

SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER



BRANSTON
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Welcome to our end of year newsletter. It is filled with the many great things our students have been doing over the recent months and I hope you enjoy reading about their activities.

This year has been another rollercoaster, with Covid continuing to make its presence felt at times. Sometimes it's easy to forget about the challenges presented to us since March 2020 as we enjoy these more normal times, but even as recently as January we faced the Omicron variant and the concerns that came with that. Thankfully, we move forwards into more usual times and look ahead to a restful summer break.

We have been proud of how Branston students have managed those challenges on a daily basis and have been adapting to more normal routines. September presents us with an opportunity for a more usual start to the year and we are particularly looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort into our Community.

We have continued to develop and maintain our site by completing some essential drainage works. Whilst not an exciting project, it has been important work. The Local Authority have identified some investments that it will be making as they have asked us to take additional Y7 students again this year. This starts with a lift being installed into the atrium over the summer and is followed by further works in 2023. More details will follow in due course.

It is that time of year where we usually say farewell to members of staff. This time we are saying goodbye to two very long standing teaching assistants from our SEND department. Mrs Winn and Mrs Phillips joined the Academy in 2001 and 2002 respectively, so have served our young people for over 20 years each. In addition, we say goodbye to Mrs Norris-Knighton from the English department

and Mr Lloyd from the Maths department. Finally, Mrs Hewardine is leaving after 16 years to take up the Headship at St Peter and St Paul Catholic Voluntary Academy in Lincoln. We will miss all of these staff greatly and wish them all well for the future.

Finally, I would like to wish all our students and their families a restful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

*Mrs J Turner - Principal
Branston Community Academy*



PERFORMING ARTS - LONDON VISIT

In March 2022 year 10,11,12,13 performing arts students visited London for the annual pilgrimage to the west end. We started the 2-day experience at Pineapple dance studios where students participated in 2 hours of acting and dance workshops with professional performers. We were treated to a fabulous performance of Witness for the Prosecution which was performed at the County Hall building on the South Bank, this was an excellent opportunity for students to watch a site specific performance on a thrust stage. The following day we were taken on a back stage tour of the National Theatre and learnt about the staging of different productions using the famous 'drum revolve', we were able to watch props and set being constructed and get a taste of how a lighting team prepare for a performance. The final part of the visit was watching & Juliet a truly spectacular musical theatre performance enjoyed by everyone. We returned to Branston inspired and excited to try some of the techniques we had seen and learnt in London.



Pineapple



After a year without our annual school musical and further postponements we were extremely excited to be able to perform Legally Blonde during the week of March 21st 2022. Our extremely talented cast and crew of over 60 students from years 7 – 13 were involved in all aspects of the school production of Legally Blonde as performers, lighting and sound technicians, back stage, costumes, hair, make up and front of house. We were transported into the world of Harvard Law through the eyes of Elle Woods where she met Emmett Forrest who helped her navigate her way to success. Truly inspiring performances from many of the fabulous cast, some of whom are now embarking on courses in professional performance. Both crew and cast worked really hard to produce a vibrant, energetic show and should all be very proud of their achievements.

We are all looking forward to next year's performance of We Will Rock You!



Once again Branston Community Academy has worked with the NCS (National Citizen Service) to provide our Year 11 students with the opportunity to develop their personal skills outside of the classroom. After assemblies and a workshop during school time, students were asked to sign up for a two-week experience where they had the opportunity for a residential and to undertake a community project. The residential will allow the students to mix with peers from across the county and develop skills such as communication, resilience and problem solving whilst completing many exciting activities. The community project is an activity work on within a group where it is their responsibility to plan and deliver an action that will benefit all those in the local area. Branston students have demonstrated, once again, their desire to excel with 46 students enrolled on the experience which is 10% higher than the regional average for local schools.

We would like to wish all the students the best of luck on this experience and look forward to seeing the difference they will make in the local community.

ART DEPARTMENT

It has been a very busy term here in the art department. Year 7, 8 and 9 have been busy creating some fantastic art work.

Year 7 have been creating some Henri Rousseau inspired pots. We have asked for a donation for the pots and all money raised will be donated to Mablethorpe Seal Sanctuary and Wildlife Centre.

Our Art gifted and talented students have had a busy program full of activities. Charcoal portraits with Mrs Hollingsworth, felting landscapes with Mrs Beach – Wyld and currently creating acrylic self-portraits with Mrs Watson.

Year 12 are heading off on a trip to London this term to soak in the galleries and exhibitions. This will be great for their portfolios.

“Young carers are children and young people who look after someone in their family who has an illness, a disability, or is affected by mental ill-health or substance misuse. Young carers often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.”

At Branston Academy we have a young carers club led by Mrs Anderson. At our group meetings it can be beneficial for students to meet like-minded carers that may find themselves in similar situations, getting to know each other and offering an additional support network within school. It is known that taking on a caring role at home can cause additional pressure on schooling but it is great to see the awareness of Young Carers grow. Also, on offer are one to one meeting where students can discuss individual situations and find out how school can meet any additional needs, this means it should be easier to find the right person to speak to in school if you are worried about a caring role.

Hand up who cares... Branston Community Academy.



SIXTH FORM INDUSTRY DAY

We welcome Year 11 back to their Sixth Form Induction; one day was spent with experts from industry, where students were able to work on a task, which culminated in a group presentation and eventual winner. Students were tasked with designing a community event, which was aimed at highlighting issues around climate change. The students who took part did a really fabulous job and we were impressed by the sheet quality and quantity of what they were able to produce. The final winner was 'Go Green' who had devised a full set of events which incorporated the whole community. Students were able to work on team building skills, as well as demonstrate their creativity and leadership.



BOX CLEVER THEATRE COMPANY

We decided to be creative with some of the Covid Catch Up Funding – we wanted to ensure that we were able to offer an enrichment and academic experience for students in Years 7 and 8.

Both years have had the fabulous experience of working with Box Clever Theatre Company. All students in both years had the opportunity to do three workshops, work as a half year groups and then come together as a whole year group to put on a performance. The final performance, for both years, has been filmed by the company and will be put to music so that we can share it with students.

Year 8 worked on skills around 'combat theatre' with students learning moves that could then be incorporated into the final 'battle scene' from Macbeth. Students had to work with precision and control at all times; it really stretched their listening skills and built up their resilience. They worked as tutor groups initially and a real sense of identity and shared purpose was drawn upon. The whole year group then enacted the battle scene, on the school field – it was AMAZING to watch. The students had a fabulous time.

Year 7 worked on 'dance and movement', building towards the 'party scene' from Romeo and Juliet. All of their moves were to music and the choreography was partly designed by the students themselves. They had to really focus on their listening skills, as well as controlling their movements and developing spatial awareness. They also developed their skills of resilience and team work, as the whole year group came together for the party to be filmed. The students had a fabulous time and referred to it as 'magical'.

Box Clever also performed 'Macbeth' (Year 8) and Romeo and Juliet (Year 7), which was an amazing experience for all involved. Students were really close to the action and, at times, had to take on roles.

It has been a truly memorable couple of weeks for these groups and we very much hope to invite Box Clever back in the future.





BRANSTON COMMUNITY ACADEMY GARDEN OF GROWTH PROJECT

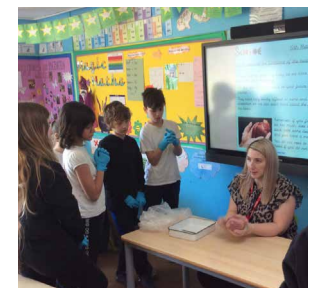
Our aim is to create an outside space for all here at Branston Academy to use. The garden will provide, social, physical, emotional, and spiritual benefits to our students and staff. Our vision is a garden full of green vegetation, flowers, and a water element. A place for all to use to sit, reflect, talk and grow.

We have already started creating the space but if you are green fingered and would like to volunteer your time to help or would like to make a donation please contact Mrs Watson on: watsogwe@branstonca.lincs.sch.uk

We are looking for the following things:

- Small fruit trees*
- Lavender plants*
- Perennials flowers*
- Benches*
- Wood to create a pagoda*
- Pond liner*

Students in years 5 and 6 at Washingborough academy worked with Miss King, Mrs Chamberlain and Mr Fraser from the science department to look at the structure of an animal heart. The pupils talked about how the heart worked and then dissected the hearts to identify the different chambers and blood vessels. We were really impressed by their 'have a go' attitude and their knowledge.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

It's been a record year for the Duke of Edinburgh award here at Branston. We've taken over 70 students out on 6 expeditions, at both Bronze and Silver levels.

Our shiny new Year 9 bronze students, who signed up before Christmas, have had a whole new intensive training scheme devised to make sure they are as prepared as possible before completing their expedition and I'm glad to say it seems to have worked! They were our first expedition of the season with 4 groups of Bronze participants, in the north of Lincoln around, Nettleham, Welton and Sudbrook. The training seemed to have paid off as none of the groups got too lost and they all made it on time, more or less. After a fun filled evening of tent pitching, dinner and a lovely roaring fire, it was time for bed ready for day 2.... sadly, we forgot to train them how to sleep, which might have been a good idea as some of them were up very late. Despite the late night the students smashed day 2, where they hiked a further 10 miles in the Lincolnshire countryside and finished in mostly good spirits.

Expedition 2 was our Silver practice students, some of which had completed their Bronze earlier in the year back in October. Our Silvers comprised mostly of year 10's with a handful of sixth form too. Silver students are expected to go to higher and unfamiliar ground, so that's exactly what we did. We started at Matlock and finished at Baslow in the Peak District. For some students this came as a bit of a shock as they had not experienced the wonders and challenges that the Peak District has to offer, everything from wide open rolling fields to steep winding passes. Despite this though, they all did incredibly well over the 3 days we were there, managing to navigate, cook, sleep and bond as teams, while having fun at the same time.

At the start of June, we took our Bronze students out to the Lincolnshire Wolds for the qualifying walk, a little bit tougher than the fields of Lincoln, but not impossible. Here our 4 groups took themselves off unaccompanied on their 2-day expedition starting at Rothwell and ending at Ludford. Our assessors checked in with the groups at various points on route with very few issues. The weather was lovely over the weekend which helped and made the team moral thrive and all groups made it from the start to the finish without too many detours. Well done.

Finally, our Silver qualifying expedition. This one was held near Castleton in the Peak District, where we took an amazing group of 6 students in the end and they had a challenging yet amazing time. The three-day expedition started and ended at Ladybower reservoir and included the iconic ridge walk from Loose Hill over to Mam Tor on day 2. They all started off in high spirits as they set off. We met them at various points during the day to make sure they were on track. Day 1 was their lower day, walking round the hills and not over them, saving themselves a little for day 2. The weekend brought hot, cold and wet weather as you'd expect from England, but this didn't deter our Silver students, they just carried on. We might be looking here at our first BCA gold team...

Well done to everyone who's completed their expedition in the last year, fantastic efforts from everyone. Here's to another successful and record breaking year next year! If anyone going into year 9 next year would like to start their own DofE adventure, sign up will start in October...see you then.

Mr Subden and Miss Slesser



YEAR 10 CAREERS PREPARATION DAY 22ND FEBRUARY

Year 10 Careers Preparation is a collapsed timetable day for all of our year 10 students. They take part in various employer-led activities during the day. This includes team building with the Army and the RAF, a Health & Safety in the Workplace session with Lincs Co-op and career information workshops with employers invited in for the day. Students are given the opportunity to talk to employers, to ask questions and to find out information such as:

- Information about roles within the specific Industry
- Interview techniques
- Application processes
- Entry routes, training and progression
- Qualification requirements

The day was a great success. Feedback gained from employers, students and staff involved was excellent. The information learned and the skills developed on the day will be of great benefit to our young people when making decisions for their futures.



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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 7TH - 11TH 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, to undertake work experience. We had a range of employers offering work experience to our year 10 students including placements in Construction, Education, Catering, Retail, Finance/Accountancy, Office Administration, Law, Sports Coaching, Design, Engineering and Journalism. One of our students had articles published in the Sheepwash Times, a local publication.

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 contacted 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.

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

We had a great talk on the 23rd March from Hydrologist Claire Kent, she talked to our Y10 and Y12 G&T students from Science and Geography. Claire is an ex-Branston Community Academy student who after studying Geography and Geology at the University of Birmingham has gone onto a career in Hydrogeology both in the UK and currently is in Queensland, Australia. We learnt about groundwater and the importance of hydrogeology.

Claire talked to us about her role as a hydrogeologist and what her work looks like and where it has taken her. It was a really interesting talk and our students asked lots of great questions afterwards.



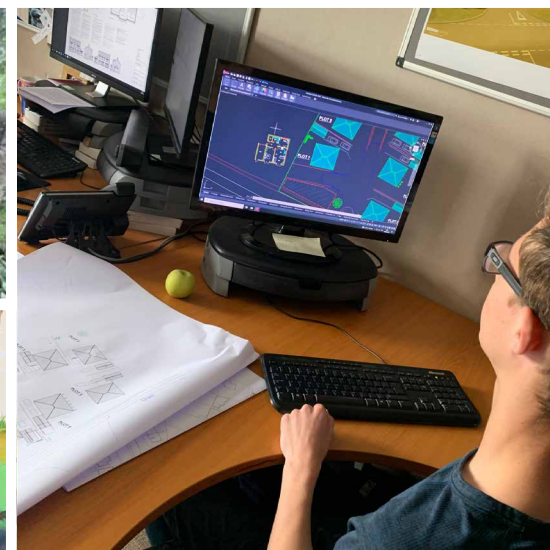
YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

20TH - 24TH JUNE

Year 12 Work Experience is embedded into our 6th Form curriculum - the aim being that students have the opportunity to try out their career ideas, for the future, by completing a work experience placement that links with their future plans.

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, one student completed a placement in Liverpool, another in Hull. We had a range of employers offering work experience to our year 12 students including placements in Construction Management, Civil Engineering, Education, HR, Retail, Finance/Accountancy, Office Administration, Law, Sports Coaching, Design and Engineering. A further 10 students attended a residential work experience course with the Army.

Thanks
Mrs Thompson



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COVID CATCH UP FUNDING

The government allocated a sum of funding for Covid Catch up; over the last academic year, we have been using this in a number of ways. Throughout the year, we have been delivering a bespoke tuition programme for Year 11 and more recently Year 10 students. We have also delivered a number of KS3 enrichment day, which were aimed at delivering enrichment opportunities, which we hadn't been able to do during the pandemic. The funding has also been used to buy in additional resources for wellbeing, as we look at ways to increase the range of support we are able to offer. We have been able to subsidise trips, which has been very much missed during Covid and this has allowed students to begin to enjoy activities away from the academy. Rising costs had a potential impact but we have been able to mitigate against this. There are still many other ways that we can begin to fill the gap that Covid left and we will continue to explore these over the next year.

NURSERY CELEBRATORY JUBILEE EVENT

On Wednesday 1st July the nursery hosted a special jubilee event for all the nursery children and families. It was a fun filled morning with special workshops available for families to participate in around the academy site, including a craft workshop, musical workshop, dramatic story telling workshop and a sports workshop on the school field.

The event was finished off with a large picnic and community cake table on the school field followed by an entertainer.

It was lovely to be able to celebrate together as a community after recent times and the children and families had a wonderful time!



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY ARTICLE

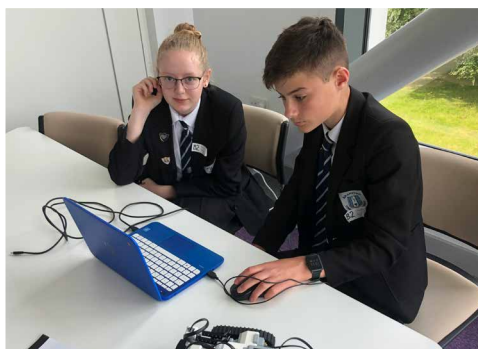
On Tuesday 28th June the Science and D&T departments took a group of 13 Year 8 and 9 students to Bishop Grosseteste University for their annual STEM challenge day. Students completed 3 challenges against other local schools during the day:

Robotics – students learnt how to programme a robotic vehicle to perform various manoeuvres which they then put to the test on a course.

E-Fit – students used facial recognition e-fit software to reconstruct faces of two 'criminals' - two of the teachers present! They also learnt about some of the issues police face when trying to get an accurate representation of criminals from victims.

Medical Diagnostics – students learnt how to use various pieces of medical equipment and the procedures doctors go through to diagnose patients. Students then put this knowledge to the test diagnosing medical conditions in two volunteers.

Overall Branston students won two out of the three challenges but didn't win overall, losing out to Caistor Grammar overall.



YEAR 9 ENTERPRISE DAY

On Wednesday 6th July the whole of Year 9 had the opportunity to participate in an Enterprise Day, with a focus on teamwork, career routes and creativity. They started off building a tower using only spaghetti and marshmallows, with an allocated budget to work with. This was a great ice breaker to have the teams working together and to build connections within their groups. They then had the opportunity to talk to one of the many different business advisors, asking them about their careers and the essential skills that future employees may be looking for. The students moved on to completed their own skills audit to identify their strengths against areas of development. The event was organised within the Business Department and the Year 12 BTEC Business students, who continued the explain the different routes the students could consider once they had completed their GCSE's. Finally, they went onto the main task that was designing, creating and presenting an App idea for the school to use. This App was for the students in the school to track their career development progress such as educational progress, awards and extra-curricular activities.

We had some excellent ideas with catchy names, for example, 'The Next Steps' and 'Steps to Success'.

This kind of activity and event could not have been possible without the help of the local supervisors that kindly came in to support us with our event. We appreciate the business advisors for their help with the students and for all of their knowledge that they brought with them.

We would like to thank the following business:

Lincoln College	Lindum Group LTD
Skeet Print LTD	Hurtons Accountancy
Lincolnshire Police	Lincolnshire County
Army Recruiting group	3 BCA Governors
Serco Group PLC	Lincoln International Business School
Walkers Snack Food LTD	



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Morning Winners:

Table 10 were the winners of the App! - Jo Eccleston from PepsiCo was the business advisor for this table. The students were:

Olivia Byers	Alex Lister	Brook Uren
Harry Mott-Crawley	Sophia Nunns	Laney Wiblin
Kieran Holt	Olivia Skeldins	

Table 5 were the winners of the tower! - Nikita Lord from Lincolnshire County. Council was the business advisor for this table: The students on table 5 were:

Brayden Cummins	Tyler Stenner	Archie Button
Sian Davies	Joe Wells	Isabel Russell-Goodwin
Alfie Fahey	Ethan Winfield	

Congratulations to all winners who showed great effort in competing against other tables.

Afternoon Winners:

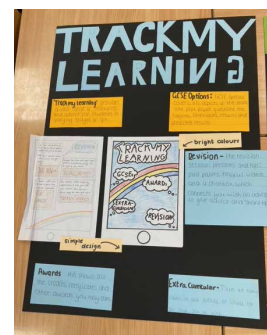
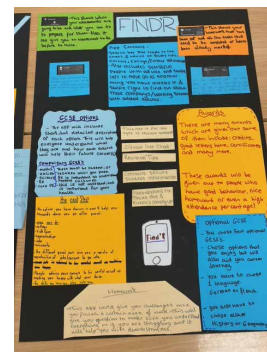
In the Afternoon Table 14 were very successful after being the winners of both exercises. With Edward Letherby from Lincoln International Business School supervising the group to both victories. The students on the table were:

Olivia Burgess	Brady Faulston	Megan Wood
Gracie Cole	Rowan Hughes	Olivia Vickers
Calvin Dannat	Ali-Francisco	Jack Schneider

Congratulations to all winners who showed great effort in competing against other tables and winning the exercise.

Well done to all students involved who showed brilliant gratitude to the business advisors who gave their time up to be involved. Thank You again to everyone involved who kindly gave up their time to form a successful event.

Business Department and 6th Form BTEC Business students



HEADS OF SCHOOL EVENING

On Wednesday 22nd June 2022 the Heads of School Evening took place after a 3 year enforced break.

It was lovely to see over 90 students and their parents and carers attending the evening to celebrate their success at the Academy.

Awards were presented for Heads of School, Gifted and Talented and this year we included the Duke of Edinburgh. In addition, the music Department performed some amazing musical performances, with the school choir performing 'Let it shine'. For many students it was their first public performance at the Academy, but hopefully this will be the first of many.

Well done to all our students for their hard work.

Mrs Woods



IN THE PE DEPARTMENT...

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. The winning roll call is as follows:

Lincoln & Gainsborough League Winners:

Netball: Yr 9, 10 and 11
Football: Yr 8, 9, 10 & 11 Boys
Badminton: Yr 7 & 9 Boys
Athletics: Overall Girls, Yr 8 Girls and Yr 9 Boys Winners

ATHLETICS

Lincoln Schools Athletic Championships

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

ATHLETICS

BCA has had our most successful athletics season ever with a superb 2nd place finish in the area Championships. The development of our new Athletics Academy is beginning to show its success as all year groups did very well, as the results above prove. We have never cracked the top 3 before and we were only 19 pts behind LSST overall and they have about 100 more students per year group than us. The students should be congratulated for their hard work in achieving these fantastic results. Well done

We also had some superb individual results in the District and County individual championships, with more students qualifying for the County round than ever before. The full list of students is below.

On top of this, Yr 9 and 10 athletes have received strength and conditioning training through our growing Partnership with Lincoln University, along with a Sports Science experience day at the University itself. Many of the athletes have dedicated themselves to improving their personal performance and it has shown through some outstanding results. As important, a high number of our athletes have been consistently beating their PBs during both training and competition. They should all be immensely proud of their achievements this summer.

County Champions:

Junior Boys 800m and Long Jump – Charlie Carlisle (y9)
Junior Boys Javelin – Maxwell Williamson (y9)
Inter Girls 300m – Gemma Harrison (y10)

District Champions:

Junior Girls Shot Put – Hannah Woodley (y8)
Junior Girls 800m – Jorja-Mae Hamilton (y9)
Junior Boys 100m and 300m – Aaron Rowe (y9)
Junior Boys Triple Jump – Charlie Bryant (y9)
Junior Boys Shot Put – Theo Richards (y9)
Junior Boys Discus – Harry Peacock (y9)
Inter Girls 300m – Melissa Riley (y10)
Inter Girls Shot Put – Seren Cranston (y10)
Inter Girls Discus – Claudia Fillingham (y10)
Inter Boys Long Jump and Triple Jump – Alfie Garner (y10)



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Lincoln Area Schools Champions:

Y7 Girls Long Jump – Amelia Smith	Y7 Girls High Jump – Freya Cavill
Y8 Girls 100m – Esther Harris	Y8 Girls 800m – Sophie Cobb
Y8 Girls High Jump – Olivia Smith	Y9 Girls Discus – Betty Manfield
Y10 Girls Discus – Chloe Stoppard	
Y7 Boys High Jump – James Pepper	Y8 Boys 100m – Matthew Holmes
Y8 Boys 200m – Ted Tasker	Y8 Boys 1500m – Josh Kennealey
Y8 Boys Javelin – Ike Davids	Y10 Boys 80m Hurdles – Rhys Turnbull
Y10 Boys Shot – Ashley Bayes	Y10 Boys High Jump – Alfie Garner
Y8 Girls Relay – Sophie Cobb, Olivia Smith, Melissa Warren, Esther Harris	
Y9 Boys Relay – Kieran Eva, Nick Fulcher, Charlie Carlisle, Aaron Rowe	
Y10 Boys Relay – Nathan Flint, George Lingwood, Charles Doble, Brooklyn Lines	

BOYS

TENNIS

Under 15 - Results

'A' team

National Championships	Finished 4th
Bourne Grammar	Lost 5-1
Minster School	Lost 4-2
Kings Grammar	Won 5-1

L&G League - Y10

William Farr	Drew 3-3
Minster	Won 6-0

Report

Overall, it has not been a great year of tennis in the area with so few schools taking part. This has led to a disjointed season, where we could never really get a consistency going. The boys have worked hard and played some good tennis, never giving less than 100% at any point. The Yr 10 boys have played in the National Cup this year and made a good account of themselves in a strong league. They were competitive in every match but just matched some quality in depth.

Locally the league has been a disappointment with only 3 teams playing. We again held our own but were unlucky draw against W Farr due to player availability. It should also be noted that 3 of the Yr 10 squad were Yr 8s playing up 2 years. All 3 held their own and will learn from the experience.

I would also like to thank Callum Moore and Luke Jones for their commitment and effort for the school in tennis over the last 4 years.

Yr 10 Squad

Yr 10: Callum Moore, Luke Jones

Yr 8: Brandon Wilton, Daniel Phillips, Oliver Hay

We also played some friendlies with our Yr 7/8 squad. A number of these had not played a competitive match before and will have developed from their experiences this year. All played very well and have done themselves proud.

Yr 7/8 Squad

Yr 8: Oli Hay, Abi Hewkin

Yr 7: Ben Sims, Freddie Newton, James PepperHay

CRICKET

Under 13 - Results

County Cup

BCA beat St Hughs' s by 9 runs

William Farr beat BCA by 9 wkts

League

BCA beat William Farr by 11 runs

BCA v Minster Abandoned

QEHS beat BCA by 6 wkts

BCA beat SRPA by 85 runs

LCHS withdrew

Report

I entered this season not really knowing what to expect after the time out with Covid. I knew we had a few students that played outside of school. Nets were very popular and I had plenty of players to choose from. A first game against St Hugh's



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in the County Cup was a good starting test and we responded very well. Batting first we started with a 50 partnership between Thomas McGowan (37) and Matthew Holmes (23). Although we struggled after that we set a respectable 98 off our 20 overs. Our bowling was excellent and St Hugh's were never really in with a chance, falling 8 runs short with Olly Hyde taking 5 wks for 9 runs and Joe Birch 3 wks for 13 runs.

Next up was a league game against William Farr, the league favourites. Again we batted first and anchored by an excellent 30 retired from Matt Holmes, we posted 96 for 5 off 16 overs. William Farr had some good players but some very tight bowling from Ben Sims (1 for 12) helped restrict William Farr to 85 for 6 to gain an 11 run win.

Next up were Minster School and unfortunately what looked to be a very exciting game was spoiled by the rain and abandoned. This left a final game against QEHS, another very strong team. We batted first and never really got going against some very tight and accurate bowling. We made 54 for 9, but this was never going to be enough against QEHS, who boasted an excellent County batsman in their team and, despite some good bowling, they cruised to a 6 wkt victory.

We then met William Farr again in the County Cup Quarter Final. We batted first and, to be honest, batted terribly against some accurate bowling. We only scored 31 off 16 overs and William Farr knocked these off for the loss of only 1 wkt.

Our final league game was away at SRPA. I took a predominately Yr 7 squad and they all played very well. Batting first we made an impressive 142 for 2 off our 16 overs thanks to some positive batting from Thomas McGowan (32 retired) and Freddie Newton (23), as well as some wayward SRPA bowling – 43 extras. It was clear early on that they were never going to chase the total, so we gave everyone who wanted to bowl a chance. However, Alfie Smith bowled superbly taking a school record of 3 overs, 3 maidens, 5 wks for 0 runs. Freddie Newton took 2 wks for 1 run and Josh Southwick 2 wks for 6 runs and we won by 108 runs.

Overall, it has been a positive season. The students 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 Thomas McGowan and Matty Holmes have led the team very well and we look forward to next season.

Squad

Yr 8: Thomas McGowan ©, Ted Tasker, Matthew Holmes, Will Clements
Joe Birch, Olly Hyde, Tom Hardenburg, Jack Clifford, Lewis Taylor
Finley Dobson, James Crowley-Mott

Yr 7: Ben Sims, Freddie Newton, James Pepper, Evan Quinton-Jones
Alfie Smith, Nathan Watling, Joshua Southwick, Harry Freeman
Tyler Nicholson, George Openshaw

CRICKET

Under 15 - Results

County Cup

BCA beat Minster by 33 runs
Kings School beat BCA by 9 wks

League

QEHS beat BCA by
BCA beat LSST by 8 wks
BCA beat W Farr by 65 runs
BCA beat SRPA: Forfeit
LCHS withdrew

Report

I entered this season knowing we had a number of keen cricketers. Nets were well attended and I had a lot of players to pick from. First up was an away fixture in the County Cup at Minster. We batted first and 3 players, Ewan Richardson, Jacob Kent and Daniel Sleight all retired having scored 25+ runs. We went onto post 115 for 4 and very early it was evident that Minster were not going to chase them down. Therefore, we took the opportunity to give most of the team a bowl and we still won by 33 runs.



Next up were Kings School in the County Cup and they were simply far too good for us. They had some excellent cricketers and had far more depth than us with an endless progression of fast bowlers. We battled hard but could only manage 73 for 9 off our 20 overs, which Kings knocked off in 13 overs, with the loss of 1 wkt.

We started our league campaign at QEHS. We struggled from the start, as we batted, bowled and fielded poorly against an average QEHS team. QEHS batted first and scored 97 for 3, which was 30 runs above their ability level but still very gettable. However, we struggled to match it on this occasion.

After a strong pep talk from myself we faced LSST in our next game. Batting first LSST scored 78 for 5, restricted well by accurate bowling by Maxwell Williamson (1-11). We then were far more assertive in our batting and we knocked the runs off quickly thanks to good batting from Ewan Richardson 22 not out and Jacob Kent with 19, winning by 7 wkts.

We travelled to William Farr for the last game and it was clear very early on we were going to be too strong for them. Batting first both Ewan Richardson and Thomas Allen retired with 30+ and we posted a strong 142 -2 off our 16 overs. William Farr responded with 20-4 off 11 overs before we allowed everyone a bowl and we cruised to a 75 run win.

Overall, the boys have played the game with a smile on their face and clearly enjoyed their cricket. At times they needed to be tougher and more ruthless but overall, it has been a positive season. Well done to all who played and came to nets and thank you to all the Yr 10's for their contribution to school cricket, sadly interrupted by covid.

Squad

Yr 10: Jacob Kent ©, Thomas Allen, Daniel Sleight, Jake Abbott, Luke Jones

Yr 9: Ewan Richardson, Kieran Daley, Maxwell Williamson, Freddie Garner, Charlie Bryant, Charlie Fish, Harry Peacock, Finnley Patrick, Freddie Whaley, Henry Rogerson

Yr 8 Thomas McGowan Matthew Holmes

ROUNDERS YEAR 7

Report

We have had a dedicated group of year 7 girls training well this term for their first season of Rounders at BCA. Unfortunately, our matches have been hampered by cancellations but their commitment hasn't faltered throughout. 2 matches and a tournament have been completed. The first match against Lincoln Castle Academy started promisingly with a good batting performance and some tight fielding. Their focus dropped in the 2nd inning and LCA came back at us, but we held on to win 15 ½ - 8 ½. Next came the tournament; 5 teams involved. There was a runaway winner, but the other 3 matches were extremely close with only 1 rounder separating victory or loss! BCA ended up a credible 3rd place. Well done. The final match of the season was against PCLA where the girls didn't shy away from what was thrown at them ... mixed team of years 7 and 8, girls and boys. They fought hard but unfortunately our fielding began to let us down and some big hitters from the opposite side got the better of us. End result, BCA 14 – 15 PCLA.

As always, we never fail to train hard, show commitment and turn up to play. I am delighted with their efforts and look forward to next season. Special thanks to Elizabeth (captain) for ensuring the squad always know what's going on and for being so organised in her role!

Squad

Elizabeth Chevis (captain), Hannah Riley, Jessica Reed, Freya Cavill, Emily Pegg, Phoebe Roper, Megan O'Sullivan, Imogen Hobbs, Teagan Druce, Neveah Scarisbrick, Grace Peacock, Zoe Ritchie, Maisie Button, Scarlett Carlson, Caitlin McCaulay



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YEAR 8

Squad

Robyn Wise (Captain), Erin Alder (Vice Captain), Ella Taylor, Sophie Cobb, Lily Garraghty, Kate Salt, Hannah Woodley, Delia Ballard, Jess Margrett, Abbie Newton, Holly Purdy and Jess Stoppard.

Results

Branston 13 – 19 Queen Elizabeth
Year 8 Tournament – Joint 2nd.
Branston 9.5 – 5 Priory

Report

Soon after Rounders training had begun we established a reliable, calm and steady bowler in Robyn Wise, who would then be appointed our Captain. We had regular and dedicated practices each week, with the girls even practising in their own time during lunches. Erin Alder showed consistent catching skills and was our trustworthy 2nd base, and our vice-captain. Sadly, our team had suffered cancelled games and tournaments, however they were still eager to play their first match. During which, Hannah Woodley was our back stop, with Lily, Kate, Delia, Holly and Jess supporting deep field. Both Sophie and Ella showed great decision making, movement in speed in their fielding. Our first innings was very promising, Queen Elizabeth had a strong start in batting, with wide left hits. Our turn to bat and the girls did great, they helped each other as a team. The end of the first innings and it was 8 rounders to each team. The second innings and Queen Elizabeth were taking some big hits, and unfortunately for us we were losing momentum in deep field. The girls performed well in batting but were at times playing it a bit too safe and staying at first base. The game ended in a 13-16 defeat to Queen Elizabeth. We discussed our game play in the following training session and had a new fielding plan.

Next week and our first tournament approached. The girls had listened well in training and were making great progress. In our first game we were fielding first and we had a slow and panicked start and drop the ball. Lily found her voice and



instructed the team to forget about 2nd base if they had already started to run to it and focus on third. Abbie made a fantastic catch in the first innings resulting in a player being out. Jess and Holly were great support in close field. Batting time and the girls decided to take risks, Delia finally got her big left hit and scored rounder after rounder. The game ended 6 ½ to Queen Elizabeth's 9 full rounders. During the tournament the girls really came together as a team and discussed tactics and a plan to go ahead. Robyn took on supporting 3rd base and Hannah took on the role of back stop and fourth base. Ella decided to support Sophie, as most of the ball were being hit towards her. We had once again, a very strong batting side. Overall, the girls were awarded joint second in the tournament.

The final game for the team was against Priory, with the girls applying all the training and focussing on their fielding and supporting players. Lily stepped in for second base and did an amazing job, and so did every player.

The total score being Branston 10 to Priory's 4.5. Well Done Girls!!

YEAR 9

Report

After 2 years of no rounders, the team competed in the year 9 Lincoln Schools Tournament this summer. The first few games saw the team settle into their fielding roles, working hard to reduce the scoring of some big hitters, adapting their play well, but, at times, making some rushed decisions. Their batting, an area they had lacked some confidence in before starting the tournament, remained consistent, with the girls attacking the gaps in the field well. As the tournament progressed, the girls' performance in the field became more unified and controlled, with teams struggling to gain points against them. The team finished 3rd overall, with a pleasing performance indicative of a strong season next year.

Squad

Louise Whelan (Cpt.), Amelia Greenwood, Jorja-Mae Hamilton, Evie Sargeant, Emily Brooks, Betty Manfield, Daisy Manfield, Megan Clawson, Mila Staines, Aaliyah Jones

NETBALL

YEAR 8

Results

Branston 16-4 Minster	Branston 2-16 WFS
Branston 30-1 RPA	Branston 10-0 Witham
Branston 1-8 LSST	Branston 1-16 QE

Squad

Esther Harris (C), Lily Garraghty (C), Evelyn Woodley, Kate Salt, Erin Alder, Jess Marg, Maisie Newman, Robyn Wise, Melissa Warren, Caitlin Lowe, Hannah Woodley, Jess O'Neill, Jess Stoppard, Izzy Deaux, Freya Cavil and Jess Reed.

Year 8 B team

Branston 9-7 LCA

Report:

From the start, the year 8's have shown a fantastic dedication to training, they displayed great determination and we are pleased to report that training was always busy. Our first game was approaching and so were the nerves for the year 8's, this being their first game representing the Academy. The Minister game was a rocky start for both teams, slightly panicked with fast passing. After a quick discussion before the second quarter, the girls were calm, fluent and their skills started to look sharp. The girls were pushed hard by Minster but they remained strong willed and on to creating space, resulting in the year 8's first successful match in representing the Academy (16-4).

From early on in matches and training we established a strong centre court of both Lily and Maisy. We also established a formidable Goal Defence in Esther (when she wasn't falling over players, or herself). As a team, we then faced challenges with opposition. The team experienced their first set of challenges as a team, admitting defeat graciously against LSST (1-8). The year 8's never complained, they never wanted to give up and in every quarter they listened to instruction and played to the best of our abilities on that day.

After our challenges, this is where training became pinnacle and testing. We had over 15 students most week turning up to training and asking to train on other days so they could work on passing and positioning on the court. The girls never complained, would come to every training and really took on board the advice and instruction given to them. In this time, we established an attacking team for our year 8's, including Hannah, Kate, Evelyn and Erin. Our year 8 B team made their debut and won their friendly against LCA (9-7). We also have new arrivals in Robyn and Jess, Robyn taking on the wing elegantly and Jess being formidable as Goal Keeper.

We had worked tremendously hard in training and we were wanting to show our work in our upcoming matches. The girls spirit stayed strong, with game faces on. As soon as the game started, I realised the girls were taking on board all of the instruction and many training sessions (in the cold) and we came away from Witham with a 10-0 win, with a fantastic flow in the game with passes and creating space.

As a team we then suffered a defeat against William Farr (2-16), during this the girls remained controlled and had fantastic attitudes which I know would have been hard. Two days after our defeat we had game against Robert Pattinson, the girls arrived and were formidable, with now Freya and Jess assisting. The girls had taken on all the advice and instruction given all season and put it into action. Melissa, Lily, Maisy, Robyn created a strong and calm centre third with a surprise from Kate on the wing. We got to the 2nd quarter and had a 16-1 lead, during in which we had girls coaching and cheerleading them on the side lines, the atmosphere was incredible. What I liked most, the girls did not become complacent; they just continued to play the netball that they have learnt. This was a fantastic result.

Thank you girls for your constant perseverance and commitment to your first time representing the Academy, and for welcoming me. Bring on next season!



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GIRLS FOOTBALL

YEAR 7

Lincoln and Gainsborough Schools World Cup- 5th

Squad

Hannah Riley (Captain), Amelia Smith, Emily Block, Evelyn Smith, Mia Featherstone-Fletcher, Veronica, Lexi D'arcy and Ruby Frost.

Report

The team were excited for their first football tournament and time to represent the Academy. Branston faced strong opposition, for our first game. We had Hannah taking charge as captain and saving some excellent goals and Emily worked tirelessly to mop up defence with Amelia's help. Relying on Evelyn and Mia's speed to get the ball up to Veronica. We found ourselves losing our first game 1-0, for the girls that had trained less than a handful of times, the tournament still looked promising.



Veronica scored her first goal for Branston and her first football match, with assist from Evelyn and Mia. The second game was scrappy, our defence of Hannah, Emily and Amelia were breaking up many counter attacks. It must be mentioned that any time the year 7 team was not playing, but the year 8 team was, Hannah Riley ran to their pitch to play in goal and then come back over for the year 7 games. Overall the tournament was a hard-fought, the girls gained a respectful 5th place.

The year 7 team then had an unfortunate shorter season than normal, but were enthusiastic to represent the academy again in friendly matches and another tournament. During an Under 13 tournament at Branston, we saw new comers Ruby Frost and Lexi D'arcy. We started well, playing with a mixture of year 7's and year 8's. Unfortunately, we did not win a game in this tournament but the enthusiasm and determination of all the girls never slipped away. Congratulations on your debut for the school girls, hopefully we will have more opportunities next year.

YEAR 8 UNDER 13 MIXED

Lincoln & Gainsborough Schools World Cup- 4th

Squad

Hannah Woodley (Captain), Esther Harris, Amber Robinson, Grace Wiley, Maya Allison, Melissa Warren, Imogen, Ronni Ranyard, Lily Wallhead

Report

The year 8's took great pride in representing Branston in Girls Football. We battled and worked incredibly defensively, with Amber in goal and Esther trying to not fall over the ball, teammates, opposition or herself! We relied on Melissa, Maya and Grace in defence and midfield, using their agility and speed to get the ball to Hannah. We girls played well, we had some struggles developing positions for our new team. A respectful and well-earned fourth place in the tournament.

Unfortunately, the team were faced with many disappointments or rescheduled or cancelled fixtures. In the new year we welcomed Imogen Taylor, who broke up many counter attacks and determination saw new dynamic duo in herself and Hannah. In our last tournament for the school we welcomed Ronni Ranyard and Lilly Wallhead who both broke many counter attacks and were very sharp. Unfortunately, we missed several chances in attack, with the mix of tirelessly mopping up in defence we found ourselves only drawing 2 games and no wins. The year 8 team had a lot of setbacks out of their control, and showed great promise, I look forward to the opportunities for next season!



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UNDER 15'S BRANSTON GIRLS FOOTBALL

Squad

Melissa Riley (Captain) Olivia Chamberlin, Libby Moss, Lucy Jenner, Stacie Grint, Evie Lount, Holly Dalzell and Hannah Riley.

Report

The Branston Under 15 girls football team took the opportunity to rebrand girls football for Branston with vengeance. We had a mixture of highly talented footballers and students that are incredibly talented in sport overall, all with the same goal, they like to win. We did not have a long time to prepare and train and our first tournament approached in November. Melissa Riley adopting a strong defence with Evie and Libby supporting. Our first game, Olivia, Nieve and Holly were exceptional in midfield, speed and agility were unmatched and they worked effortlessly together. Evie, Libby, Stacie and Lucy all finding their feet in their first football game, which would soon become a regular fixture for them all. Hannah Riley, our year 7 goal keeper being recognised by other school teachers for her incredible saves on the night. The girls could not have worked harder for their first tournament and first win. The new year approached, we started to establish our team even further. Melissa sometimes being our only defensive player, allowing Lucy, Libby, Evie and Stacie find their way and Olivia and Holly scoring some crucial goals. We soon found our biggest competitors for our next title would be William Farr, the girls became too reliant on Melissa in defence. We played brilliantly, but found ourselves leaving too many gaps for Will Farr to get through, we suffered our first defeat.

February arrived and the Lincoln Gainsborough School Zone 5-a-side tournament loomed. Hannah had more experience with indoor 5-a-side game, all the girls had a score to settle with Will Farr. Evie and Libby took a poignant role in assisting Melissa in defence or being very strong and sharp midfield players. Lucy and Stacie were adopting positions and confidence up front, to allow Olivia and Holly to rest before the big games. Even though we all had to remind Lucy the game does not pause when she goes to shoot, then turn and smile at us all! Melissa especially arrived with determination, taking the ball from their half, dribbling through 3-4 players and scoring from every angle possible, a force to be reckoned with. Along

side goals from Holly and Olivia, Branston U15 Girls Football Team attained 1st place in the LGSZ Tournament. Thoroughly deserved through hard work, team work and determination.

March was the girls last tournament and game for Branston, they again faced Will Farr but remained positive and relied on each other's strengths. One game even involved Hannah Riley taking the ball from her goal, dribbling it with a confused expression, and ended up scoring herself! Melissa and Olivia scoring once again brilliant goals, with teachers from other school complimenting them. Every single player succeed their own expectations and my own on how successful and effective they would be as a team throughout the season. Melissa, Hannah, Olivia, Libby, Stacie, Lucy, Evie and Holly you all performed and represented the academy exceptionally. Well done and thank you for your incredible performances.



PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVALS

Throughout the year, BCA have hosted a variety of primary school sports events. This has involved Branston Juniors, Branston Infants, Millfield, Washingborough Academy, Mrs Mary King Martin, Potterhanworth and St. Johns. We have had a great turnout from these schools which has led to some amazing competitions. They have competed in Netball, Football, Benchball, Swimming, Sports Hall Games and Athletics. It is fantastic for these schools to come to BCA to experience the sporting environment, meet our staff and students and compete against other local schools.

In addition to it being good for the primary children to experience these events, we would not be able to put them on if we didn't have some outstanding sports students. Our year 10 GCSE PE and Sports Studies students are selected and volunteer to lead the events by being team managers, umpires, referees, judges, time keepers, score keepers and all-round helpers! They have been fantastic! For the recent athletics competition, there were over 60 leaders involved and they are to be commended for their hard work and positive attitudes. I must also mention that



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a small group of year 7's assisted with the swimming galas and the way they took on the responsibilities of team managers and judges were beyond their years. Thank you and well done to all the sports leaders involved in this year's competitions

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

One of the most exciting developments of the year been a development of a partnership with Lincoln University. This began with a simple enquiry and has developed into a full-blown sporting partnership. This has allowed many fantastic opportunities for our students. These have included:

- Working with the Strength & Conditioning coaches for our Football, Netball and Athletic squads. This was once a week for 12 weeks
- We hosted 4 Lincoln University students every Friday AM for their teaching experience with our Yr 10's
- Our Athletics academy had a day visit in the Sport and Science dept
- Our Yr 12/13 BTEC students had a Fitness & Training day

This was just the first year and we hope to continue to develop this over the next academic year.

House Sport has again been very competitive throughout the year with the results shown below:

Results this year have been as follows:

'A' FOOTBALL

Overall: Titans

'B' FOOTBALL

Overall: Trojans

NETBALL

Overall: Trojans

HANDBALL

Overall: Trojans

CROSS COUNTRY

Overall: Titans

BENCHBALL

Overall: Spartans

ROUNDERS

Overall: Trojans

BADMINTON

Overall: Trojans

OVERALL WINNERS

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

OVERALL POSITIONS

1st	Trojans	885_{pts}
2nd	Spartans	835_{pts}
3rd	Titans	780_{pts}

The PE department have decided to replace House Sport with a new system of Intra-School sport next year. We feel House Sport has been brilliant and very successful but a change is needed. More details of the new system will be sent out in September.

BCA CHARITIES - 2021-2022

Students and their families at Branston have been exceptionally generous with their support across a range of charities this term:

**CHILDREN IN NEED - YELLOW RIBBONS - CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
POPPY APPEAL - UKRAINE APPEAL**

Alongside bumper contributions to the local Food Bank recently.
Your generosity is much appreciated in supporting these great causes!



£361



£1,043



£3,000+
IN TOTAL



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£663



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EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE**



£354



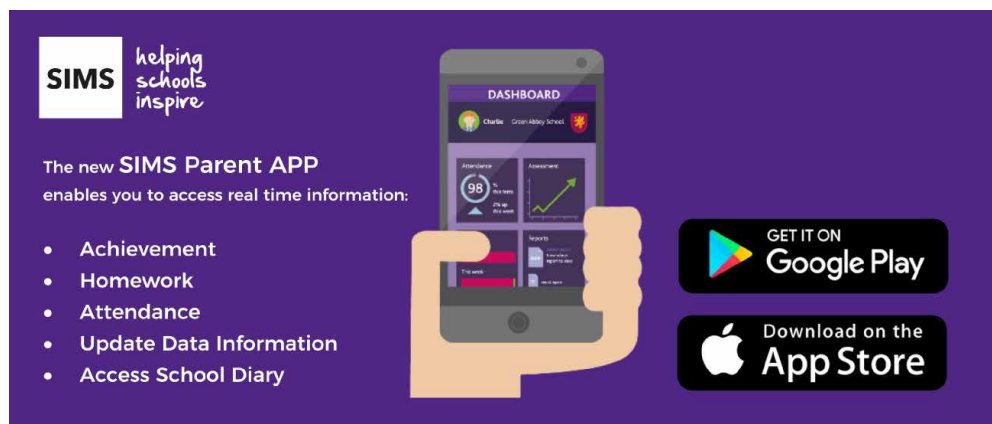
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The majority of our community are benefiting from using the BCA SIMS Parent app and/or website already.

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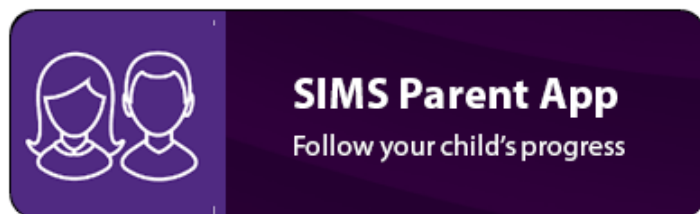


The new **SIMS Parent APP** enables you to access real time information:

- Achievement
- Homework
- Attendance
- Update Data Information
- Access School Diary

The graphic features the SIMS logo with the tagline 'helping schools inspire', a hand holding a smartphone displaying the app's dashboard with sections for Attendance (98%), Homework, and School Diary, and buttons to 'GET IT ON Google Play' and 'Download on the App Store'.

If you are currently missing out on this service, then please keep an eye on your email inbox for our invite. If you didn't get the invite email, then we may have an old email address that you no longer use. To help remedy this, we also send out a text message asking you to reply with your current email address. Hopefully one way or the other, we can get digitally connected to you!



Our BCA SIMS Parent app and website gives you the following information:

- Important information such as attendance and achievements – with mobile push notifications (if you have them switched on) sent in the early evening (*see note below)
- Behaviour incidents – new for Sept 2022 – with scheduled mobile push notifications
- School term, inset dates and contact details available at the click of a button
- Your child's timetable
- Access to update your contact details, so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency
- If you have more than one child at school, you'll have access to information for all your children, from the same app

Please note that we intend to increase our reliance on this 'paperless' service in the future, so we strongly advise that you sign up if you have not already.

To get the app, from your smartphone or tablet, download it from the Google Play or Apple App store - search for 'SIMS Parent'. From a PC or Windows phone, login online at www.sims-parent.co.uk

A SIMS privacy document relating to this product can be located on our website here <https://tinyurl.com/BCASIMSParent>

Yours faithfully
Mr D. Holford / Head of Digital Developments

* There was a known issue with the SIMS Parent App where by parents were not being notified that messages have been received even with 'Allow Notifications' turned on from the app. The solution is to delete the app, and then re-download it and sign in again.

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

TERM 1

Thursday 01/09/22 STAFF TRAINING DAY

Friday 02/09/22 to Friday 21/10/22

******Friday 02/09/22 - Year 7 and Sixth Form only******

Monday 05/09/22 – ALL YEARS

Half Term: Monday 24/10/22 to Friday 28/10/22

TERM 2

Monday 31/10/22 to Friday 16/12/22

Christmas Break: Monday 19/12/22 to Monday 02/01/23

TERM 3

Tuesday 03/01/23 – STAFF ONLY

Wednesday 04/01/23 to Friday 10/02/23

Half Term: Monday 13/02/23 to Friday 17/02/23

TERM 4

Monday 20/02/23 to Friday 31/03/23

Bank Holiday: Friday 07/04/23 and Monday 10/04/23

Easter Break: Monday 03/04/23 to Friday 14/04/23

TERM 5

Monday 17/04/23 to Friday 26/05/23

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2023

Half Term: Monday 29/05/23 to Friday 02/06/23

TERM 6

Monday 05/06/23 to Wednesday 19/07/23

Friday 30/06/23- STAFF ONLY



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