

SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER



BRANSTON
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Another busy term comes to an end and, as usual, our students have been actively involved in many exciting activities. Within the Academy we are working hard on developing our paperless systems further and a new behaviour management programme. We will update parents as we roll out key aspects of the new systems in September. Over the summer break the concert hall roof will undergo a significant maintenance project to secure it from the elements in the future. We have seen nearly 300 students sit their GCSE and A' level examinations and attend their proms at the end of that long and exhausting process; hopefully they are all enjoying a well-earned break now. We wish them well.

I am pleased to say that we are completely full for our new intake in September. This particular year group is the largest intake that the Academy has had to accommodate and is due to it being a particularly large cohort across the county. We look forward to welcoming our new students in September.

We say goodbye to a few staff this summer. Mr Jenkins, Assistant Head of Sixth Form, has secured an exciting new post in Cornwall and Mr Hackett retires fully from Geography teaching. We wish them well and thank them for their contribution to life at Branston.

On a personal note, it goes without saying that 2019 has been a very tough and challenging year for both myself and the Academy as a whole. I would like to thank those students and parents that took the time to send their condolences in January. It truly underlined our 'kindness or nothing' principle and the thoughtful messages brought our family a great deal of comfort at a difficult time and continue to do so now. The kind donations made to the Academy went towards a community project to re-instate the football pitch in our village. Mr Turner was already leading a working party on this as part of his Parish Councillor role, so it seems a fitting tribute to be able to make a contribution towards this, securing it for future generations of young people. The support I have received from colleagues and Governors has been fantastic and I can not thank our community enough for their encouraging words as I have gradually returned to work over the recent weeks. Special thanks have to go to Mrs Lamming and Mr Wright for overseeing the day-to-day running of the Academy in my absence. I do wish everyone a happy and peaceful summer break and look forward to working with you next year.

Mrs J Turner

ENGINEERING EDUCATION SCHEME 2019

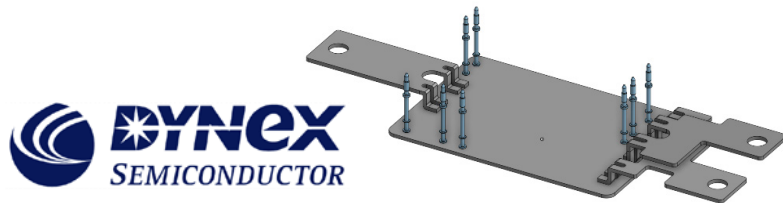
This was yet another successful year for a team of Y12 students who successfully completed the prestigious Engineering Education Scheme. The six month EES programme links teams of Year 12 students with a local company to work on real, scientific, engineering and technological problems. This also entitled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

This year the Branston Academy team continued to build upon our well established relationship with Dynex Semiconductor, Lincoln. Dynex is an international manufacturer of specialist power semiconductor components, and the students were asked to develop a new housing. Their report entitled 'Fabrication of an Additive Manufactured Enclosure for an Automotive Silicon Carbide Power Semiconductor Module'.

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, Jack Moore, Lewis Deaton, Mansi Xavier and Ben Whitehouse 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



ARKWRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

Congratulations must go to George Ganiford from Year 11 who has been successful in his application for the prestigious Arkwright Scholarship. This award is given to students from accredited institutions, such as Branston Community Academy, who are considering a career in Design, Engineering, Architecture or similar STEM employment routes.

George had to compete with a large number of candidates across the country for a very limited number of spaces. His initial application had to be accepted before he could sit the examination which he passed. He then had to convince an external interview panel that he was a suitable candidate; quite a gruelling process!



George's success earns him a trip to the London awards ceremony in August. The scheme will link George up with a practising Engineering mentor and local Engineering company who will help to advise him through the Sixth Form. He will also receive a not insubstantial sponsorship to help enrich his studies each year. Above all he will have secured valuable experience and a meaningful addition to his CV which will bolster his chances of success in the future. Well done George!

ADOBE LINCOLNSHIRE YOUNG DESIGNER OF THE YEAR: ELLIOTT VINTER

In May, five of our Year 11 and Year 13 Design and Technology students were selected by the University of Lincoln as finalists to exhibit their coursework projects in the Lincolnshire Young Designer of the Year show. They should all be congratulated but in particular Elliott Vinter who was awarded the Adobe prize for his submission: Sustainable Holiday Accommodation for Flood Prone Areas. The other five finalists were Lydia Gilbert, Katie Hutton, Harvey Longman and Vincent Shaw. Well done all!

Mr Halliwell

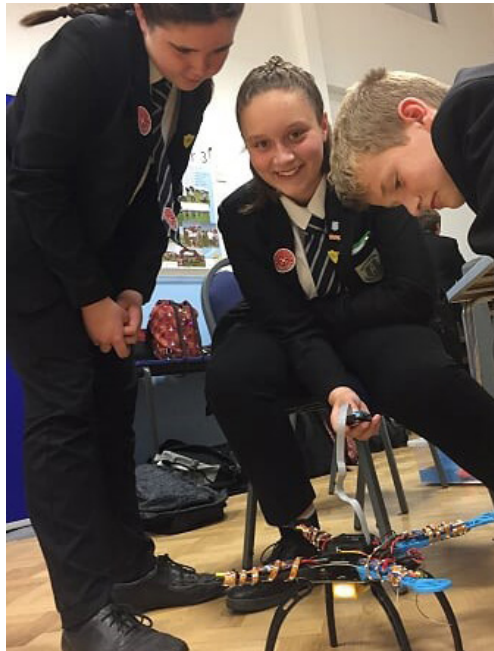


19 RAYTHEON QUADCOPTER CHALLENGE

On the 19th of June Branston Community Academy hosted the first event of the 2019 Raytheon Quadcopter Challenge which was the completion launch and build day. Three schools and six teams took part in this event where students have to assemble and configure their flying machines. This event will be followed by a Regional Fly Day in September where students are taught how to pilot their quadcopters and this leads to a Regional Final where all six teams compete for a place in the National Final where teams from across the country meet. The winner of the regional final will represent RAF Waddington. Short video clips of previous competitions can be found at:

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HEADS OF SCHOOL EVENING

On Wednesday 26th June 2019 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 by the choir and a number of individual talented musicians. The students were nominated by their tutors based on the number of credits/purple slips obtained, their attendance record and 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.

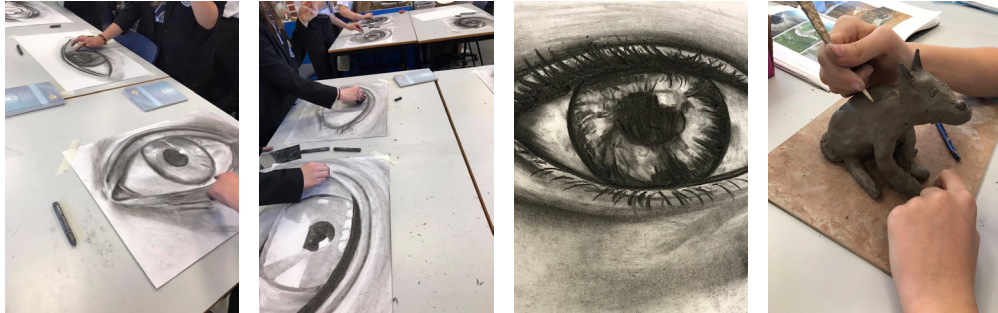
Mrs Woods



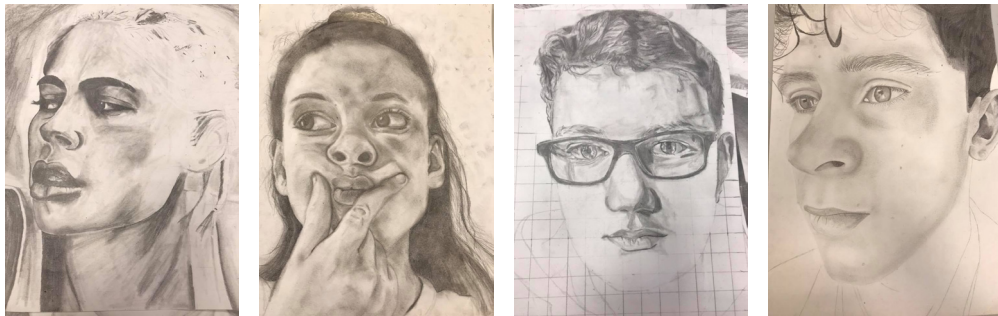
IN THE ART DEPARTMENT...

It's been a busy year in the Art department. Our students go from strength to strength in their creative activities and they continually impress us with their imagination and skill.

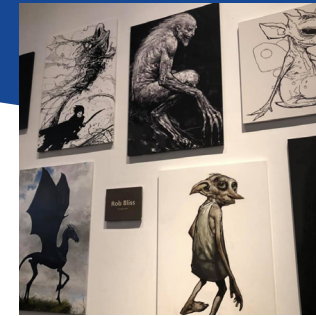
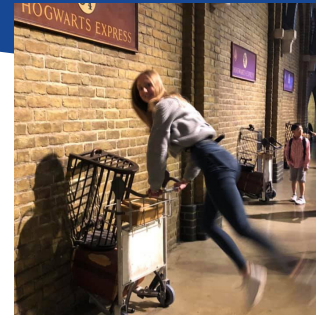
Key stage three have had experience in a wide range of media including: painting still life, printing and ceramics.



Mrs Baker's fine art students are a talented bunch! The pencil portraits produced during the Year 10 mock exams are phenomenal – we are sure you'll agree!



Mrs Hollingsworth's graphic and photography class visited the Harry Potter Studios, researching for their new project titles 'Fantastic and Strange'. Everyone had a great time gathering visual resources, sketching ideas and planning for their coursework projects.



The A Level exhibition was a huge success. There was a vast array of art forms on display, ranging from Graphic Design, to Fine Art, 3D ceramics and photography.



CAREERS PREPARATION DAY

Our Year 10 students took part in our Careers Preparation Day on February 7th. This is a collapsed timetable day giving students the opportunity to learn and develop transferrable, work based skills and gain knowledge of various sectors of the working world directly from the invited employers.

Students took part in Team Building activities with The Army and RAF, learned about Health & Safety in the Workplace leading into Work Experience and were able to take part in Career Information Workshops with 2 different employers of their choice, to gain information and advice.

All students had an excellent day, with many receiving nominations from the employers for demonstrating outstanding skills in Leadership, Communication and Team Working.

YR8 SIEMENS FEMALES INTO INDUSTRY 25th & 26th JUNE 2019

Four of the Academy's Year 8 girls made it through the selection process to take part in this popular and prestigious event; Lillia Alder, Ella Gillingwater, Erin Ulliyatt and Martha Cumiskey. The girls spent one day at Siemens working alongside their apprentices and another at Lincoln College. They learnt about the importance of Engineering and possible future career paths. In addition, the girls learnt how to use a variety of machines in order to create a very high quality desk tidy. This was followed by an evening presentation to parents and Siemens management at Lindum House.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 11th -15th MARCH

Year 10 students had a taste of the working world during their week of Work Experience. This proved to be an extremely valuable week with students making the most of the opportunities available to them. A few of our students this year have found opportunities outside of Lincolnshire, with one student travelling to Manchester to undertake her work experience. We also had 10 students taking part in a residential Army Insight Course. This took place at Swynnerton Barracks, in Staffordshire, and gave the students a real-life taste of what Army life has to offer.

Students are encouraged to find their own placement, in an area of their choice to allow for the most fulfilling experience. Feedback from students, employers and staff that visited students whilst on placement was, once again, excellent.

The skills learned and developed, during the week, will be invaluable to our students for future employment and for many students, work experience has helped to confirm their future career ideas and plans.

YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE 24th-28th JUNE

Work experience for our Year 12 students is very much centred around their future career ideas and plans. Gaining hands on experience in their chosen career area has proved invaluable for our students and for some, important links are made with employers. Two of our students this year have found opportunities outside of Lincolnshire, 1 in Central London and another just outside of London.

Work Experience, in year 12, helps to clarify future career plans and university courses, it also gives students a head start when completing applications for apprenticeships, employment or writing personal statements during the university application process.



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SUBJECT AMBASSADORS

Subject Ambassadors were a new initiative that was introduced at the end of last academic year to give students specific subject responsibilities. Each department nominated a minimum of two students from each year group to represent them. Students were then expected to complete certain tasks such as attending the Academy open evening, which was a fabulous evening leading to a record intake at the Academy for September 2019.

Moving into year two (2019-20) we are expecting the Subject Ambassadors to make a real mark on the Academy, as several students have remained 'in post' for a second year. They have a fantastic opportunity to not only represent their specific department and the Academy but to also introduce their own ideas and initiatives within their area.

I firmly see these roles continuing to develop and the students taking greater ownership and responsibility as the role develops. We are all excited to see what the future holds. It is very much a case of 'watch this space'.

Finally very well done to all 175 subject ambassadors from current years 7-12 you have done extremely well to have been nominated for this role.

Mr Inman

YEAR 11 PROM 2019

On Friday 21st June Branston Hall Hotel hosted our annual BCA Prom for the sadly departing 2019 cohort. At an amazing venue we were blessed with beautiful weather on the Summer Solstice and the students of BCA did not disappoint, they arrived in a variety of vehicles from horse and cart and a tractor to sports cars and limousines. All the students look fantastic in their beautiful dresses and smart suits making the evening very special. As it progressed it became full of dancing and laughter and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Joel Pollard and Mia Lewis were crowned Prom King and Queen amongst many other awards and the night was finished with a resounding send off to the students with a spectacular fireworks display.

An amazing goodbye to an amazing group of young people!



FORENSICS WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 27th June the Branston Academy Science Department organised a workshop which was focused around career opportunities in forensics, policing, criminology and law. The day started with a simple quiz to identify some of the background knowledge and understanding of the role of a forensic scientist at a crime scene. Students were then introduced to a scene of crime in which a 9-year-old school girl had been found deceased by a school caretaker.

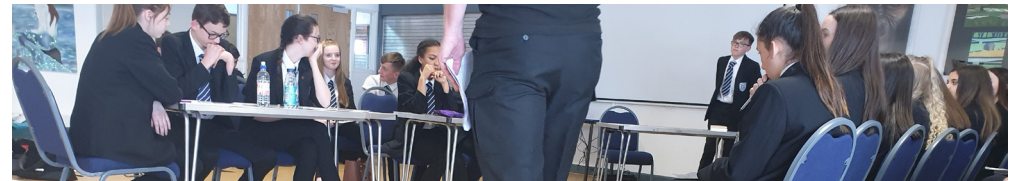
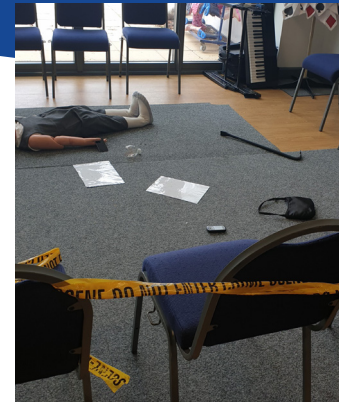
Initially students were informed of the location and information provided by a 999 call and accounts of police officers and paramedics who arrived on scene. The students then had the opportunity to observe the crime scene and identify areas of interest which may prove useful in the case they were building on.

Following observations at the scene of crime; students were given a series of forensics updates and had the opportunity to create their own fingerprint profile using the correct police pro forma. The patterns observed on each fingerprint were then analysed showing how useful this technology can be to prove the presence of a person at a crime scene, but not necessarily their guilt.

The afternoon workshop was focused on analysis of the evidence found in a court room scenario. Students were educated on the roles of the jury, judge, defence team and prosecution team in cross examining all of the evidence provided, and thus allowing us to be beyond reasonable doubt of a person's guilt. Students were also educated on the differences between courts around the world and the use of magistrates court and crown court here in the UK.

For the last session of the day students role played the court scenario; with some exemplary performances given by our students there covered affirmation and oaths, the importance of fallibility in memory and perception, examination in chief of witnesses and potential suspects, cross examination of witnesses and suspects and the importance of credibility and experience in the court room.

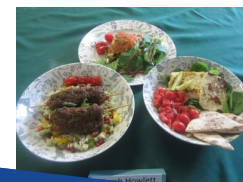
After an action packed day packed full of new and exciting information the day proved that we have some very promising potential lawyers, police officers and forensic scientists in our midst!



IN THE FOOD DEPARTMENT...

In June the GCSE Food and Nutrition year 10 students completed their mock practical examination. The task was to produce three dishes and accompaniments that could be served on a themed menu to promote the cuisine of a specific country. All the work had to be completed within a three hour time frame. Students choose a great range of different countries including France, America, Italy, Greece and Morocco. They rose to the challenge and produced a great range of quality dishes as you can see from the pictures below. Well done year 10!

Mrs Woods - Mrs Anderson - Mrs Lawrence



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IN THE PE DEPARTMENT...

Once again we are the number one sporting school in Lincoln & Gainsborough. 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 put together for the fourth year running. This year we won 14 out of 24 leagues entered across 8 sports. We finished second in 6 others. The winning roll call is as follows:

Lincoln & Gainsborough League Winners:

Netball:	Yr 7, 8 and 10
Football:	Yr 8 & 9 Boys
Tennis:	Yr 7/8 & 9/10 Boys
Badminton:	Yr 7, 8, 9 & 10 Boys
Cricket:	Yr 7/8 and 9/10
Rounders:	Yr 8 Rounders Tournament Champions
Basketball:	Yr 10 Lincoln & Gainsborough Champions
Handball:	Yr 10 County Handball champions

BOYS: TENNIS, UNDER 13 RESULTS

Aegon National Championships :
Finished 2nd in group

Minster	Won 6-0
Kings School	Won 4-2
Priory Ruskin	Won 6-0
Spalding Grammar	Won 6-0
Bourne Grammar	Lost 5-1

L&G League

William Farr	Won 6-0
Minster	Won 6-0
LCHS	Won 6-0

P	W	D	L	POS
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REPORT

We entered this year group knowing that a group of really keen lads. 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 Kings' School in a really tough match. It was a close match with all 6 games being really competitive but we battled through with Luke Jones and Will Day winning the crucial doubles to seal a 4-2 win.

Next up was Minster School where we were excellent, winning 6 - nil. Spalding Grammar were dispatched by the same score before we faced Priory Ruskin, Grantham. We were expecting a really tough match, but led by an excellent singles win by Callum Moore we came through 5-1, to leave a winner takes all against Bourne Grammar.

Unfortunately, we were a regular player down in this game but Paddy Coucom came in and played his heart out. Despite this, they were very strong and only Ben Foot managed a win as we went down 5-1. This meant we finished second and just missed out on the County final.

In the local league we won easily against Minster, playing some really good tennis in a 6 nil win. A disappointing walkover over LCHS followed and we secured the title with a 6 - nil victory over William Farr. A great session overall!

Squad:

Yr 7: Callum Moore & Luke Jones

Yr 8: Ben Foot, Will Day & Paddy Coucom



TENNIS, UNDER 15'S RESULTS:

'A' team

National Championships:
Finished 4th

Louth Grammar	Lost 6-0
QEGS, Horncastle	Lost 5-1
Carres Grammar	Lost 4-2

L&G League - Year 10

William Farr	Won 6-0
Minster	Won 6-0
LCHS	Won 5-1

P	W	D	L	POS
3	3	0	0	1 st

REPORT

Another great year for our U15 squad, where undoubtedly the quality of their play was not always reflected in the results. Due to the quality of the squad we have in Year 9 and 10, I entered 2 teams into the National tournaments. Both did us proud and played very competitively and enthusiastically in all matches. The 'A' team were in a group of death against 3 excellent grammar schools. All teams were more highly ranked than us and unfortunately we lost all 3. However, the boys played some fantastic tennis and could have easily won one of the matches, making every game very tough for the opposition. The 'B' team are keen recreational players and are a great bunch of lads, always giving 100%, they beat Minster, Priory Ruskin and Spalding Grammar in a very controversial match. Kings' School was a cracking match going down to the final doubles, which we unfortunately lost. Bourne Grammar were far better than us and fully deserved their victory. However second in the group was an excellent effort.

'B' team

National Championships:
Finished 2nd

Minster School	Won 6-0
Priory Ruskin, Grantham	Won 6-0
Kings School	Lost 4-2
Spalding Grammar	Won 5-1
Bourne Grammar	Lost 6-0



In the local league we entered just a Year 10 and were dominant and we beat LCHS easily 5-1. Minster were dispatched 6-0, before we beat W Farr by a similar score to secure a 4th League title in a row.

Overall the boys have been superb and played some superb tennis, never giving less than 100% at any point. The Yr 10 boys have been an outstanding team and 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': Joe Souter, Alex Armstrong, Beres Kemp & Nojus Janutis

'B': Dan Stamford, Finlay Davis, Louis Greenwood, Josh Driver & Harvey Cook

Cricket Under 13's Results:

Branston 75-1 Beat QEHS 64-6 By 11 runs

Branston 56-3 Beat LCHS 54-2 by 7 wkts

Branston Beat LSST Walkover

Branston 42-0 Beat R Pattinson 41-6 by 10 wkts

P	W	D	L	POS
3	3	0	0	1 st



REPORT

I entered this season with some confidence as I knew a lot of my potential team played cricket at some level outside school. This does not mean they were necessarily going to be good but I had belief we could do well. A first game against Robert Patt was a good starting test and we responded very well. Bowling first we restricted RP to 41 for 6, with everyone bowling well. James Hutchinson took 1 for 2 and Jacob Kent 1 for 6 runs. In response, Ben Foot and Luca Foster quickly knocked off the runs in 5 overs, aided by some erratic bowling.

Next up were league favourites QEHS, Gainsborough boasting a team including players from Nottingham, Lincolnshire and District teams. Batting first, Will Davies and Ben Foot put on over 50 before both retired having reached 25. This set a platform for us to post 75 for 1. During our bowling we stuck to our task very well, bowling straight and forcing the QEHS batsmen to work hard for their runs. Accurate bowling from Ben Foot, Luca Foster and Will Day kept the run rate down and Will Davies picked up 2 wkts for 12 runs off 3 accurate left arm spin overs to secure a fantastic win, as QEHS were restricted to 64 for 6.

Next up we were due to play LSST but they unfortunately forfeited the fixture, leaving a final game against LCHS, another strong team. Again bowling first, we did well restricting a strong LCHS top 4 and giving away very few extras. However, 54 was still a challenging total on a very interesting and tough wicket to bat on. We were in the hunt throughout and kept up with the scoring rate despite losing 3 wickets. Supported by a very mature 22 from Ben Foot, we made the total with 6 balls to spare, to win by 7 wkts.

Overall it has been a great season. The boys have supported net sessions very well and played the game in a tough but fair way. We have played to win but we have done it in a sportsmanlike way. The new Yr 7's have integrated well into the squad and have shown signs of development. The Yr 8's have been the backbone of the team and all played their part during the season. Both Will Davies and Ben Foot have led the team very well and overall I am delighted to win the league this year.

Squad:

- Yr 8:** Will Davies (Cpt.), Ben Foot (v/c) Seb O'May, Will Day, Ben Hutchinson & Luca Foster
- Yr 7:** Alfie Bray, Jacob Kent, Thomas Allen, Daniel Sleight, Jake Abbot & Jake Harrison



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UNDER 15'S CRICKET RESULTS

Branston 109-2 beat QEHS 77 all out by 32 runs
Branston 26-0 beat LSST 25-4 all out by 10 wkts
Branston beat LCHS Walkover
Branston v R Pattinson to follow

P	W	D	L	POS
2	2	0	0	1 st

REPORT

The first game was LSST and we bowled superbly, restricting LSST to a miserly 25 for 4 of 12 overs. AJ Cook with 2 for 9 was supported by Ben Foot's 1 for 1 off 3 overs and Will Davies's 1 for 5 of his 3 overs. In reply we cruised to a 10 wkt victory as Lewis Townhill and Will Davies knocked off the runs in 3 overs.

The younger players that complemented the players, showed their worth in the second game against a superior team on paper, in QEHS, Gainsborough. Batting first Will Davies held the innings together, retiring on 25. Supported by some big hitting by Seb O'May with 22 and some wayward QEHS bowling, we amassed an excellent 109 for 2. It was a good total but against a strong QEHS batting line up, we knew we would need to bowl well. However, Will Davies capped a Man of the Match display by taking 5 wkts for 16 of 3 overs. 2 each for AJ Cook and Lewis Townhill restricted QEHS to 77 all out and we won by 32 runs.

At the time of writing we still have Robert Pattinson to play but we have already secured the title. Overall a great effort from the boys who played above themselves to secure a league title in difficult circumstances. Well done to AJ Cook for his excellent captaincy and for everyone who played.

Squad:

- Yr 10:** AJ Cook, Connor Thorley, Cade Chambers – Lewis, Mackenzie Greene & Alex Fillingham
- Yr 9:** Lewis Townhill, Charlie Whitehill & Reuben Sansoa-Twells
- Yr 8:** Ben Foot, Will Davies, Seb O'May & Josh McGowan



YEAR 7: ROUNDERS

Year 7 Friendlies

BCA	14-Jun	LCA
BCA	6.5-8.5	Minster
BCA	17-16	William Farr
BCA	16-12.4	QEHS

LGSSZ Tournament

BCA	6-4	QE
BCA	11-5.5	LCA
BCA	4.5-7.5	Minster
BCA	11.5-1.5	Pembroke
BCA	6.5-2	LCHS
BCA	9-6	LSST

Year 7 rounders club began at the start of the summer term where an incredible 32 girls put themselves forward for trials. By the end of the season, over 40 girls had come out to the lunchtime club, with 26 of them representing the Academy. What a sporty lot of girls we have in this year group! We had friendly matches (I'm not sure 'friendly' is the right word; we always play to win!) and a tournament to play this year where the Lincoln and Gainsborough champions would be crowned.

We began our season with a match against Lincoln Castle Academy. The girls were very excited, even if a little disgruntled when we had to lend them our reserves to make up their numbers for the game! A 'friendly' game was played even when our girls got our own girls out!! However, a win's a win and some strong hitting saw us through to a 14-6 rounders victory. Minster was to be our next match who traditionally have some very big hitters. Both sides fielded well and kept the score low, but we just couldn't stop their strong batters from scoring full rounders and that was the difference. They broke through our fielders and scored 5 full rounders to our 1. So, our first defeat of the season to a strong Minster team; BCA 6 ½ - 8 ½ Minster.

Two teams were put out for the next game against William Farr. Ideally, they would have brought 2 teams but could only scrape 1 together, so the fixture was a little rushed for our development squad. This game was a game of 2 halves! Unfortunately, the girls had completely forgotten how to field with any accuracy and gave away far too many rounders where the opposition shouldn't have scored.

Something to work on!! I never thought they would come back from this as we were 16-6 down going into our 2nd batting innings. Oh, how wrong I was! The first few hits were strong and then the rounders and half rounders just kept coming. It was a super display of batting, taking risks and being determined to win. End result; BCA 17 - 16 William Farr. The development team then had a tricky innings against the same team (which was made up of mostly year 8's). It was great experience for them but far too short a game for them to really get into as WFS had to leave. So, after 18 balls we were 2 rounders to 6 ½ rounders down. A rematch will certainly be needed next year!

Then it was off to the tournament. We had 6 matches to play against all the teams that had entered so it was a long evening and many tired girls at the end (Evie L!). The girls really did themselves proud; they worked well as a team and had that 'never give up' attitude.

Overall results: Won 5, lost 1: **RUNNERS UP**

Final game of the season came after the tournament against QEHS. Usually a close game but I felt we were the stronger team again having already beaten them in the tournament. The fielding trio of Chloe, Erin and Evie S has worked brilliantly all season (bowler, backstop, 2nd base) backed up superbly by some big throwers in the field (Olivia, Ellie P, Seren) and a good pair of close fielding catching hands (Georgia)! A successful game to finish on with a 16 - 12 ½ win.

Well done to all the girls who have regularly attended training sessions throughout the summer term. We have had the most girls EVER (again) outside during lunchtimes, improving their skills and enjoying sport. I am very proud of all your achievements this year and look forward to seeing you go from strength to strength.

A Squad:

Erin Maxwell (Cpt.), Georgia Broughton (vice-captain), Evie Scigala, Evie Lount, Evie Openshaw, Stacie Grint, Elizabeth Moss, Seren Cranston, Chloe Stoppard, Madison Lamb, Ellie Mattison, Gemma Harrison, Claudia Fillingham, Olivia Chamberlain, Ellie Poole & Hannah Mather



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YEAR 8 ROUNDERS

Year 8 Friendlies

BCA	10-10	Minster
BCA	19-2	TGA
BCA	9-9.5	QEHS
BCA	10-6	LCHS

LGSSZ Tournament: **WINNERS**

From the very first training session, the commitment and dedication of the players has been excellent, with a number of the girls training up to three times per week. The players this year have demonstrated unrelenting dedication to improving their techniques and tactical understanding both in training and during competition. The progress the team have made this year has been pleasing to watch not only on an individual level but also seeing the team mould into one supportive unit.

The girls have faced a variety of opposition, from big hitters to strong fielders, but none of this has ever caused the spirit of the team to drop. The ball rarely made it into deep field due to the impassable skills of Leah Kennealey and Erin Maxwell, and when it did the ball was proficiently returned by Rosie Taylor and Evie Scigala. Eleanor Applewhite worked extremely skilfully on 2nd base, snatching the ball out of the air from all directions to take much control over the scoring opportunities for the batters. This team have worked with abundant tactical intelligence and will no doubt continue to be a rounders force to be reckoned with.

Squad:

Charlotte Barr (Cpt.), Lucy Adams, Eleanor Applewhite, Libby Christopher, Katie Wood, Emma Green, Hannah Plant, Rosie Taylor, Erin Ulliyatt, Leah Kennealey, Erin Maxwell & Evie Scigala



YEAR 9 ROUNDERS

Year 9 Friendlies

BCA	9-9.5	Minster
BCA	14.5-12	TGA
BCA	7.2	QEHS

LGSSZ Tournament: **RUNNERS UP**

The girls have shown great commitment this year and have worked hard to progress, not only in their skills within the game, but also in their ability to work as a team and support each other. The first few matches of the season highlighted perfectly the finely tuned organisation of the team and the confidence they have grown as a unit. Up against Minster, the girls faced some big hitters but their cohesion within the field limited their loss to a ½ rounder, demonstrating their new found ability to stay calm when faced with tough opposition. This season has seen the girls work hard on improving their batting skills, opening up their placement of the ball into the field, with some incredible batting from Goda Janutyte, who regularly sends the ball soaring passed the fielders.

It has also seen highly efficient fielding from the whole team, with particular mention to Gracie Meldrum who has acted as an almost unpassable barrier to any ball hit between 2nd and 3rd base, along with Naomi Kirkby, the calmest and most focused bowler in the league. The girls have had an exceptional season and are proof that team work really can make the dream work.

Squad:

Naomi Kirkby (Cpt.), Goda Janutyte, Bella Pollard, Millie Taylor, Izzy Dixon, Summer Paling, Amy Dixon, Gracie Meldrum, Freya Laughton, Millie Cave, Kelsie Anderson & Rosie Taylor

YEAR 10: ROUNDERS

ATHLETICS

Year 10 Friendlies

BCA	8.5-7.5	Minster	BCA	9.5-9	QEHS
BCA	20.5-4.5	LGSSZ	Tournament:	3rd place	

It has been an interesting season for the year 10 girls. The first game against Minster was a thriller. We batted and fielded well and won by 1 rounder 8 ½ to 7 ½. I was most impressed with our fielding which was slick and on point. The second game against Christ Hospital proved to be an easier match and the girls walked away with it by 20 ½ to 4 ½ with some excellent batting and some surprise rounders. Our final match was against QE grammar school. We always knew this match was going to be close and expected them to match our batting and fielding. This proved to be the case however we came out eventual winners by half a rounder 9 ½ to 9.

So this build up led us to the end of season tournament played at QE Grammar school in Gainsborough. We were placed in a group with LSST, Castle and RP. The girls, although nervous, batted and fielded well and we won all our games to go through to the semi-finals as winners of our group. The runner up for the other group was Minster so we took them on. We lost the toss and batted first coring 8 rounders in 21 balls which was an excellent score and stood us in good stead. Unfortunately, for some inexplicable reason, our fielding completely collapsed. Our usual rock steady fielding performance deserted us and we made a lot of unforced errors that led to us losing by ½ a rounder. To say that the girls were devastated is an understatement., but that's the way sport goes! We were due to play LSST for the third/fourth place playoffs but they had already left so we claimed third place. A disappointing end to the year but on a positive note the girls trained hard and produced some excellent performances. The girls were captained exceptionally well by Olivia Carter (aka Clarke) who, to be fair, made my job very easy.

Squad:

Olivia Carter (Cpt.), Laura Hall, Shania Lacia, Ruby Whitfield, Katie Marfleet, Sophie Lyndsay, Lily Hennell, Tia Kasics, Ameilia Mattison, Freya Parsons, Blythe Hilton, Lauren Foster & Naomi Kirkby

In July 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

YEAR 7

Chloe Stoppard:	Discus
Mia Tamblyn:	High Jump
Lucy Jenner:	Long Jump
Girls Relay:	1st

YEAR 9

Ryan Hewitt:	100m & Triple Jump
Tom Baker:	300m
Harrison Cobb:	800m

YEAR 8

Ruby Saunders:	100m
Ben Foot:	Javelin & 300m
Luca Foster:	Shot Putt
Dylan Hearn:	Discus

YEAR 10

Alex Fillingham:	Javelin
Shania Lacia:	Discus
Harrison Ainslie:	Long Jump

OVERALL

Yr 7:	Boys:	5th=	Girls:	1st	Overall:	3rd
Yr 8	Boys:	2nd	Girls:	4th	Overall:	2nd
Yr 9	Boys:	2nd	Girls:	4th	Overall:	3rd
Yr 10	Boys:	4th	Girls:	4th	Overall:	4th
Overall:		3rd		3rd	Overall:	3rd



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PRIMARY SPORTS

This summer saw yet another successful Primary Athletics Festival at Branston, with Potterhanworth taking the victory in the years 5/6 competition and St Johns in the years 3/4 competition. Branston students continue to demonstrate an outstanding degree of motivation, empathy and independence whilst working with younger children. The hard work and dedication the students show towards enhancing the provision of sporting opportunities for primary children has been outstanding, once again.

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:

SWIMMING

Yr 7: Trojans
Yr 8: Spartans
Yr 9: Spartans
Yr 10: Spartans

Overall: Spartans

TENNIS

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

Overall: Spartans

ATHLETICS

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

Overall: Trojans

KWIK CRICKET

Yr 7: Spartans
Yr 8: Spartans
Yr 9: Trojans

Overall: Spartans

ROUNDERS

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

Overall: Spartans, Trojans and Titans

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

TERM 1

Monday 02/09/19 STAFF ONLY

Tuesday 03/09/19 to Friday 18/10/19

**** (Tuesday 3rd Sept - Year 7 and Sixth Form only) ****

First day for Years 8 -11 Wednesday 04/09/19

Half Term: Monday 21/10/19 to Friday 25/10/19

TERM 2

Monday 28/10/19 to Friday 20/12/19

Christmas Break: Monday 23/12/19 to Monday 06/01/20

N.B Monday 06/01/20 - STAFF ONLY

TERM 3

Tuesday 07/01/20 to Friday 14/02/20

Half Term: Monday 17/02/20 to Friday 21/02/20

TERM 4

Monday 24/02/20 to Friday 03/04/20

Bank Holiday: Friday 10/04/20 and Monday 13/04/20

Easter Break: Monday 06/04/20 to Friday 17/04/20

TERM 5

Monday 20/04/20 to Friday 22/05/20

Bank Holiday: Friday 08/05/2020

Half Term: Monday 25/05/20 to Friday 29/05/20

TERM 6

Monday 01/06/20 to Thursday 16/07/20

Friday 03/07/20- STAFF ONLY



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