitely been worth it. Very proud of everyone who has been involved. Looking forward to next year.....whatever the show may be.*  
**Vincent (Troy)**



## YEAR 11 NCS

Year 11 have the opportunity to take part in National Citizens Service. This scheme takes in the following;

- \* 1 week of Outdoor and Adventurous activities at a national centre. Food and accommodation provided.

- \* 1 Week spent at Nottingham Trent University. Food and accommodation provided.

- \* 2 Weeks undertaking a local project.

Upon completion the students attend an award ceremony at the Engine Shed and are presented with a nationally recognised certificate, which is fantastic for any students CV.

Places are still available on this scheme at just £35. Amazing value for a once in a lifetime experience that is only available in year 11. Currently 66 students have signed up. If anyone else is interested please collect an information pack from the Academy or apply online.

*Mr Inman*



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Duke of Edinburgh's award has kicked off at BCA with over 45 students starting their award. The students will be developing themselves by taking part in the three sections of the award - physical, skill and volunteering. There will soon be a training day to learn the necessary skills to plan and carry out their Expedition. A practice run will give them the chance to use what they have learnt in the field with a leader, followed by their assessed Expedition. If you are interested in helping out with the training days, contact Mr Ritchie at the school.



THE DUKE OF  
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

*Mr R Ritchie*

## MUSIC

The music department has been extremely busy this term with Y11 students preparing for final exam performances. The group held a very successful evening of performances with a variety of soloists and ensembles. Mrs Bauckham has been particularly impressed with the work and commitment of the group and received very positive feedback from the audience

*Mrs C Bauckham*



## CHEESE POP UP

On the 23rd and 24th January 2018 the Food department took part in a cheese pop up session with Sharon Riley from Taylor Shaw, the catering company who supply the canteen. She provided a number of workshops in Food lessons for students from year 7 to 10. In the workshops the students watched a demonstration of cheese being made, churned butter and made their own flat bread. All students enjoyed the sessions and got to eat what they made.

*Mrs J Woods*



## ARKWRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP



An Arkwright Engineering Scholarship is the most prestigious scholarship of its type in the UK and is intended to inspire and nurture school-age students to be the country's future leaders of the Engineering Profession.

The Scholarships are awarded to high-calibre 16 year old students through a rigorous selection process and supports students through the two years of their A levels. Every Scholarship is sponsored by a commercial company, trade association, university, professional institution, armed service, government organisation, worshipful company, charitable trust or personal donor. This means that support is offered in various different ways, for example, valuable hands-on work experience, support for your curriculum projects and a personal mentor who can help with aspects of studies and career planning.

Having had many successful applicants in the past at Branston, the present scholar in year 13 is Katie Robinson. We again wish Mansi Xavier (in year 11) well in her final interview for the scholarship in the Easter holidays. Mansi has passed the aptitude test and will now be undertaking a rigorous interview at Sheffield university to see if she will be accepted on the scheme.

*Mr S Turner*



## FOOD

Y11 Food and Nutrition teachers are feeling very proud of all their students this term after completing their final practical assessment. They have to complete 3 dishes in 3 hours, which is very challenging. All students completed the task and while some students achieved a higher standard than others, all the food students completed the task and from the snap shot of the pictures seen we are sure that you will agree that they all surpassed themselves with amazingly high skills, executed with style. Well done!!”

*Mrs D Anderson*



## YEAR 10 CAREERS PREPARATION DAY

Each year our year 10 students take part in Careers Preparation Day. This is a collapsed timetable day whereby our students take part in various career based, team building activities, learn about health & safety in the workplace - essential leading into their work experience and have career information workshops with 2 employers, of their choice, from those attending. We are always very grateful to those employer who willing give up their time to help and support us with Careers Preparation Day, which always proves very valuable and enjoyable to our students.

*Mrs J Thompson*



## WHAT'S NEW AT HERON'S FITNESS?

Students from the age of 14 are now welcome to use Heron's gym on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes from 12.30pm to 1pm. They don't have to be a paying member and it is free of charge. Regular exercise has been proven to improve concentration as well as keeping healthy, plus it gets them out of the rain!

Sixth form students also have access for an hour Monday to Thursday. Check the notice board for times.

We now offer two different Yoga classes by Amanda Greenwood of Unique Yoga: Gentle Evening Flow takes place at 6.30pm followed by Yoga Chill at 7.30pm every Tuesday evening. Please see our website for more details [www.heronfitness.co.uk](http://www.heronfitness.co.uk)

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Religious Studies department took 16 of our 6th formers to Krakow to investigate further the tragedy of the Holocaust. We left Branston at the silly hour of 3:45am on Friday and after a whistle-stop tour were back again at 11:30pm on the Sunday, after having a thought provoking, challenging and incredibly rewarding couple of days.

Students were treated to a 4 hour guided tour of Krakow which included a look round the historic Wawel Hill and entry into the stunning Wawel Cathedral. We then spent time walking around Kazimierz, the Jewish quarter of Krakow and ended up in Rynek Główny, the traditional market square. We were able to soak up a bit of Polish culture and marvel at the architecture that surrounded us.



On Saturday morning, we set off for Auschwitz-Birkenau and were given a 3 hour guided tour and educational talk. At Auschwitz I, we spent time observing the living quarters and hearing of the appalling way in which the people there were treated. We all suffered having to see the personal belongings of so many people who had briefly lived and died in the camp. We then spent an hour at Auschwitz II - Birkenau where we saw the vastness and scale of the camp. The overwhelming feeling was one of disbelief and difficulty understanding how such things could be possible.

Upon our return to Krakow, students had some free time to experience the city and then we were treated to an evening meal at a traditional Jewish restaurant and live Jewish music.

We spent Sunday at the Galicia Jewish Museum, where we had a guided tour of the museum and the opportunity to hear from a survivor of the Holocaust. We then returned to the hotel and made our way back home.

I think I speak for all students when I say that a both sobering and positive educational experience was had by all.

*Mr M Jenkins*

## !STOP PRESS!

### UNIFORM UPDATE:

The new BCA skirt, required from September, is available from Uniform Direct.

### RECYCLED TIES

We are now selling environmentally friendly ties made from recycled bottles, these can be purchased via parent pay for £3.50

## FOOTBALL

YEAR 7  
'A' TEAM

## County Cup

Branston 3-2 Louth Grammar School  
Branston 0-3 William Farr

## League

Branston 2-3 William Farr  
Branston 7-0 LCHS  
Branston 3-1 Lincoln Castle  
Branston 0-3 LSST  
Branston 3-1 QEHS

## Friendly

Branston 5-1 St George's, Sleaford

## 'B' Team - Friendlies

Branston v Lincoln Castle 4 games played: 2-0 ; 2-2 ; 1-3 ; 2-2  
Branston 1-1 NK  
Branston 1-2 St George's, Sleaford

## Report

Overall it has been a satisfactory year for the Yr 7's. With over 50 attending the initial trials and over 20 consistently coming training, it has been great to coach the boys throughout the year. Since Xmas we have completed our league fixtures with a solid 3-1 win over Lincoln Castle, highlighted by an excellent goal from Luke McGill. However, scoring goals and offering a true goal threat has proven a real problem. We do not seem to have a true centre forward in the Harry Kane mould and this showed through in both the County Cup Quarter final match v W Farr and the league game v LSST. Despite decent possession we lacked attacking threat and deservedly lost both games 3 nil, as the opposition took their chances. Our final game of the season was against QEHS. Again, we started positively but this time our good possession led to goals as we went 3 up in the first half through goals from Dylan Hearn, Harry Donner and Joe Hammerton. We dominated the game and should have scored more before conceding a late consolation goal in a comfortable 3-1 win. It has been great to have enough players to run a 'B' team this year as well. Following on from our games at Lincoln Castle, we have drawn at NK and lost closely to St. George's. In both matches the boys attitude was excellent and they were very unlucky not to win both matches. Again they lacked a real finisher as in both matches numerous chances were wasted.

Overall the boys have made a really positive start to their football careers at BCA. I often say that Branston teams take a couple of years to develop as they need to develop both physically and mentally. This squad is definitely one of them and I look forward to see their development next year when they switch to 11-a-side football. If they can add some athleticism and find a goal or two, they will certainly be a constant threat for the title. However, the main thing will be to see the 20+ boys continuing to come training and enjoying their football.

## Squad

Will Day ©, Charlie Stenson (vc), Jack Carlisle, Charlie Foster, Joe Hammerton, Ben Foot, Maitiu Davies, Will Davies, Dylan Hearn, Jack Adeboyega, Harry Somers-Wells, Josh McGowan, Luke McGill, Sam Ritchie, Harry Everington, Seb O'May, Lewis Hyde, Kieran Lloyd, Harry Donner, Fraser McCrory, Oli Aiken, Cam Metcalfe, Daniel Staples, Bowen Jones, Charlie Bramwell, Jenson Hughes, Sam Gibbons, Tyler Newman, Tom Whitehead, Nathaniel Coombs, Joe Storey, Max Conville, Jonny Ebdon, James Newton-Allinson

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
5	3	0	2	16	8	3

## YEAR 8

## Results

## County Cup

Branston W/O NK  
Branston 1-2 Priory Ruskin

## League

Branston 7-0 Lincoln Castle  
Branston 4-2 LSST  
Branston 4-2 LCHS  
Branston 6-2 William Farr

## To Play:

QEHS

## 'B' Team

Branston 0-4 NK ('A' team)  
Lincoln Castle Academy: 2 matches: Drew and Lost

## Report

A very quiet term for the Year 8 squad with only 2 matches. However, both were really significant as they battle to revenge last year's league disappointment. First up were LCHS and in a new 4-1-4-1 formation, the boys played very positively. Dominating the first half and at times playing some lovely attacking football, we deservedly led at half time through an early Daniel Wilson strike. However, we couldn't find a second and when LCHS nicked an equaliser I thought we could be in trouble. However, the boys showed great character and battled on always staying ahead of the game at 2-1, 3-1, 3-2, eventually winning 4-2. A brace from Callum Thomas and a Tom Baker goal completed the scoring. William Farr were next up and due to illness we only had 11 players. However, the boys played some lovely stuff on a tricky, bobbly pitch and 2 goals from Tom Baker and Finlay Davis and one each from Daniel Wilson and George Wallhead gave us a comfortable 6-2 win. This set up a title decider against QEHS, which will be played after Easter.

The 'B' team have also managed a couple of games despite the poor weather and took on the NK 'A' team and Lincoln Castle. Although unsuccessful in both games the boys showed great heart and played some good football. In both games the opposition were just too physical for them as our team does have some height issues. However, their attitude to coming to training every week has been great and they have deserved the reward of their own matches. If they continue to come training I will certainly look to continue the team next year.

Well done to all the boys who have come training this year. I hope to run 'A' and 'B' teams next year if all boys continue to train. Also thank you to Mr Favell for his help this year with the Year 8 team.

## Squad

## 'A'

Euan Sullivan ©, Ryan Hewitt, George Wallhead, Rhys Firth, Callum Thomas, Louis Greenwood, Lewis Townhill, Daniel Wilson, Kyle Kennealey, Harvey Cook, Tom Baker, Finlay Turnbull, Finlay Davis, Reilly Sugden, Ed Footit

## 'B'

Jovi Staines ©, Callum Pickard, Connor Barlow, Daniel Stamford, Francis Keyworth, Tom Richmond, Leon Therabon, Ben Stafford, Reuben Sansoa-Twells, Brogan Woodham, Ellis Harden, Owen Batchelor, George Bridge, George Maginess, Freddie Spander, Lucas Johnson, Ryan Leithead, Kallum Starbuck, James Barr, Alfie Stimpson

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
3	3	0	0	15	4	9



YEAR 9

Results (League)

William Farr 3-1 Branston (AJ Cook)  
LCHS 2-4 Branston (AJ Cook, Callum Thomas, Harry Mason (2)  
LSST 2-2 Branston (AJ Cook & H Ainslie)  
QEHS 1- 6 Branston (AJ Cook 2, H Ainslie, B Coates, N Janutis 2)

To play:  
LCA - Branston

Results (Cup)

Round 1: NK 0-5 Branston (AJ Cook, Harry Shaw, Euan Sullivan, Harry Mason & Jack Hutton)  
Round 2; QEGS Horncastle 0-2 Branston (H Mason & AJ Cook)  
Quarter Final; Skegness Academy 2-5 Branston (AJ Cook 2, T Taylor, N Janutis & OG)  
Semi Final; City PA - Branston

Report

Following a couple of successful winter fixtures against QEGS Horncastle and Skegness Academy the year 9 lads have progressed to the semi-final of the county cup, where on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April we will host City PA for a place in the final.  
Away from the cup in the league we still harbour hope of retaining the title won in both year 7 and year 8 however victories in our last three league games is the only way of ensuring we stay in with a shout.  
LSST were up first and with an injury hit squad it was always going to be interesting! However we battled well and a 2-2 draw was the least we deserved for our efforts.  
The QEHS game was played on the eve of the county cup semi final. With this in mind squad rotation was used to the maximum. Fearing the worst at 0-1 behind, we were pleased to go in at half time all square. An inspired second half performance, beginning with a Brandon Coates header saw us run home winners 6-1, a score line if I'm honest flattered us.  
The lads now have a strength and a manner of playing that suits us perfectly, we play to our strengths, which isn't always pretty and have developed a physicality needed to be successful. Harrison Ainslie has moved to centre back and has commanded well, in midfield captain Tyler Taylor gives reassurance on the ball and in AJ Cook we have a genuine match winner. There is not a weak link in this team and I genuinely believe that this team will only continue to improve with time.

Squad

Harrison Ainslie, Elliot King, Oliver Moorland, Connor Thorley, Jedd Gilbert, Jack Hutton, Tyler Taylor ©, Harry Mason, Nojus Janutis, Freddie Baker AJ Cook, Jake Lines, Harry Shaw, Alex Fillingham, McKenzie Greene, Callum Thomas (Y8), Euan Sullivan (Y8) & Lewis Townhill (Y8)

P	W	D	L	F	A
4	2	1	1	13	8

YEAR 10

Results League

LCA 0-4 Branston (Lewis Banner (2) Ben Harker & Cael Isaac)  
LSST 4-2 Branston (Lewis Banner & Michael Adeboyega)  
QEHS 4-3 Branston (Cael Isaac & AJ Cook (2))  
LCHS 1- 1 Branston (G Whelpton)  
William Farr - Branston

Results Cup

Round 1: QE Horncastle 0 9- Branston (George Whelpton 6, Lewis Banner, Cael Isaac & Ben Harker)  
Round 2: LCHS 2-1 Branston (AJ Cook)

Report

Since the winter newsletter the year 10 lads have played two games both against LCHS. In the county cup despite being the better side we unable to take our chances and went down by two goals to one. In the league fixture, again we were the better team but left it very late to secure a draw.  
Unfortunately our early season form has been our undoing, falling 0-4 behind before turning up twice simply wasn't good enough and that has cost us a title push. That said it has been a real pleasure to have run this side over the last 4 years and I sincerely hope our final league game against William Farr allows us to finish on a high.

Squad

Liam Powell, Josh Bellamy, Olly Landry, Michael Adeboyega, Ben McKee, George Whelpton , Leo Priestley, Ben Harker, Luke Garner, Cael Isaac, Lewis Banner, Corben Metcalfe, Ciaran Taylor, Kieran Downes, Tom Fletcher, William Foottit, Harrison Ainslie (Y9) AJ Cook (Y9)

P	W	D	L	F	A
4	1	1	2	10	9

## YEAR 11

### Results

Branston 5 - 0 Lincoln Castle

Branston 3 - 2 LCHS

Branston v William Farr: Walkover Branston

Branston v LSST: Walkover Branston

Branston 2-1 QEHS, Gainsborough

**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

### Report

A very strange term for the Year 11 team as we waited a long time for our fixtures, following our 2 early wins back in October. However, the first 2 games were a real let down as neither William Farr nor LSST could manage to get a team for the games. Both teams forfeited, which although a disappointing way to win, was still a deserved win as despite all the pressures of revision, exams and intervention, we could get 20+ boys out to play every game.

This led to a league decided against QEHS, Gainsborough, who robbed us of the league title last year, when some very poor decisions went against us. QEHS started positively and took a deserved lead early on. At this point we could have folded but the boys battled for their lives to stay in the game and slowly began to get a foothold in the game. Slowly but surely, we did and snatched an equaliser through an unlikely source in Mikey Adegboyega. In the second half, after a switch in formation to 3-5-1-1 we began to play a lot better and matched QEHS. A great run and cross from Jack Moore led to Alex Laughton finishing at the back post. What then followed was 20 minutes of battling, wholehearted defending when all the boys threw their bodies on the lines. Constant pressure from QEHS was repelled and we hung on for a famous 2-1 win and the league title.

This was a deserved success for a fantastic bunch of lads who have given everything for the school from the moment they joined in Year 7. To win the league twice in three years is a fantastic effort. Personally I can not think of a more committed team in my 20 years at Branston. I have had better teams but not a better bunch of lads. I wish them all well in the future. They will be missed.

### 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, K Pacey, A Laughton, M Adegboyega (Yr 10), G Whelpton (Yr 10)

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pos
5	5	0	0	10	3	15

## GIRLS

### NETBALL

## YEAR 7

### Results:

Branston 18 - 3 William Farr

Branston 15 - 0 LCHS

Branston 15-0 Lincoln Castle

Branston 18- 8 LSST

Branston 15-1 QEHS

**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

### Report

With three matches left to play, we had what is traditionally our toughest two opponents left to face. The first game verses Lincoln Castle Academy took place on a freezing cold night. However, unfazed by this, they completely dominated all aspects of the game. Shooters were on form and we never let Castle keep possession for more than a couple of passes at a time. By half time, we had already won by the necessary 15 point goal difference; 15-0. A very easy win for a committed squad.

The real test was left for the last 2 matches of the season. First up, Priory LSST. The girls were fully ready for a tough match. After the first quarter we were comfortably in front having not felt any real pressure from LSST. Goal defence Lucy Adams was marking a strong goal attack, who looked more like a year 10 student, out of the game; her defensive play is developing quite brilliantly. Captain Leah, as always linked the play beautifully throughout the centre court, feeding the ball with great accuracy to the attack of Eleanor Applewhite, Freya Byers and Emma Green. The game went from strength to strength and we pulled away even further thanks to the accurate shooting of goal shooter Libby Christopher. Eleanor and Libby really have made a great team in the shooting circle. I felt like I was waiting for LSST to come back at us, but, we were stronger than them in every position on court. I mustn't forget to mention Charlotte, Shannon and Lily because between them they made some fantastic interceptions and marked so tightly that LSST's attack didn't see much of the ball at all. For a year 7 team, this match was one of the best I've seen. LSST never threatened us. Final score : Branston 19 - 5 LSST.

The final game of the season was to be the league decider against Queen Elizabeth's Gainsborough. Both teams have won all their games; the only difference being that QE had not yet played LSST. There were a few nerves amongst the team; always a good thing. As usual, the girls had a great start putting the QE defence under pressure and shot to a 5-0 lead after the first quarter. A fast paced game continued with QE playing a somewhat scrappy game which knocked us from our usual fluent play a little in the second quarter to extend our lead only slightly; 7-1 at half time. The game slowed down slightly in the third quarter and I felt the girls relax a little. The final quarter saw us step it up again and really show QE why we were going to be crowned champions! Victory was ours; Branston 15 - 1 QE. Sigh of relief all round as all the girls were desperate to win the league. Job done!! Thoroughly deserved champions. Hard work, commitment and a fantastic team spirit pays off. I predict this team is going to go far! Well done to all of you.

### League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
5	5	0	0	82	9	15



YEAR 9

Results:

Branston 23 LSST 12  
Branston 22 QEHS 3  
Branston 22 Will Farr 6  
Branston 15 LCHS 0  
Branston 16 LCA 1  
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Report:

Facing their last two matches of the season, the girls demonstrated a mature poise and focus. A clean-cut victory over LCA kick-started the second half of their season, but then it was on to face their toughest rivals for the league title, Priory LSST. With rumours of strong players in the opposition, the squad harnessed their focus and drive during their last few training sessions leading up to the show down. Branston dominated the first quarter, however, LSST came out fighting in the second to bring the score to 9-14. The girls never once looked nervous and, with a heightened team spirit, donned their ‘game faces’ and took control of the match. Branston were on the hunt for every interception possible, and pressured the opposition to play predominantly in the Branston attacking end of the court. The final whistle blew, giving Branston a 23-12 victory, the league title and a third season UNDEFEATED in the league. **LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!** A title fully deserved by this squad of talented young netball players. The creativity of their play, along with their proficiency across all areas of the court, make them a united force to play against. The squad has worked phenomenally hard over the season to develop their techniques and tactical play and are a true credit to how much hard work and dedication can achieve. And still, there is a feeling, that the best is yet to come...

Squad

Laura Hall © (GA), Bryana Atkin-Snell (GK), Abbie Green (GK), Shania Lacia (GD), Libby Tatton (GD/WD), Freya Atkinson (WD), Ruby Whitworth (WD), Olivia Carter (C), Leah Bayne (WA), Erin Shasby (GS), Hollie Myers-Hemmingway (GS), Isobel Dixon (WD), Naomi Kirkby (WA)

Squad

Laura Hall (Cpt.), Erin Shasby, Leah Bayne, Olivia Carter, Freya Atkinson, Shania Lacia, Bryana Atkin-Snell, Abbie Green, Ruby Whitworth, Hollie Myers-Hemmingway, Libby Tatton, Isobel Dixon, Naomi Kirkby

League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
5	5	0	0	98	22	15

YEAR 8 AND 10 NETBALL  
LATE NEWS

Year 8

Branston 13-8 William Farr  
Branston 2-17 QEHS  
TO PLAY: LCHS : Winning this will mean finishing 2nd in the league

Year 10

Branston 19-4 William Farr  
Branston 17-2 QEHS  
TO PLAY: LCHS: Winning this will win the league

BADMINTON

Winter League Final League Tables and Squads

We have had another fantastic year of badminton, being the only school in the Lincoln and Gainsborough leagues to finish all of their fixtures. All players who have represented the school have done brilliantly, displaying a really positive attitude at all times and fighting hard for every point of every game. Because of that we have won the Yr 7 & 9 boys and Yr 10 Girls league and finished second in the 3 boys leagues. We would have won the Yr 8 boys league but had to play a weakened team v NK and lost to them. We also entered 2 teams in all 4 boys’ leagues and all of them acquitted themselves very well, finishing with 2 x 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively. Well done to every player who have played this year.

Year 7 A & B - Boys

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pos
A 7	7	0	0	37	5	1st
B 7	5	0	2	24	12	3rd

Squad;  
‘A’: Will Day, Ben Foot, Seb O’May & Maitiu Clarke  
‘B’: Sam Ritchie, Will Davies, Harry Stothard, Charlie Foster & Luca Foster

Year 8 A & B - Boys

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pos
A 5	2	1	2	18	12	2nd
B 5	2	0	3	14	16	5th

Squad;  
‘A’: Alfie Challinor, Daniel Stamford, Reuben Sansoa-Twell & Louis Greenwood  
‘B’: Callum Thomas, Daniel Wilson, Brogan Woodham, Kyle Kennealey & Lewis Townhill

Year 8 Girls

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pos
1	0	0	1	0	6	2nd

Squad; Goda Januyte, Naomi Kirkby, Emily Gregory & Summer Paling

Year 9 A & B- Boys

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pos
A 6	6	0	0	34	2	1st
B 6	4	1	1	27	9	3rd

Squad;  
‘A’: Nojus Janutis, Joe Soutar, Alex Armstrong, Oli Moorland  
‘B’: Harry Shaw, Cade Chambers Lewis, Adam Lockwood, AJ Cook & Mackenzie Greene

Year 10 A & B - Boys

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pos
A 5	3	1	1	24	6	2nd
B 5	3	0	2	18	12	4th

Squad;  
‘A’: Ross Armstrong, Ben McKee, Austin James & Ben Harker  
‘B’: Jay Ritchie, Jacob Jones, Corben Metcalfe & Harry Ednebrow

Year 10 Girls

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pos
2	1	0	1	7	5	1st

Squad; Shaira Lacia, Katie Christopher, Charlotte O May, Amber Pickard & Alice Tissier

## YEAR 7/8 GIRLS INDOOR FOOTBALL

### Results

Branston	10	Will Farr	7
Branston	4	LCHS	4
Branston	2	Priory City	3
Branston	7	TGA	3

After showing good commitment to training in the run up to the start of the season, the girls made an excellent debut with a 10-7 victory over a strong Will Farr side, with Phoebe McKee showing some outstanding finesse, scoring 7 of the 10 goals. Missing a key striker from the squad, the girls battled hard to take a draw against a solid LCHS side, Amy Dixon proving that she had the dexterity to play upfront as well as in defence, firing in a goal to ensure the draw. The squad demonstrated a much improved connection on the pitch, with wing players Suzy Stephen and Maya Jones adopting an exceptional determination to keep their team in the game. The third match of the season saw the girls face their toughest opposition yet and, despite a respectable team performance the girls suffered their first loss. Driven to make up for this, the girls focused hard on developing their defending tactics, adopting a tougher approach to their game, with Mackenzie Waby proving to be a force to be reckoned with at the back. The girls worked hard, demonstrating unity as a team, and finished the season with not only a win, but their best team performance yet. This team have begun to harness their potential, and create a sense that there is a lot more still to come.

### Squad

Gracie Meldrum ©, Phoebe McKee, Amy Dixon, Mackenzie Waby, Suzy Stephen, Emily Gregory, Hannah Elkington, Naomi Kirkby, Maya Jones Lillie McDonald, Isabella Pollard, Kelsie Anderson

## PRIMARY FESTIVALS

Another successful primary Benchball tournament at Branston run by our highly capable year 10 students, hosted by Katie Christopher and Amber Pickard, with St Johns taking the Benchball title for this year. Not only do the Branston students continue to adopt an enthusiastic and empathetic approach towards working with younger children, but they also work to ensure that they create a fun and positive environment to allow the primary students to enjoy an evening of sport. The rapport they develop amongst their teams is often second-to-none and it is clear that the leaders take an immense amount of pride in the performance and enjoyment of the young children they work with. Branston students continue to volunteer their time to help with primary swimming coaching after school each week, dedicating much effort into supporting much younger children through their development of a life skill.

At Branston, we run our own sports leadership and volunteering programme for year 10 GCSE PE students, with the focus on developing 8 core skills needed to become an effective leader. We currently have 4 students who have provided 20 hours+ of sports volunteering since the start of academic year: Alice Tissier (29), Mason Molina (26), Katie Christopher (22) and Chloe Johnson (20).



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